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**1-4 JUNE 2017**

# READING MATTERS 2017



## 05 Student Program

**Thursday 1 June 2017**

**State Library Victoria**

\$375 for 25 students + 2 teachers;

\$11 per person thereafter

\$15 per person for groups of 25 people  
or fewer



## 06 Conference

**Friday 2 June and**

**Saturday 3 June 2017**

**ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne**

\$550 per person



## 13 Public Day

**Sunday 4 June 2017**

**State Library Victoria**

\$15 per session for adults

FREE for people aged 20 and under

(Bookings required)

# WELCOME

**The Centre for Youth Literature is a national leader in the sphere of youth literature programming and this year we are very proud to present our 12th Reading Matters. Join us as we celebrate literature and storytelling, while discussing topics as diverse as activism, personal identity, the fantastic, relationships and much more.**

**You will be in the presence of some of the most creative talent this country - indeed, the world - has to offer, and have access to these artists' thoughts and advice.**

**Enjoy your time among the YA book community - writers, readers, fans, colleagues and peers. Together we prove that truly Reading Matters!**

Rebecca Henson, Reading and Literacy Development Manager  
at State Library Victoria



**For more information and bookings:**

Web: [slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters](http://slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters)

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Phone: **03 8664 7555**



## Student Program

**Thursday 1 June 2017, 10am-1pm**

A celebration of all things youth literature! Reading Matters' student program is a highly anticipated event for teen readers and YA fans. Committed to a fun and diverse schedule that looks deeply at how young people engage with the world, the two concurrent sessions offer captivating speakers, group activities and book signings that will stimulate and enhance young readers' interest in books and literature.



## Conference

**Friday 2 June and Saturday 3 June 2017, 8.30am-5.30pm**

The Reading Matters conference is a two-day program with stimulating content and thought-provoking themes, delivered by international and local high-profile authors and fresh new voices. Discover emerging authors and recommended titles, explore the latest YA trends and network with colleagues, authors and readers from across the country. Secure your spot at the Reading Matters 2017 conference and boost your expertise in this key learning area.



## Public Day

**Sunday 4 June 2017, 10am-4.30pm**

Let your inner book nerd shine at the Reading Matters public day! Some of the best international and local YA authors will reveal their behind-the-scenes writing processes. Tap into their expertise and insights, engage with like-minded YA fans, and stock up on great books to read.

This program is subject to change.

# STUDENT PROGRAM



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**THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017, 10AM-1PM**

## **SESSION A**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
10.00am	Presentation: <b>Space out</b>	<b>Jay Kristoff</b>
10.20am	Performance: <b>Poetry slam</b>	
10.30am	Presentation: <b>The whole picture</b>	<b>Mariko Tamaki</b>
10.50am	Live demo: <b>Draw attention</b>	<b>Dougal MacPherson</b>
11.10am	Presentation: <b>Reality check</b>	<b>AS King</b>
11.30am	Panel: <b>State of mind</b>	<b>Will Kostakis Jennifer Niven</b>
12.00pm	AUTHOR SIGNINGS & CLOSING	

## **SESSION B**

10.00am	Presentation: <b>Write now</b>	<b>Will Kostakis</b>
10.20am	Live demo: <b>Draw attention</b>	<b>Dougal MacPherson</b>
10.40am	Presentation: <b>Reality check</b>	<b>AS King</b>
11.00am	Presentation: <b>Think twice</b>	<b>Jennifer Niven</b>
11.20am	Panel: <b>Worlds apart</b>	<b>Jay Kristoff Mariko Tamaki</b>
11.50am	Performance: <b>Poetry slam</b>	
12.00pm	AUTHOR SIGNINGS & CLOSING	

# CONFERENCE DAY 1

FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2017, 8.30AM-5.30PM

TIME	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
8.30am	REGISTRATION	
9.00am	<b>Welcome to country</b>	
9.10am	<b>Formal welcome</b>	<b>Kate Torney, CEO</b>
9.20am	<b>Young adult</b> Panel: Teens talk YA	<b>Teen panel</b>
9.50am	<b>Pieces of me</b> Reading and writing yourself on the page	<b>Jennifer Niven</b>
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	<b>Invented worlds, real feelings</b> Panel: Writing authentic teen characters	<b>Alison Evans Alison Goodman Mariko Tamaki</b>
11.40am	<b>Autonomous adolescence</b> In conversation: A world without adults	<b>AS King Shivaun Plozza</b>
12.10pm	<b>Science fiction</b> Why we love it, and why we need it	<b>Jay Kristoff</b>
12.45pm	LUNCH	





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TIME	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
1.30pm	<b>Generation Facebook</b> Panel: Youth services in a changing world	<b>Dr Leonie Rutherford Emma White -Daniel Micallef</b>
2.15pm	<b>Teens to the barricades</b> Panel: Activism and political engagement in YA	<b>Jane Harrison AS King Lili Wilkinson</b>
2.55pm	<b>Fresh meet</b> Panel: The household names you don't know yet	<b>Lance Balchin Alison Evans Nevo Zisin</b>
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
4.00pm	<b>The new romantics</b> Panel: Teen romance is more than just a subplot	<b>Randa Abdel-Fattah Rachael Crow Jennifer Niven</b>
4.40pm	<b>Boys kissing boys</b> Things that are completely appropriate for teen readers	<b>Will Kostakis</b>
5.10pm	<b>The librarian that changed me</b> Celebrating librarians old and new	<b>Centre for Youth Literature</b>
5.30pm	CLOSING	



Author signings take place during breaks in the program.

