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Welcome at Veldhoven Library!

It is with great pleasure that I present our new programme booklet to you. A booklet full of activities, get-togethers, workshops, talks and stories. But above all, an invitation to pop in, meet new people, learn something or be inspired.

Over the coming months, we've once again put together a varied programme. Whether you want to learn, create, relax or are simply curious: there's always something to suit you. I warmly invite you to try something new, join in an activity or strike up a conversation with others. It's often those unexpected encounters that broaden your horizons or spark a new idea.

For me, the library is a place where everyone is welcome. A place where you can discover, develop yourself and meet others. Together, we make the library a vibrant meeting place where there's always something going on.

I hope to see you soon. You're very welcome!

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CITYFEST

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September
13:00 until 17:00
Free entry, no need to register

CityFest is Veldhoven's annual, free festival held during the last weekend of September. At various locations in the city centre and at cultural partners Art4U, Veldhoven Library, Museum 't Oude Slot and Theater de Schalm, visitors can enjoy performances, theatre and other activities.

There is also plenty to do for young and old at the library on Saturday and Sunday.

Here's what you can do...

- Pick up some bargains at the Book Market
- Create lovely things with the multilingual communities
- Join in with Magic Mike's magic shows and workshops
- Build your own racing car and test it out on a race track
- Enjoy a storytelling party with the author of *De ridder zonder billen* (The Knight without a Bottom)
- Learn to illustrate with Golden Brush winner Djenné Fila
- Take on an experienced chess player
- Learning the basics of flying a drone

... And much more!

Check our website for the programme:
bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/cityfest

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Enjoy yourself, read, learn and develop yourself: that's what you do at the library! From the many fun activities for young people to free membership for those under 18: the library is a welcoming place for all children, young people and their parents and grandparents! Read more and register: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/jeugd**

Baby Morning

Thursday 10 September & 12 November
9:30 until 10:30
Ages 0 to 1,5 years old
Free entry after registration

The Baby Morning at the library consists of a fun reading activity for the little ones. A paediatric nurse from the health clinic will also be present to answer all your questions. And we often welcome special guests as well!

Dates and themes
On 10 September, the theme is nutrition. Anne-Marie from the health clinic will be providing information on healthy eating for babies. Monique will be recommending books on tasty and healthy food. On 12 November, a music teacher will be running the 'Music on Your Lap' workshop.

Mom & Child Café

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
Walk in between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30
Free entry, no need to register

The Mom & Child Café is meant for parents and carers with young children (0-4 years). Together we share experiences, chat about being a (new) parent, raising children and more. There is always a fun activity for the little ones to enjoy.

The Mom & Child Café is an initiative of Cordaad Welzijn.

Books & Chats

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
11:00 until 12:00
Ages 1,5 to 4 years old
Free entry after registration

Books & Chats is a fun and educational gathering with story time, parenting tips and regular special guests. Each gathering has a different theme and picture book that is read to the children.

A paediatric nurse from the GGD Youth Health Care Consultation Centre is also present to provide parenting information and tips.

Colourful Characters & Surprising Stories

Six times a year on Wednesdays
15:00 until 15.45
Ages 4+
Free entry after registration

Every other month, the library invites a special guest to come and read a book to the children and talk about their life, work, hobby, or passion. Our guests are people whom children do not encounter daily, such as the mayor, a model, a magician and a police officer!

Visit **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/kleurrijk** for our upcoming guests.

Jasmijn, Programmer for Youth activities, puts together a varied programme for different age groups and knows how to turn every youth activity into a party!

Storytelling Sessions

Fun with Letters (Dutch)
Every last Wednesday of the month
15:00 until 15:45
4+ years old
Free entry after registration

Come and join Fun with Letters, the monthly storytime session at the library!
The afternoon consists of interactive reading followed by an activity, such as crafts or playing together and making music.

Storytelling (various languages)
The importance of developing one's mother tongue should not be underestimated, for learning the Dutch language as well.
In addition, it is very valuable for multilingual children (and parents) to meet others from their community.

That is why our library offers monthly multilingual reading sessions in various languages in collaboration with several communities.

Visit **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/storytelling** to see languages, dates and times.

Alcira, Community Librarian Multilingualism at the Veldhoven Library:

"Feeling at home in the Netherlands isn't just about learning the Dutch language and culture, but also about being able to preserve and develop your own language and identity. I'm happy to contribute to that, for example through a book collection or storytelling sessions."

Children's Book Week

Wednesday 30 September to Sunday 11 October

'Spotlight!' is the theme of Children's Book Week 2026, which means a big celebration at the library with lots of great book recommendations and activities involving singing, dancing, music, theatre and performances!

A selection of the activities:

Storytelling afternoon: Spotlight

Wednesday 30 September, 15:00 until15:45
Free entry after registration • Ages 4 to 8

Maya has collected the best stories on the theme of 'Spotlight on!'. Come and listen to funny stories about stage performers and having the courage to shine. This will be followed by a hands-on activity involving dancing, singing and theatre.

Bollywood & Joy Belly dance workshop

Saturday 3 (Bollywood) & 10 October (Joy Belly), 14:00 until 15:00
Tickets € 2,50 • Ages 6 to 12

Step into a world of fantasy, music and movement during the fun-filled Bollywood & Joy Belly dance workshop! Together, we'll discover lively Bollywood moves and the graceful, playful movements of belly dancing. We'll dance as if we were the stars of a magical story full of adventure, colourful costumes and cheerful music.

