2021 Barrett Reid Scholarship: Research ideas

These ideas reflect a range of themes of interest within the Victorian public library network. The list is intended to spark ideas and is not exhaustive. Applicants are equally welcome to propose other research topics in their scholarship program. All applications will be assessed on merit based on the assessment criteria outlined in the scholarship guidelines.

For further information about the scholarship, visit the [Barrett Reid Scholarship webpage](https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/barrett-reid-scholarship).

# Community engagement

* Services for specific community groups (for example, CALD/Indigenous)
* Services for rural/remote communities
* Emerging areas of community need
* Connecting communities with collections/exhibitions/physical and virtual
* Use of social media in libraries
* Marketing library services
* Volunteering in libraries

# Content creation

* Libraries supporting creativity/content creation/creative or maker spaces
* Community publishing

# Library operations

* Impacts of Covid disruption
* Allocation of space within libraries/co-location
* IT strategy in libraries
* Workforce training and development

# Literacy and learning

* Libraries supporting early/teen/adult literacy
* Reader development/reading promotion/reading communities
* Digital literacy
* Online learning

# Partnerships and collaboration

* Libraries working in partnership (for example, with cultural organisations/community organisations/schools/adult education providers/businesses)
* Libraries supporting literary tourism