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ONE FOR THE BOOKS – Daphne Hazell knows more than a thing or two about libraries.

Daphne's quite a page-turner herself!

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DAPHNE Hazell has spent most of her life surrounded by books – and at the age of 91 she has just set up her ninth library.

The library, at ViTA Daw Park residential aged care facility, was started with more than 1000 books donated from the Repatriation General Hospital library where Daphne volunteered for 15 years.

She has worked with a group of volunteers to catalogue the books for the ViTA library using a colour-coding system as well as title, author and subject cards.

"We have catalogued the library the old-fashioned way and have tried to make it as simple as possible," Daphne said.

The library continues to grow thanks to donations from residents, staff and family members, and will soon include DVDs and audio-books.

"I can do a lot of the cataloguing and labelling at home and I go into the

library one morning a week," Daphne said.

Residents and staff can borrow books, and three days a week volunteers visit residents in their homes with a trolley of magazines, books and DVDs.

Daphne drew on her years of experience – including 27 years at Sacred Heart College and other schools – to establish the library.

She is enthusiastic about being a volunteer.

"Volunteering keeps me going.

"If you can do something as an older person you don't feel old while you are doing it. You feel like you are what you used to be."

Daphne is also a volunteer with the Salvos, where she sorts and prices children's books.

She became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2012 for her services to the Clovelly Park community and for her contribution to schools, sports clubs, libraries and the Salvation Army.