Make your own theatre poster

Monday 5 October, 15:30 until 17:00
Tickets € 5 • Ages 8 to12

In this drawing workshop, artist Samaneh Gharib teaches children how to make their own theatre poster. Use big letters, bright colours and lots of imagination!

Annie's Stories: Circus Fantastico

Wednesday 7 October, 13:30 until 14:00
Free entry after registration • Ages 2 to 6

Circus Fantastisco is coming to town! That means, of course, fantastic performances with daring stunts, the very best candyfloss and lemonade. And let's not forget the proudest circus director of all. Come and watch – and join in!

All activities: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/kinderboekenweek**

Drawing workshops

Monday 19 October & 21 December
15:30 until 17:00
Ages 9 to 12
Tickets € 5

Artist Samaneh Gharib will guide children through the creative process of drawing and designing during the autumn and Christmas holidays. On 19 October, they will create a magical autumn forest; on 21 December, winter fantasy creatures.

Chess

Wednesday 21 October
14:00 until 17:00
Ages 8+
Free entry, no need to register

Are you already a bit of a chess player – or perhaps even quite good – and would you like to take on an experienced chess player? Then come to the library for a game or two of chess: a fun afternoon full of challenges and tips.

Parent and Youth Support Consultation Hours

Every last Wednesday of the month
14:30 until 16:30
Free entry, no need to register

Would you like to know more about the Dutch education system? Visit the Parent and Youth Support Consultation Hours in our library. Saskia van Rijnswou will try to answer all your questions.

Bootcamp and workshops Robots & All (in English)

Wednesday 21 (bootcamp) & 28 October, 4 & 11 November (workshops)
15:30 until 17:00 (bootcamp), 15:30 until 16:30 (workshops)
Ages 9 to 12
Tickets € 2,50

Does your child love technology, LEGO, robots and coding? Then sign them up now for one of Robots & All's activities. After a brief introduction, children get stuck into fun and educational activities.

The activities are run in English.

The Rubbish Monster

Saturday 24 October
15:15 until 16:15
Ages 4 to 8
Tickets € 2,50 (child), parents/carers free of charge

Illustrator Lisa van Winsen, known for her book *Mila's Vonk* (Mila's Spark), takes children on a journey into the world of *Het Rommelmonster* (The Rubbish Monster) and recycling. Lisa will read from her book of the same name, and during the workshop, children will create their own monster using waste materials!

This workshop is being organised in the run-up to Veldhoven Climate Week (2–8 November 2026). A week in which we work together for a better climate. Full of inspiration, activities and encounters, and in which we demonstrate just how powerful local initiatives can be.

Kids College: The journey to the moon

Friday 30 October
15:30 until 17:00
Ages 8 to 12
Tickets € 5

Children will join Sandra van Dam from Curiosityworld on a journey to the planets, the moons and our own moon. Where do craters come from? Why does an astronaut wear such a special suit? And how long does it take to travel to the moon? After this journey of discovery, the children will put everything they've learnt into practice and make their own moon.

Kids College: Monsters and Mysteries

Wednesday 11 November
15:30 until 17:00
Ages 8 to 12
Tickets € 5

On land, underwater and in space, children will explore all sorts of eerie phenomena and mysteries – and perhaps even solve them. For instance, they'll head to the depths of a Scottish loch in search of Nessie, the Loch Ness monster. Does he really exist, or is he a hoax? Atlantis, Stonehenge and the mysterious black holes in space are also on the agenda.
An exciting journey to interesting places with a serious nod to science. Followed by a fun and educational workshop!

Yorick Goldewijk: Billy Extra Full Throttle

Wednesday 18 November
15:00 until 16:00
Ages 7 to 12
Free entry after registration

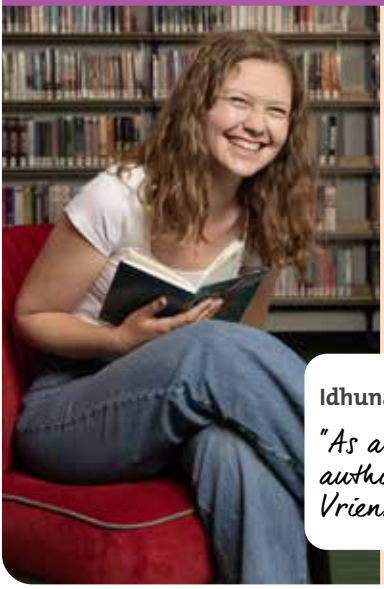
Author Yorick Goldewijk takes children on a wondrous journey through the universe alongside *Billy Extra Plankgas* (Billy Extra Full Throttle).
During this journey, the children work together to create an encyclopaedia of the universe, with just one limitation: their own imagination. Yorick gets the ball rolling and talks about warp pits, time twists and space witches (with beards metres long). But he also talks about the speed of a rocket and how long it takes to fly to the nearest star. There's even a brilliant prize to be won...

Mad Science's Icy Adventures

Wednesday 23 December
14:00 until 15:00
Ages 6 to 12
Tickets € 5

Children join Mad Science's mad professor on a journey into the world of ice and cold. They'll discover ice that doesn't melt. Yes, really! Dry ice isn't frozen water, but frozen carbon dioxide. What happens when this special dry ice is heated? A zany educational workshop packed with action, humour and challenges.

