

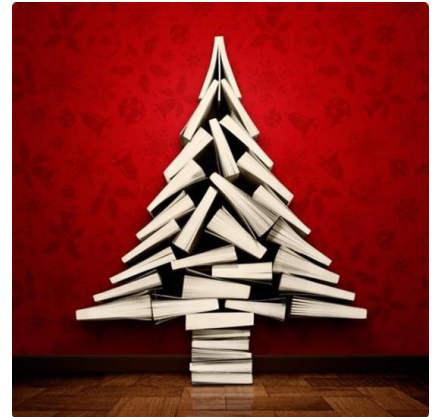


## DECEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### HOLIDAY SEASON CLOSURE

The library will close for the holiday season on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will reopen on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The returns box will be available when the building is open.

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



### LAST CHANCE FOR JANE HARPER TICKETS

Don't forget to grab your ticket to hear acclaimed author Jane Harper in conversation with Dr Angela Savage at the Athenaeum 2 on Wednesday.

The event, presented by the Melbourne Athenaeum Library and Sisters in Crime, will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm.

Angela, a Scarlet Stiletto award winner and the director of Writers Victoria, will chat with Jane, who penned international bestsellers *Force of Nature* and *The Dry*. Film rights to *The Dry* have been bought by Reese Witherspoon and Bruna Papandrea.

The conversation will include discussion about Jane's latest book, *The Lost Man*, which is set in cattle country in outback Queensland.

Tickets are \$15 for library members and \$20 for adults and can be booked through <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=437657&>





## NEW BOOKCLUB – MEMBERS WANTED

The library's book clubs are proving very popular, and a third daytime book club will be added in 2019. It will be held once a month on a Friday at midday. If you are interested in joining a daytime book club please speak to the library staff or email [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

## SCARLET STILETTO WINNERS ANNOUNCED

*Deadly Ernestine*, a story set in the Melbourne Athenaeum Library and penned by Paynesville author Fin J Ross, took out the coveted Body in the Library category at last month's annual Scarlet Stiletto Awards.

Kat Clay, from Footscray, won the runner-up prize for her work, *Lady Loveday Investigates*.

In the coming weeks, both stories will be uploaded to the library's website for members to enjoy. You'll find them on the Partnerships page under the Sisters in Crime section.



Sue Westwood, Fin J Ross and actor Kate Atkinson



Kat Clay

The Scarlet Stiletto Awards continue to grow in popularity, and this year 201 stories competed for almost \$10,000 in prizemoney.

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.

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)



## PATRICIA CORNELIUS PLAY READING AND AWARD

A rehearsed play reading of Patricia Cornelius's work, *In the Club*, attracted about 100 people last month, and was a fitting conclusion to a very successful 2018 playwright-in-residence partnership with the library.

The reading of Patricia's play, *In the Club*, was directed by Susie Dee with a cast of six.

Patricia was recently announced as the winner of the 2018 Mona Brand Award for Women Stage and Screen Writers. The \$30,000 award recognised Patricia's extensive body of work, comprising more than 30 plays.

Senior judge Kim Williams AM, who is co-chair of the State Library of NSW Foundation, described Patricia's work as "distinctive, highly original, courageous, often confronting and always rewarding".



## INTRODUCING OUR 2019 PLAYWRIGHT-IN-RESIDENCE



We are fortunate to have writer, performer and director Angus Cerini as the library's 2019 playwright-in-residence.

Angus, who has won the Patrick White Playwrights' Award and been nominated for numerous Green Room Awards, will spend time working in the library, and will develop a public event for library members.

The library's residency program supports our efforts to connect with Melbourne's cultural community. Recent partnerships have included our artist residency program, which coincides with July's Rare Book Week, and our popular musical program.



## AWARD FOR OUR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

The library's 2018 artist-in-residence, Deborah Klein, has been highly commended in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Biblio Art Prize for 'Progeny', a work she created while at the library.

'Progeny' was brought to life using gouache, hand stitching and ink, and library members were fortunate to have the unique opportunity to watch its development.



## 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.

## 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.