

When the library can come to you

Are you unable to get to the library because of frailty, disability or long-term illness?

Did you know that Gippsland Lakes Community Health (GLCH) offer a Home Based Library service that may visit your suburb?

The Home Based Library service is available to people over the age of 65 living in Bairnsdale, Paynesville or Lakes Entrance with a current library membership.

Once a fortnight volunteers from GLCH visit people in their home to deliver or collect books, audio books, CDs and DVDs, free of charge.

"Social inclusion is vital to seniors who are housebound," volunteer coordinator, who also oversees the home-based library service, Janet Taylor, said.

"Having access to the resources and services of a public library is important regardless of their cir-

cumstances, as is the interaction with our volunteers."

Recipients of the service will be asked to complete a reader profile indicating what genres and subjects they enjoy.

Volunteers can also help with selections, offer suggestions and liaise with library staff on the recipient's behalf if necessary.

Did you know that if you have internet access, you can also borrow, download and read or listen to your favourite books on your computer, smart phone, tablet, iPad, iPod, eReader or other portable device?

You can also view a huge selection of latest magazines via these formats using the Zinio app.

Ms Taylor said this was a fantastic service from the library, particularly for anyone who is housebound.

To connect with Home Based Library service or just find out more, contact GLCH or your local library.



People over the age of 65 with a current East Gippsland library membership can use the services of a home-based library with Gippsland Lakes Community Health. (PS)