Did you know...



That our Youth & Education team works closely with health clinics, childcare centres and schools in Veldhoven to help all children enjoy reading and being read to?

For example, through the 'Library at School' programme, we systematically focus on the joy of reading and media literacy among pupils and teachers. Our Reading and Media Specialists provide, amongst other things, engaging teaching programmes, group visits to the library and support with setting up a school library.

Idhuna, Media and Reading Specialist::

"As a child, I used to lose myself completely in books by authors such as Roald Dahl, Hanna Kraan and Jacques Vriens. I hope to pass on this love of reading to all children!"

ADULTS: LANGUAGE

Language is what brings us together. That's why our library offers a variety of language activities. Whether you want to learn a second language, are keen to meet your favourite author, want to discuss your own writing, or simply enjoy talking with others about books. Read more and register: bi**bliotheekveldhoven.nl/agenda**

Superbrabants: Kristel Doreleijers

Thursday 3 September
20:00 until 22:00
Tickets € 7,50 / € 5 (library members)

In her talk, linguist Kristel Doreleijers takes you on a journey into the world of the 'new' Brabant dialect.

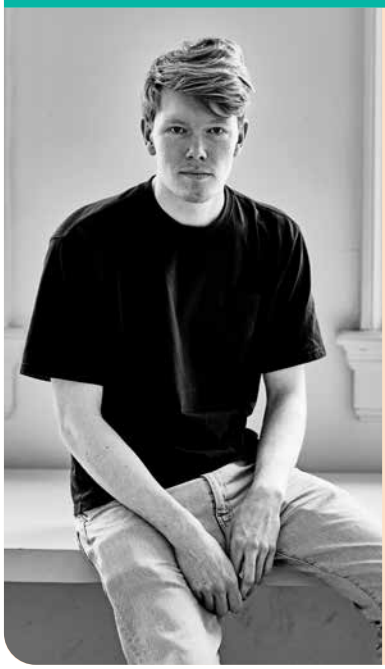
Using topical and amusing examples from her research and popular culture – ranging from TV series and films to memes, TikTok videos and PSV marketing – Kristel will show you how the Brabant dialect balances between extinction and survival. And that says everything about the close relationship between language and identity, about feeling at home somewhere and expressing that through language.
During the evening, you'll also have the chance to buy Kristel's book *Superbrabants* and have it signed.

BookNook

Every 1st Friday of the month
14:00 until 16:00
Free after registration

Do you like reading English books and do you enjoy sharing this with likeminded people?
Veldhoven's first English-language book club for book lovers who want to share their passion and favourite stories with others.

Brabants Boek Present: Book Club Evening with Jilt Jorritsma



Wednesday 16 September
19:30 until 21:30
Tickets € 5 (incl. book)

The distinguished Eindhoven-based author Jilt Jorritsma is writing this year's Brabants Boek Present. His novella *Zinkstukken* will be given as a free gift to readers from 12 to 27 September when they spend at least €15 in bookshops across Brabant.

This special Book Club evening is a collaboration between the library and the literary production house Tilt, the organisation behind the Brabants Boek Present. Under the guidance of a library staff member, the book will be discussed in small groups. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to join an interview with Jilt Jorritsma.

Visitors to this event will be treated to a unique preview! They can pick up the book from the library four weeks before the official release (on 16 September) upon presentation (or when ordering) of their entry ticket. This way, everyone can take part in this special Book Club Evening well prepared.

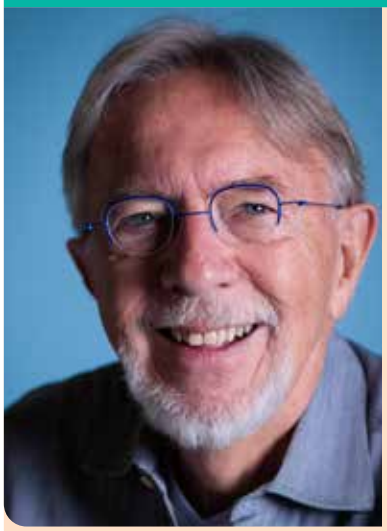
Jane Austen and the Art of Writing, Then and Now

Friday 20 November
20:00 until 22:00
Tickets € 7,50 / € 5 (library members)

What is it that makes Jane Austen's writing still so compelling to read, even after more than 200 years? Marijke Vos will tell us all about it during a cosy and inspiring evening exploring writing, history and the timeless magic of Jane Austen.

All whilst enjoying a cup of tea, of course!
Marijke Vos is the author of feel-good novels and has also ventured into historical fiction with her *Ridgewood Hall* and *Royce House* series.

Literary Café Veldhoven: Jacques Vriens



Sunday 22 November
15:00 until 17:00
At Theater de Schalm
Tickets € 12,50 / € 10 (library members)

Jacques Vriens (Den Bosch, 1946) enjoyed teaching in primary schools for 25 years. His pupils inspired him to write his 'school novels', such as *Achtste-groepers huilen niet* (Eighth-graders Don't Cry) and *Die rotschool met die fijne klas* (That Nasty School with That Lovely Class). He has been a full-time writer since 1993.