Reading Matters bookshop by Readings Books is in operation throughout the event.



# CONFERENCE DAY 2

SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2017, 8.30AM-4.45PM

TIME	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
8.30am	COFFEE & TEA	
9.00am	<b>On diversity</b> Exploring the wonders of diverse literature one queer Japanese Canadian writer at a time	<b>Mariko Tamaki</b>
9.30am	<b>Too long; didn't read</b> Panel: Engaging the internet generation	<b>Rachael Crow Shivaun Plozza Lili Wilkinson</b>
10.10am	<b>Building diverse collections</b> The benefits of ensuring there's something for everyone	<b>Leonee Derr</b>
10.45am	MORNING TEA	
11.15am	<b>Finding Nevo</b> Gender transition, sexuality and how I confused everyone	<b>Nevo Zisin</b>
11.45am	<b>The personal is political</b> Panel: How representation can change the world	<b>Randa Abdel-Fattah Jane Harrison Will Kostakis Jennifer Niven</b>
12.25pm	<b>On being a rebel</b> Forging innovators and visionaries through reading and writing education	<b>AS King</b>
1.00pm	LUNCH	







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TIME	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
1.45pm	<b>The real of the unreal</b> Panel: The line between fact and fantasy	<b>Rachael Crow Alison Goodman Jay Kristoff</b>
2.25pm	<b>Heavy metal</b> Notes from a history of a future technological evolution	<b>Lance Balchin</b>
2.55pm	<b>Meet the new Dog</b> A sneak peek at the Inside a Dog website redevelopment	<b>Centre for Youth Literature</b>
3.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.45pm	<b>Coming of age in the Trump era</b> Why reading matters	<b>Randa Abdel-Fattah</b>
4.15pm	<b>Next steps</b> Artist-in-residence presentation and closing remarks	<b>Dougal MacPherson Adele Walsh</b>
4.45pm	END	



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# AUTHOR SIGNING SCHEDULE



**Signings in:**

**Plaza Room (P) or Meeting Room (M)**

## CONFERENCE DAY 1

Friday 2 June

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### 10.30AM

- P** Jennifer Niven
- P** Alison Evans
- M** Mariko Tamaki
- M** Alison Goodman

### SESSION RESUMES 11.00AM

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### 12.45PM

- P** AS King
- P** Lili Wilkinson
- P** Shivaun Plozza
- M** Jane Harrison
- M** Jay Kristoff

### SESSION RESUMES 1.30PM

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### 3.30PM

- P** Lance Balchin
- P** Rachael Crow
- P** Randa Abel-Fattah
- M** Nevo Zisin
- M** Will Kostakis

### SESSION RESUMES 4.00PM

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## CONFERENCE DAY 2

Saturday 3 June

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### 10.45AM

- P** Mariko Tamaki
- P** Rachael Crow
- M** Shivaun Plozza
- M** Lili Wilkinson

### SESSION RESUMES 11.15AM

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### 1.00PM

- P** Jennifer Niven
- P** Nevo Zisin
- P** Will Kostakis
- M** AS King
- M** Jane Harrison

### SESSION RESUMES 1.45PM

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### 3.15PM

- P** Jay Kristoff
- P** Dougal MacPherson
- P** Alison Goodman
- M** Lance Balchin
- M** Randa Abel-Fattah

### SESSION RESUMES 3.45PM

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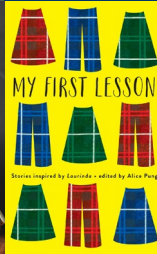
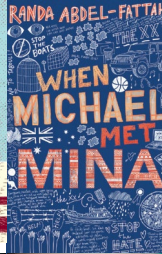
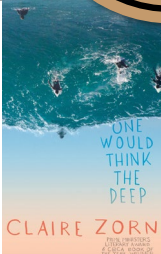
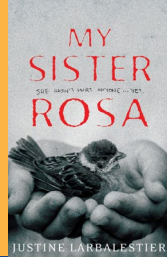
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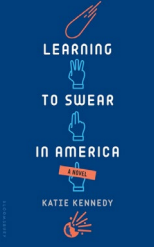
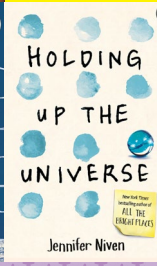
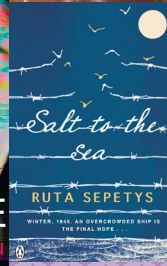
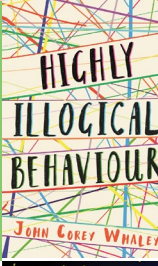




