



MARCH NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY AND EASTER BREAK

The library will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on Monday 12th March. It will reopen on Tuesday 13th March.

The library will also be closed on the following dates for Easter – Friday 30th March, Saturday 31st March and Monday 2nd April. It will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 3rd April.

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

NEW MEMBERS' GATHERING

The library invites all members who joined in 2017 and 2018 to attend a new members' gathering on Wednesday 28th March from 5.30pm to 7pm.

It's a great opportunity to learn more about your library. Sue Westwood will give a brief talk about the library and its history, and staff will be on hand to chat about the collection. Light refreshments will be provided.

Any other members who would like to attend are also very welcome. To RSVP, please email the library at library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or call 9650 3100.

PLAYWRIGHT-IN-RESIDENCE PATRICIA CORNELIUS

Late last year, the library announced acclaimed playwright Patricia Cornelius would be our inaugural playwright-in-residence. During her 12-month residency, Patricia will work out of the library for a four-week period and develop a public event for library members.



The public event is still to be finalised but please keep an eye on future eNews for further details.

Currently, Patricia is challenging Adelaide audiences with her latest work, *In the Club*, which tells the stories of women who have been sexually assaulted by Australian footballers.

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.

PICK UP A STELLA PRIZE FINALIST AT THE LIBRARY

If you're looking for a new book to read, why not try one of the finalists in the 2018 Stella Prize, a major literary award celebrating Australian women's writing? The longlist finalists can be found at <http://thestellaprize.com.au/prize/2018-prize/> and there are some incredible reads amongst them. The library has each of the finalists' books, either on the shelves or on order. Please speak to the library staff if you need help finding the books.

The 2018 Stella Prize shortlist will be announced on International Women's Day on March 8, and the winner will be announced on April 12.

LIBRARY HOSTS UNITED NATIONS EVENT – TUESDAY 20TH MARCH

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.

Two of these events will be delivered at the library, with the first on Tuesday 20th March, from 6-7.30pm.





The event will be a Q and A panel discussion: *Affordable and sustainable energy – are these mutually exclusive?*



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Speakers from VCOSS, Pollinate and the Victorian Government will lead this discussion about how we embrace new, sustainable energy technology while ensuring everyone in the community can afford to pay their bills.

Tickets for library members are \$15 (including a glass of wine). Non members are \$25. To book tickets visit <https://www.humanitix.com/event/affordable-and-sustainable-energy-are-these-mutually-exclusive/>

BOARD GAMES DAY – SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

The library's regular board games day is on Saturday 3rd March, 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 February's new books or contact the library for the book list.