In 2021, his essay *Zullen we weer gewoon schooltje gaan spelen?* (Shall We Play School Again?) was published. In it, he recounts his experiences as a teacher and shares his views on contemporary primary education: on what is certainly going well, but also where we have taken a wrong turn. Plenty of topics, then, for an inspiring afternoon!

About Literary Café Veldhoven
Friendly, inspiring and surprising: these are the hallmarks of Literair Café Veldhoven. Since its launch in 2018, the event has welcomed guests including Splinter Chabot, Roxane van Iperen, Kluun and Lize Spit.

Literary Café Veldhoven is a collaboration between Veldhoven Library, Bruna Veldhoven, Museum 't Oude Slot and Theater de Schalm.

The interviewer at Literair Café Veldhoven is **Mark van der Linden**, Programmer at Veldhoven Library. With his unexpected questions, insight and humour, he ensures that every Literair Café is a memorable experience.

All of Veldhoven Reads: Het diner

Wednesday 25 November
19:30 until 21:00
Free entry after registration

In November, the whole of the Netherlands – including Veldhoven – will be transformed into one big book club. This month, all library visitors can pick up a free copy of the 'Nederland Leest' book (while stocks last). This year's selection is *Het diner* (The Dinner) by Herman Koch, a masterful novel that raises the question of to what extent parents are responsible for their own children's actions.

Het diner is a thought-provoking story that invites discussion, which is why the library is inviting everyone to join us for the 'All of Veldhoven Reads' evening! Here, you can discuss the book with other readers, guided by one of our enthusiastic staff members.

Turkish Literature Club ‘Yerdeniz’

Every second Friday of the month
18:45 until 20:15
Free entry after registration

The Turkish Literature Club ‘Yerdeniz’ is a meeting place for Turkish-speaking people who enjoy reading and discussing high-quality works from Turkish and world literature.

From classics to contemporary works, from novels to short stories: all can be discussed in this literature club, which is led by Nazli Gören Ülkü.

Book Chats

Every last Thursday of the month
19:00 until 20:30
Free entry after registration

Would you like to meet new people and share your love of books with people your age? Join the Book Chats book club for young people and young adults aged 16 and over!

Josie Yildirim, organiser of Book Chats:
“Every last Thursday of the month, we set up a cosy reading corner in the Veldhoven Library, complete with free snacks and drinks.”

Language Café

Every Tuesday, 18:30 until 20:00
Every Thursday, 10:30 until 12:00
Free entry, no need to register

Would you like to improve your Dutch? At the Language Café, you will meet other people who also want to learn Dutch. In a relaxed atmosphere, you can chat about everyday topics such as work, food and drink, hobbies and health.

Reading Club NT2

Various dates on Mondays, 18:30 until 20:00
Free entry after registration

For anyone who is learning Dutch, enjoys reading and likes to discuss books, the Reading Club NT2 is a fun and educational activity. In the ReadingClub, you read a book in Dutch together with a supervisor and a maximum of six participants. Interested? Ask about the dates and times. The Reading Club NT2 is for A2/B1 level.

DigiTaalhuis/IDO Consultation Hours

Every Tuesday, 14:00 until 16:00
Every Friday, 10:30 until 12:30
Free entry, no need to register

Would you like to learn Dutch? Or improve your reading and writing skills? At DigiTaalhuis, expert volunteers will help you find activities or training courses that suit your needs. You will find learning materials and meet other people. You are also welcome if you are looking for a language buddy or want to know more about integration.

Foreign Language Cafés

Do you dream of speaking Spanish, French or English fluently? Come and practise your speaking skills with us! Admission is free and you do not need to register for any of the cafés. However, you are expected to already speak the language a bit.

Café Français
Every second Thursday of the month, 14:00 until 15:30

Café Español
Every last Friday of the month, 10:30 until 12:00

English Café
Every Thursday, 18:45 until 20.15

Veldhoven Writes!

Every 1st Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday of the month
18:30 until 20:30
Free entry after registration

Do you enjoy writing stories and would you like to improve your skills? Then you are welcome to join the 'Veldhoven Schrijft!' writing club.

It doesn't matter whether you have a lot or little writing experience, as long as you enjoy getting in touch with other amateur writers.

ADULTS: DIGITAL

The world is becoming increasingly digital. But how about you?
The DigiTaalhuis, an initiative of six organisations and the Municipality of Veldhoven, offers various opportunities to become more proficient with computers, tablets, smartphones and the internet. Read more and register at: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/agenda**

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Click & Type

6 lessons on Thursdays
13:00 until 14:30
Free entry after registration

The internet is becoming increasingly important. Booking a trip, finding government information, filing your tax return, managing your banking affairs – almost everything is done online these days. But what if you find that difficult?

The *Click & Type* course helps you make better use of your computer and the internet.

Staying Safe Online

3 lessons of 1,5 hours each
Dates and times TBD
Course fee € 15, including workbook

This course will teach you how to protect your privacy online and prevent internet fraud. You will learn how to recognise unsafe websites, how to secure your devices, how to choose strong passwords, and what to look out for when paying online.

Improve your Smartphone Skills

4 lessons of 2 hours each
Dates and times TBD
Course fee € 10

You can use your smartphone for everything from planning routes to arranging government affairs with your DigiD. In this course, you will learn how your iPhone or Android device works, with plenty of opportunity to practice and ask questions to expert teachers.