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# PUBLIC DAY

**SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2017, 10AM-4.30PM**



TIME	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
10.00am	<b>Speculative fiction</b> Panel: From the fantastical to the futuristic	<b>Rachael Crow Jay Kristoff Mariko Tamaki</b>
12.30pm	<b>Contemporary YA</b> Panel: The queens of contemporary talk about writing real life	<b>AS King Jennifer Niven Lili Wilkinson</b>
2.30pm	<b>Publishing 101</b> Panel: So you want to be a writer? Authors and their publishing journeys	<b>Rachael Crow Jennifer Niven Shivaun Plozza</b>

**Author workshops  
For people aged 20 and under.  
Bookings required.**

- 11.00am **Writing strange with AS King**
- 11.00am **Finding your voice with Shivaun Plozza**
- 3.30pm **World building with Jay Kristoff**
- 3.30pm **Comics! with Mariko Tamaki**

Author signings take place after each session.



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## SPEAKERS



**AS King (USA)** is a best-selling author whose novels include Walden Award-winning *Glory O'Brien's history of the future*, *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize-winner *Ask the passengers* and Michael L Printz Honor Book *Please ignore Vera Dietz*. Her most recent novel is *Still life with tornado*.

**Jennifer Niven (USA)** is the author of *New York Times* and international bestseller *All the bright places*, as well as many other works. She is also the founder of *Germ* magazine, an online literary and lifestyle magazine for teenagers. Her most recent novel is *Holding up the universe*.



**Mariko Tamaki (CANADA)** is the award-winning author of graphic novels *Skim* and *This one summer*, with Jillian Tamaki, and YA novels *(You) set me on fire* and *Saving Montgomery Sole*. Her upcoming projects include the graphic novel *Laura Dean keeps breaking up with me* and *Supergirl: Being super*.

**Randa Abdel-Fattah** is an award-winning author of 11 books, an academic, a former lawyer and a human rights advocate. Her most recent novel, *When Michael met Mina*, won the Prize for Writing for Young Adults and the People's Choice Award at the 2017 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards.



**Lance Balchin** studied photography at the University of Tasmania and has a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws. Lance has worked in fashion photography and fine art portraiture; he also teaches adult photography and film-making. His first book is the futuristic cyberpunk encyclopedia *Mechanica*.

**Rachael Crow** is the award-winning author of YA spec-fic trilogy *Spark*, *Stray* and *Shield*. Rachael writes, teaches and enjoys small-town life at the sunny top of New Zealand's South Island.



**Alison Evans'** short stories, essays and comics have been published in various Australian and international journals, magazines and zines. They are the co-editor of *Concrete queers* and have published three books, *Long macchiatos and monsters*, *We go forward* and *Ida*.



**Alison Goodman** is the award-winning author of the *New York Times* bestselling duology *Eon* and *Eona*. Her most recent novel, *Lady Helen and the dark days pact*, the second book in a trilogy of supernatural Regency adventures, was shortlisted for the 2017 Aurealis Awards.

**Jane Harrison** is a descendant of the Muruwari people and is a playwright and author. Her novel *Becoming Kirrali Lewis* won the 2014 Black & Write! Prize and was shortlisted for the 2016 Prime Minister's Literary Awards. Her plays include *Stolen*, *Rainbow's end* and *The visitors*.



**Will Kostakis** is an award-winning author, but his real claims to fame are a Twitter spat with Guy Sebastian and that time a member of Destiny's Child said his name. *The sidekicks* is his latest novel for young adults.

**Jay Kristoff** is the winner of two Aurealis Awards, an ABIA and last year's Gold Inky Award. He wrote the *New York Times* and international bestsellers *The lotus war*, *The Illuminae files* and *The nevernight chronicle*, and is published in over 25 countries.



**Dougal MacPherson** once drew a digger and a truck on a rainy Sunday afternoon to entertain his young son. Since then he has illustrated for tech websites and conferences and now, a children's book: *Introducing Teddy*. He shares his work on social media as '15minddrawings'.

**Shivaun Plazza** is the author of *Frankie*, a darkly funny novel about a teen willing to defy her friends, family and the law to find her missing brother. Her work has appeared in anthologies and journals including *Where the shoreline used to be*, *ELLE Australia*, *Text* and *The Victorian writer*.



**Lili Wilkinson** is the author of 10 novels, including *Scatterheart* and *Green valentine*. She has a PhD in creative writing and previously worked at the Centre for Youth Literature, where she established the Inky Awards and the [insideadog.com.au](http://insideadog.com.au) website. Her latest novel is *The boundless sublime*.

**Nevo Zisin** is an activist, student, writer and public speaker with a particular focus on issues surrounding gender, sex and sexuality. Nevo works with children as a youth leader, running programs and workshops in schools. *Finding Nevo* is their first book.



For full author biographies visit [slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters](http://slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters)



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