



## DECEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### HOLIDAY SEASON CLOSURE DATES

The library will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm and reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. The returns box will be available when the building is open.

eBooks will be available during the break, and we now also have some audio eBooks. Please see the library staff if you need help downloading eBooks.

A sincere thank you to our members for your continued commitment to the library. We wish you a relaxing and safe holiday.

We have lined up a varied and exciting program of events in 2018, and we look forward to another great year at the library.



### SCARLET STILETTO WINNERS

The winners of the Scarlet Stiletto awards have been announced – and members get to read the winning entries of the Body in the Library category on our website. Go to the partnerships page and see the links under Sisters in Crime.

Melbourne writer Narrelle M Harris won the Body in the Library Award for *Jane*, and 2014 winner Natalie Conyer was runner-up with *In Memoriam*.



Sigrid Thornton, Narrelle M Harris and Sue Westwood



The Melbourne Athenaeum Library has sponsored the Body in the Library category since

2012. The only criteria is that the author's story must include the words "body in the library" and have a strong female protagonist.



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Sisters in Crime Australia launched the Scarlet Stiletto awards in 1994 to recognise the best crime and mystery short stories written by women in Australia. More information on the Scarlet Stiletto awards is at [www.sistersincrime.org.au](http://www.sistersincrime.org.au)

The winners were announced at an event hosted by actress Sigrid Thornton, and the overall Scarlet Stiletto award was won by New

South Wales writer Rowena Harding-Smith for her story *Locked In, Locked Out, Locked Up*.

## THE PERFECT LITERARY GIFT

Looking for a gift idea for a literary lover? Why not consider a membership to the Melbourne Athenaeum Library? Please see the library staff, or contact them on 9650 3100, if you'd like to organise a gift membership.

## FINAL BOARD GAMES DAY FOR 2017

The library's final board games day for this year will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Bring a friend or just turn up between 10am and 2pm and prepare to play a range of board, card and strategy games.



## NEED HELP WITH AN EREADER?

A reminder that the library staff are happy to help members navigate their way around eReaders, and can provide guidance on downloading our eBook collection, which is continually expanding. Please bring your eReader to the library if you'd like some assistance.



## ACCOMMODATION BONUS FOR MEMBERS

Quest on Bourke has partnered with the Melbourne Athenaeum Library to offer members a 10% discount on accommodation. Quest on Bourke has one and two-bedroom apartments, and is at 155 Bourke St, Melbourne. To book, call Quest on 9631 0400 or visit [questonbourke.com.au](http://questonbourke.com.au) and use the promotional code '17MelbAthenaeum'. If you have any questions, please see the library staff.

## THE HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

A storytelling project for women who have experienced housing issues or isolation has culminated in an exhibition, which is on display in the Athenaeum foyer until the end of January.

Funded by the City of Melbourne, WIRE (an information and referral service offering support to all Victorian women) ran 10 workshops giving women the opportunity to learn new skills while putting their personal stories on to paper or canvas. *The Home is where the Art is* exhibition is the result of those workshops, and combines art and writing.



"Birds nest" by Kelly Brumby

## 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 November's new books or contact the library for the book list.