"The smartphone course is the best course I've taken so far. Thanks to the combination of visual aids and personal support, the material is easy to understand and can be put into practice straight away."

Participant in the 'Improve your Smartphone Skills' course

Workshop: Using your GP's Patient Portal

Various dates on Wednesdays
14:00 until 16:00
Free after registration

In this workshop, you will learn how to use your GP's patient portal and discover all the possibilities it offers. Of course, there is lots of time to practice!

Did you know that this workshop is recommended by all GP practices in Veldhoven?

The workshops will take place on the following dates:
- Wednesday 28 October: MijnGezondheid.net
- Wednesday 25 November: UwZorgOnline
- Wednesday 23 December: HiX365

DigiTaalhuis/IDO Consultation Hours

Every Tuesday, 14:00 until 16:00
Every Friday, 10:30 until 12:30
Free entry, no need to register

Do you want to become more proficient with computers and the internet? Or do you have questions about digital government services?

Come to the consultation hours at DigiTaalhuis Veldhoven and the Digital Government Information Point (IDO) to find out which training courses or workshops suit your needs.

Should you find a suitable course, the DigiTaalhuis volunteer can sign you up for it right away.

SeniorWeb Veldhoven Activities

SeniorWeb Veldhoven offers a range of activities, in collaboration with and at Veldhoven Library:

Computer drop-in sessions
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
10:30 until 12:00
Entry € 2 per half hour

Questions about using your computer, tablet or smartphone? Drop in at the computer drop-in session! Experienced volunteers are on hand to offer advice, including on buying equipment or joining a course.

Digital Café
Every second Tuesday of the month
14:00 until 16:15
Entry € 2

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A monthly meeting featuring a guest speaker, a presentation and the opportunity to ask questions on a specific topic, such as digital government, AI, healthcare and wellbeing, and digital legacy.

View the full programme at: **seniorwebveldhoven.nl**

E-book Consultation Hours

By appointment
Free entry after registration

Did you know that with a library membership you can also borrow and read e-books, audiobooks and online magazines on your e-reader, tablet or smartphone (also in English)?
Through the online library, you can choose from 75,000 titles!
Can't figure it out on your own? Then book an appointment for the Veldhoven Library's e-book consultation hour. We're happy to take the time to help you get started with borrowing e-books, audiobooks and online magazines.
Book an appointment via: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/ebookspreekuur**
(you can of course also email, ring or sign up at the library)

ADULTS: PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Under the heading 'People & Society', the library offers activities that encourage socialising, participation and personal development. Drop in for free career advice, help with tracing your family tree, a fun board game evening and more! Read more and register: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/agenda**

Adult Education Centre - Eindhoven Region

Volksuniversiteit Regio Eindhoven grenzeloos leren

Veldhoven Library and the Eindhoven Region Adult Education Centre are joining forces! This means that, from this autumn onwards, you'll be able to sign up for a range of courses at the library. Are you curious about the full range of courses offered by the Adult Education Centre? Then why not drop in at the information evening – it's free and there's no obligation.

Information Evening

Wednesday 2 September
19:00 until 20:30 • Free entry, no need to register

Fancy learning something new? Or looking for a new hobby? Drop in at the Eindhoven Region Adult Education Centre's information evening and discover the extensive range of courses on offer! For example, learn a new language, discover the possibilities of photography with your smartphone, improve your drawing and painting skills, or take a course in art history.

Programme at Veldhoven Library:

Hand Lettering Course
Wednesday 28 October to 18 November (4 sessions)
18:00 until 20:00
Tutor: Ria Bernards • Costs: € 129,-

Introduction to Taoism Course
Thursday 29 October to 19 November (4 sessions)
18:30 until 20:00
Tutor: Gijsbert Ruitenburg • Costs: € 99,-

Family Tree Reserach for Beginners Course
Friday 30 October to 27 November (5 sessions)
13:30 until 16:00
Tutor: Anton Neggers • Costs: € 129,-

‘Well Prepared’ Workshop

Wednesday 9 September
19:00 until 21:00
Free entry after registration

Do you know what to do in the event of a major disaster or a personal emergency? Of course, you hope it never happens, but you too could find yourself in an emergency situation. Think, for example, of extreme weather, fire, flooding, falls and chat scams.

It’s certainly reassuring to know what to do. In this workshop, a Red Cross volunteer will explain how you can help yourself and others in an emergency, how to prevent problems and what to do if things go wrong.

Lisa Loeb

Friday 23 October
20:00 until 22:00
Tickets € 7,50 / € 5 (library members)

Lisa Loeb (Amsterdam, 1989) is a comedian, writer and presenter. In 2021, she won the Dutch tv-quiz *De Slimste Mens* (The Smartest Person), where she stood out for her sharp wit and lightning-fast mind. Lisa has written books including *BANG* – (laughing) *living with an anxiety disorder* and *This Can’t Be a Coincidence*.

Librarian Eva van Woerkum interviews Lisa Loeb. The interview will focus primarily on her latest book, *Fopfeminisme*, a provocative yet humorous book about how the Netherlands deludes itself with the idea that we are at the forefront of women’s liberation.

