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## Media Release

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### **Follow your curiosity... Become a member!**

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Libraries Tasmania is kicking off a month long promotion of library membership, encouraging Tasmanians to follow their curiosity and discover what a library membership means for them.

Having a library membership can make life easier with access to a world of information and resources. Library members can access our free online and physical resources from anywhere in the state.

Library members get free access to:

- eBooks and eAudiobooks
- online magazine and newspapers
- TV and film
- books, CDs and magazines
- bilingual books and newspapers
- online language and literacy courses.

New Executive Director of Libraries Tasmania, Sue McKerracher, said “Having just started in my role at Libraries Tasmania, I am excited to be part of a public library network that is quite unique with advantages not found in other states.”

“Libraries Tasmania has a state-wide floating collection, which means Tasmanians can access, borrow and drop off items at any one of our 46 locations around the state, when it suits them.”

“Members have incredible access to eResources such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, and film through internationally recognised borrowing apps including Libby, Beamafilm and more. Having a Libraries Tasmania membership means that you can access eResources via iOS and Android apps for free. There are thousands of eResources waiting for you.”

Libraries Tasmania has services to suit everyone. Follow your curiosity and discover what your library has to offer with these great services:

- The New Release Express Service offers library members immediate access to the latest and most popular books. You can take home a bestseller without the wait. New Release Express books are available at Burnie, Devonport, Glenorchy, Hobart, Huonville, Kingston, Launceston, Rosny, Sorell, St Helens and Ulverstone libraries.
- Bilingual picture and board books are now available to borrow to read with children in a preferred language other than English. Titles include books by Eric Carle as well as David McKee's 'Elmer' series. Available languages include Farsi, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Arabic, Vietnamese, Japanese, Nepali, Urdu, Hindi and Bengali.
- Baby book packs are a curated selection of age-appropriate books selected by librarians to help the learning and development of children from 0-1, 1-2 and 2-3 years old.
- The Home Library Service is a free and convenient way for homebound borrowers to maintain a vital connection with information and resources available with a library membership.
- Members can access contemporary streaming services such as Beamafilm movie and TV streaming, Australasian Video Online, and Naxos.

You no longer need a fixed address to sign up as a member. Now people who are between houses, homeless or travelling can sign up for a library membership and connect with books, magazines, eBooks and so much more that they've been missing.

To become a member, join online at [libraries.tas.gov.au](http://libraries.tas.gov.au) or visit your local library.

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