

# BookMatch Tinder for Booklovers

Living & Learning Libraries

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GREATER DANDENONG



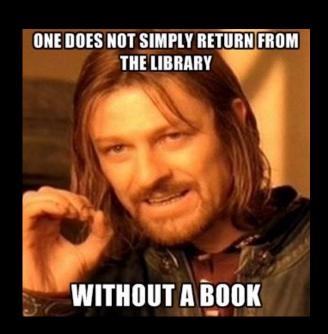
# Reader Development at Greater Dandenong





#### **BookMatch – Aims of Service**

- Engage our adult readers
- Increase community engagement
- Extend staff skills





# **Planning**

- Responses and timeframes
- Structured form via Survey Monkey
- Team formation
- Marketing





# Team training

- Sample forms
- Reading suggestions for each other
- 'While you are waiting' lists
- Sharing tools and websites





### BookMatch is born



#### What to read next

Fill in our Bookmatch form to get your personalised reading suggestion list



# **Advantages / Successes**

- Patron choice
- Considered approach
- Online form worked well
- Good response rate





# What we didn't expect

- YA appeal
- Paper not popular
- Staffing issues
- Time management issues





#### **Feedback**

- Getting very positive feedback
- More resource circulation
- Community reading enjoyment





#### **Outcomes**

- Flexible and scalable service
- Works best online
- Connect with your readers
- Upskilling / Revitalisation for staff





# Could BookMatch be a perfect match for your patrons?



Thank you

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