Suzanna Jansen: Project RUST

Thursday 29 October
20:00 until 22:00
Tickets € 7,50 / € 5 (library members)

Suzanna Jansen has written the Essay for History Month (October). In *Project RUST* (Project REST), she investigates how, around the 1950s and 1960s, countless women were sidelined due to ‘nervous exhaustion’. They were tired and had vague symptoms. The remedy: rest in a convalescent home. What happened there? What was wrong with these women?

Drawing on her own mother’s story, Jansen has begun to document this forgotten history. At the library, she will talk about her research and her quest to trace the rest homes of yesteryear.

Jaïr's Binnenhof

Thursday 5 November
20:00 until 22:00
Tickets € 7,50 / € 5 (library members)

Political reporter Jaïr Ferwerda has been roaming the corridors of The Hague in his own unique way for 25 years, searching for extraordinary stories. He has his own style and approach, which makes him unique in The Hague. He never seeks out the crowds or the places where all the journalists gather, but always chooses his own angle, his own voice. Often with plenty of humour and a sense of perspective.

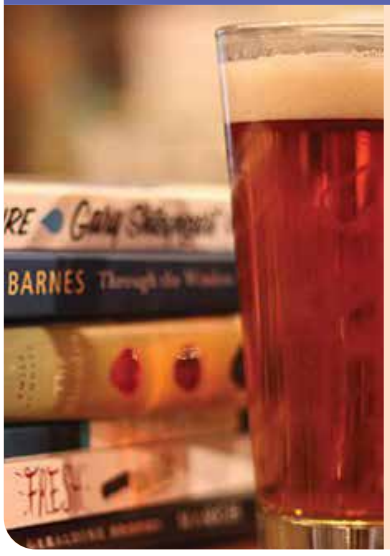
At the library, Jaïr talks about his working methods and his encounters with numerous well-known and lesser-known politicians, which can also be read in his book *Het Binnenhof van Jaïr* (Jaïr's Binnenhof).

Home Organizing Workshop

Wednesday 18 November
19:30 until 21:00
Tickets € 5

Professional organizer Ellen de Pee helps participants discover how to let go of unnecessary items step by step and create more space for what really matters. They learn how to assign a specific place for their belongings in the home and how to keep their home tidy. A home where a sense of calm and order prevails. Participants go home with practical tips and a desire to get started straight away.

Veldhoven Library Pub Quiz



Friday 11 December
20:00 until 22:00
Admission € 5 (individual) or € 20 (group ticket, max. 5 people)

Do you enjoy quizzes and have a wide range of interests? Come along to the Veldhoven Library's Pub Quiz!

Our enthusiastic staff have put together a surprising mix of questions on books, sport, films, music, current affairs and more. So it's certainly not just for bookworms! And of course, there are great prizes to be won.

Test your knowledge and enjoy a fun evening at the library, whilst tucking into some snacks and drinks. You can book a ticket per team or per person; if you book individually, you'll be placed in a team with other people who have signed up on their own. It's a great opportunity to meet other keen quizzers!

Knowledge Makers

KennisMakers

Do you have a passion or specific knowledge that could be interesting to others? For example, photography, walking holidays, hand lettering or something completely different? Then share your knowledge with others as a Knowledge Maker in the library! If you send a message to **communicatie@bibliotheekveldhoven.nl,** our Programmer Mark will get in touch with you.
Read more: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/kennismakers**

Free from past grievances

Wednesday 23 September
19:30 until 21:00
Free entry after registration

In her practice, Nicolette de Haas supports people who have experienced trauma, and in this talk she aims to show how past pain can leave an invisible mark on one's present life. According to Nicolette, self-awareness is crucial to adopting a different outlook on life.

Living a meaningful life

Wednesday 14 October
19:30 until 21:00
Free entry after registration

More and more women feel that their lives consist mainly of taking care of others, organising and just carrying on. They long for a life that is about them too, but find themselves stuck when it comes to making that happen. Tineke and Claudia from Licht & Luchtig Leven (A Light-Hearted Life) help women discover how they can make space for a meaningful life.

Book Presentation 'De Aerdmennekes'

Wednesday 22 October
19:30 until 21:00
Free entry after registration

Book launch and interview about Dennis van Hout's wonderful book *De Aerdmennekes*, which explores the mythical creatures from the local folklore of Veldhoven and the Brabantse Kempen.

Geldfit

Every last Tuesday of the month
14:00 until 16:00
Free entry, no need to register

During the Geldfit (Money Smart) consultation hours, anyone can drop in for an initial chat or to book an appointment for support with financial or administrative matters. This might include, for example, a financial review, help with difficult letters, or applying for benefits. Geldfit is a joint initiative of Veldhoven Library and BSR.

Board Game Night

Every 1st Monday of the month
19:00 until 21:00
Free entry, no need to register

Come and join us for a fun board game night! With a wide selection of board and card games for all ages, languages and group sizes, there's something for everyone.
Whether you're looking to meet new people or try out a new board game, you're more than welcome.

Parkinson Café

Various dates
14:00 until 16:00 (information sessions)
19:00 until 20:30 (sessions for informal carers)
Free entry after registration

Parkinson Café Veldhoven is a meeting place for people with Parkinson's disease, their partners, family members, informal carers and healthcare providers. Here you can find information and share experiences with each other. It is a collaboration between the Veldhoven Library, SWOVE and a team of dedicated volunteers.

Visit **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/parkinson** for more information and upcoming meetings.

