MIDDLE YEARS BOOK SWAP

MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026
4 - 5:15PM (ZOOM)

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FREE EVENT

VATE, in partnership with SLAV (School Library Association of Victoria), invites you to the free 2026 Middle Years Book Swap event. Join Karys McEwen, author and host of VATE's podcast YA Book Stack, and Lauren Kyte, Salesian College Sunbury, for a dynamic session where these two experienced teacher-librarians share and compare their top text recommendations for Years 7–10. They'll explore how to choose stories that engage, challenge, and connect with students and will offer fresh alternatives to tired classroom staples. Expect practical recommendations, rich discussion, and plenty of inspiration to diversify your text list. Come along and join the conversation!

About Karys McEwen

Karys McEwen is a school librarian, bookseller, vice president of the Victorian branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia, and education advisor for the Melbourne Writers Festival. She is passionate about the role libraries and books can play in the wellbeing of young people, and she writes the substack *I Read A Lot*. *All the Little Tricky Things* is her debut middle-grade novel. Her second middle-grade novel, *The Paperbark Tree Committee*, was published in April 2025.

About Lauren Kyte

Lauren Kyte is Head of Library at Salesian College (Sunbury), where she guides a dynamic team committed to connecting students and teachers with rich, engaging content across the curriculum. With over a decade of experience as an English teacher and curriculum leader, Lauren now focuses on empowering educators through targeted resource support. A passionate advocate for the 'just right' book, she relishes the challenge of matching every student with their ideal next read - one that sparks curiosity, confidence, and a love of reading.

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