APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

The library will be closed for Anzac Day on Wednesday 25th April. It will reopen on Thursday 26th April.

Ebooks can be borrowed remotely and downloaded to your device during any library closures. Download instructions are on the website or library staff are happy to help.

THE POPULAR SCARLET STILETTO READINGS ARE BACK

Winning stories in the Body in the Library category of the Scarlet Stiletto Awards will be brought to life at the library on Friday 27th April.

The readings will be held as part of the launch of the 25th Scarlet Stiletto Awards, which are run by Sisters in Crime.

Authors Angela Savage, Jane Clifton, Susanna Lobez and Leigh Redhead (pictured) will entertain library members with stories from past winners. The Melbourne Athenaeum Library has sponsored the Body in the Library category since 2012.

Bookings for the readings (5.30pm for a 6pm start) can be made at https://www.trybooking.com/UQEX. Tickets are $10 for library members and include a glass of wine and cheese. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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CALLING ALL MOVIE BUFFS

Due to overwhelming demand from members, the library is establishing a second Screen Club. Why not share your love of film with your fellow library members?

The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6pm, beginning on the 23rd of May. If you're interested in joining, send an email to library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or call 9650 3100.

AUTHOR TALK ON ELIZABETH MACARTHUR'S FASCINATING LIFE

In 1788 a young gentlewoman raised in the vicarage of an English village married a handsome, haughty and penniless army officer. In any Austen novel that would be the end of the story, but for the real-life woman who became an Australian farming entrepreneur, it was just the beginning.

John Macarthur took credit for establishing the Australian wool industry and would feature on the two-dollar note but it was practical Elizabeth who managed their holdings, while dealing with the results of John's manias – duels, quarrels, court cases, a military coup, long absences overseas, grandiose construction projects and, finally, his descent into certified insanity.
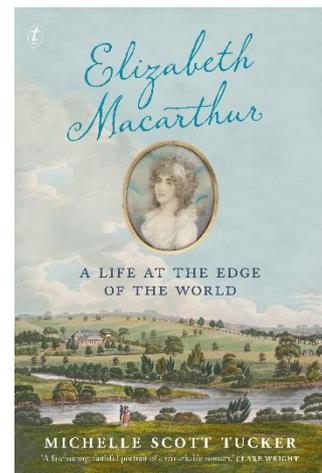
Author Michelle Scott Tucker (pictured) will speak about the fascinating story of this remarkable woman at the library on Wednesday 11th April from 6-7.30pm.

This event is free to attend but RSVPs are required (9650 3100 or library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

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Michelle Scott Tucker owns and operates a management consulting company, and lives on a small farm in regional Victoria with her husband and children. *Elizabeth Macarthur* is her first book.

LIBRARY HOSTS UNITED NATIONS EVENT – Tuesday 15th May, 6-7.30pm

In 2015, the international community agreed to 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a "universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity".

In 2018, the United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian division) is running a year of events to discuss the goals in a local context.

The second of these events to be delivered at the library on ?? from 6-7.30pm. The event will be a Q&A panel discussion on *Poverty,* and speakers from VCOSS, the Red Cross and the Oaktree Foundation will lead the discussion.

Tickets for library members are $15 (including a glass of wine). Non members are $25. To book tickets visit link

BOARD GAMES DAY – SATURDAY 7th APRIL

The library's regular board games day is on Saturday 7th April, so bring a friend or just turn up between 10am and 2pm and prepare to play a range of board, card and strategy games. Board games days will continue through 2018, on the first Saturday of every month.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

More than 100 new books are purchased each month. Book lists are added to the library website within the first few days of each month. Please check the website soon for March's new books or contact the library for the book list.