Annemieke Hessels volunteers with the Parkinson's Café working group:

"The Parkinson's Café is a wonderful collaboration between the library and the Veldhoven Foundation for the Wellbeing of Older People (SWOVE). It gives people the chance to meet one another, share experiences and learn from expert speakers. I think it's important to get this message across: you have Parkinson's, but it doesn't define you."

Family Tree Café

Saturday 10 October
11:00 until 13:00
Free entry, no need to register

Delve into your family history and discover who your ancestors were at the Family Tree Café. Experienced genealogists will help you take the first steps in your search.
They will also assist you if you have already done a lot of research and want to go further.

Career Advice

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 19:00 until 20:30
Free after registration

Are you looking for work? Would you like to get more energy and enjoyment out of your work? Are you stuck in your development? Or are you ready for the next step in your career? You can visit our library for career advice from the experienced career professional Carin van Holstein.

Carin will also be running the following workshops this autumn:

Why does my work leave me so tired?
Tuesday 15 September, 19:00 until 20:30
Admission € 2,50

Stress-free job applications
Tuesday 13 October, 19:00 until 20:30
Admission € 2,50

Personal leadership
Wednesday 25 November, 19:00 until 20:30
Admission € 2,50

Advice from Werkcentrum Zuidoost-Brabant

Every second Wednesday of the month
13:00 until 15:30
Free entry, no need to register

Nora Faber (left in the photo) and Karin van Brugge, employment advisors at Werkcentrum Zuidoost-Brabant: “We’ve noticed that many people have questions about their careers but don’t always know where to turn. During the drop-in consultation hours, we take the time to think things through with you and explore suitable options. You’re not on your own.”

Light Café

Every weekday
8:30 until 10:30

The Light Café is open to anyone experiencing symptoms of low mood. It is a pleasant, inspiring place where you can start the day with just the right amount of light. Whilst sitting under the light lamp, you can enjoy a nice cup of coffee or tea. You can read a newspaper, have a chat or check your emails. Experts are on hand at the Light Café to guide you through the light therapy. They will discuss your lifestyle with you, as a healthy lifestyle has a positive impact on your mood.

For more information and to register, visit GGzE: s**ites.ggze.nl**

BOOK TIPS

Looking for some great book recommendations? Without exception, our staff are avid readers and see stacks of books pass through their hands on an average working day. Be inspired by their three favourite titles, or ask us about them in the library – that's our favourite question to answer!

Tips from Alinda

From Dostojevski to Nijhoff: during my degree in Cultural Studies, specialising in Children's Literature, I had to get to grips with quite a few classics! Now, I particularly love (re)discovering picture books with my son.

Mark Janssen • Dromer (Dreamer), Island and Dino's Don't Exist
Enchantingly beautiful picture books with stunning illustrations and texts that make you laugh and get you thinking about life.

Ronald Giphart • Alle tijd (All the Time)
I laughed out loud and shed a tear over this ode to friendship. Giphart remains, for me, one of the best Dutch writers.

Judith Visser • Zondagstrilogie (Sunday trilogy)
An impressive trilogy, based on Judith's life with autism and her writing.

Tips from Dania

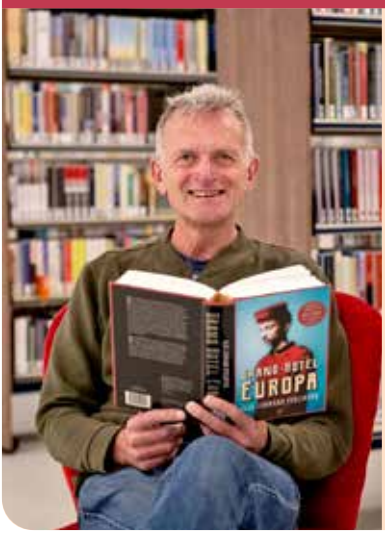
What I love most about reading a book is being transported to a completely different world. As a Reading and Media Specialist, I naturally spend a lot of time delving into children's books, and the following titles are worth a read!

Thijs Goverde • Eenbeen (One-legged)
A story set in the distant future, in 2136. We don't know what life will be like then. But certain trends we're already seeing today are bound to play a role...

Pieter Koolwijk • Limbusland
A wonderfully imaginative story about a very sweet little rascal.

All the books by Tim Voors
Non-fiction books about his hiking trips, including along the Kungsleden trail in Lapland and through New Zealand.

Tips from Carst



Even though I studied history, I read very few non-fiction history books. I read a bit of everything: from crime novels to modern literature to historical novels.

Ilja Leonard Pfeijffer • Grand Hotel Europa
This novel about overtourism in Europe as an old lady was a real eye-opener for me. I'd like to read it again soon because it made a big impression on me a few years ago.

All the books by Rob van Essen
A contemporary writer whose work often strikes a chord with readers. Some of his books have a delightful touch of magical realism. Winner of the Libris Literature Prize in 2019 and 2024.

Stefan Hertmans • War and Turpentine
A novel about the First World War as seen through his grandfather's eyes. A powerful novel about the madness of war.

Tips from Jacqueline

I've been working at the library for three years and really enjoy leading the Front Office and Media Processing teams. I worked in the healthcare sector for a long time and have had a lot of experience with serious illnesses, both professionally and in my personal life. That's why, as well as psychological thrillers, I also enjoy reading books that touch on similar themes.

J. Bernlef • Out of Mind
A moving novel about the progression of dementia in the main character, Maarten. It is not just a story about dementia; it is also a love story with an inevitably tragic ending.

Mélissa Da Costa • All the Blue in the Sky
After Emile is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, he decides to go on a road trip and places an advert to find a travelling companion, whom he finds in Joanne. An impressive story about blind trust, friendship, unconditional love, acceptance and perseverance. And above all, a beautiful story about life.

Paul Trossèl • Oogwenk (Blink of an eye)
A true story about a man who becomes completely paralysed following a brain stem stroke. He can only communicate through his eyes and is trapped inside his own body. Eventually, he comes to see his situation in a different light and realises what truly matters. Simply being there means more to him than he could ever have imagined.

Tips from Lieke

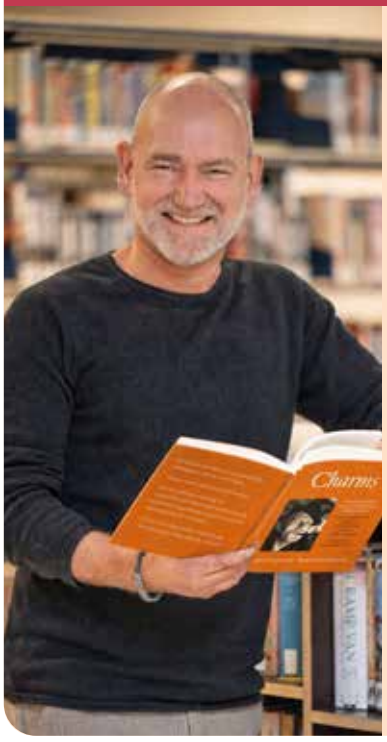
I've been a regular at the library since I was a child, and my nickname used to be 'bookworm'. That's because I read absolutely everything! Not a single shift at the library goes by without me walking out with a new book, and at home I have a book I'm reading in every room. The books that have really stayed with me are the following:

Freida McFadden • The Housemaid series
Light-hearted thrillers with brilliant plot twists. A real page-turner and not too heavy going.

Paolo Giordano • The Solitude of Prime Numbers
A gripping story about two traumatised outsiders who, through their inability to form genuine connections, embody the ultimate metaphor for loneliness.

Juriaan Galavazi • Jij bent de liefde (You are the Love)
A book that helped me through my darkest times. It covers topics such as self-respect, self-confidence and self-esteem.

Tips from Rob



As a young boy, I used to stand in the church square in my village every Thursday, waiting for the mobile library. I was allowed to choose five books, and no more. Now I work in a library and can borrow and read as much as I like. Life really does have a way of working out!

Daniil Kharms • Today I Wrote Nothing (The Selected Writings)
My hero! I first read his short stories on a train journey. They were so absurd that I couldn't stop reading and laughing. It was only when the train came to a halt that I realised I'd forgotten to get off at the station I was meant to be at.

Frank Heinen • Buiten de lijnen (Beyond the Lines)
Football is a side issue in this book about 171 footballers. Once adored, now forgotten. Each story is a micro-history within the broader sweep of History. Moving, sometimes hilarious and told in a masterful style. A real hit!

Gummbah • Net niet verschenen boeken (Books that just didn't make it)
Leafing through this book is a lightning-fast route to fits of laughter. A parade of parodies of book covers and literary genres. My favourites? They change, but the non-existent poet Gerda Klapwijk with her non-existent collection 'Embroidery with Clenched Fists' is always among them.

BECOME A MEMBER

Discover the many benefits of membership at Veldhoven Library.
A library card not only gives you access to the Veldhoven Library, but to the entire national collection. Library members also get free access to all the library's digital services, such as e-books and audiobooks, magazines, online courses and databases.

There are three different subscriptions: Small, Basic and Plus, varying in the extent of use. You can sign up to become a member at the Veldhoven Library or online via the website.

Did you know that membership is completely free for those under 18? And that adults can take out a Small membership for just € 2,50 per month? Off to the library!

Read more about becoming a member, rates and conditions: **bibliotheekveldhoven.nl/lidmaatschap**

FELLOW RESIDENTS

Have you met our fellow residents yet?
On the first floor of the library, you can learn, read, study and work in peace in our renovated reading and study area. You will also find informative books for adults, a large activity room and the instruction room for computer lessons, among other things. And did you know that we also have three housemates on the first floor of the library? Let us introduce them to you:

Erfgoedhuis Veldhoven

Erfgoedhuis Veldhoven

"Together we keep the history of Veldhoven alive" is the motto of Erfgoedhuis Veldhoven.

The association is committed to protecting and preserving Veldhoven's heritage through lectures, courses and excursions, among other things.

erfgoedhuisveldhoven.nl

Bibelebonts Toy Library

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The Toy Library offers the opportunity to borrow high-quality, engaging and development-oriented toys at an affordable price.

This is a sustainable way to try out new toys before deciding if you'd like to buy them.

speelotheekveldhoven.nl

Veldhoven Duurzaam

Veldhoven Duurzaam

This organisation consists of a group of enthusiastic volunteers from Veldhoven who are committed to sustainability. They are happy to share their knowledge with their fellow Veldhoven residents.

Among other things, they can offer advice on making your home more sustainable.

veldhovenduurzaam.nl