



NOVEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

SHELF LIFE – OUR ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Members will this month receive our first edition of *Shelf Life*, an annual newsletter about events and happenings at the Melbourne Athenaeum Library. Our inaugural edition delves into our archives and history, features an essay by acclaimed author (and volunteer) Margaret Bowman, and details our diverse program of events and residencies. We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Acclaimed playwright Patricia Cornelius will this month begin as the library's inaugural writer-in-residence.

During the next 12 months, Patricia will work out of the library for a four-week period and develop a public event for library members. This event is still to be finalised but may include a reading of a new work developed during her residency.

Patricia has been recognised with numerous awards, including the Patrick White Playwright's Award, and in 2018 the Melbourne Theatre company will stage her adaptation of Federico Garcia Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba* to an Australian setting.

Our upcoming newsletter has more information about our writer-in-residence program and Patricia's residency.



LEAVES OF ABSENCE EVENT

Australian artist Deborah Klein will launch her artist's book, *Leaves of Absence*, at the library on Friday 24th November from 6-8pm.

Deborah, who has held solo and group exhibitions in Australia and internationally since 1988, will be our artist-in-residence during Rare Book Week in late June/early July 2018. Library members are welcome to attend the *Leaves of Absence* launch. To RSVP please call the library on 96503100 or leave your name at the desk.





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 will be held from December 1 in the Athenaeum foyer.

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” combines art and writing, and will be on display in the foyer until the end of January. A launch event will be held in the library on Friday 1st December from 6-8pm.



“Birds nest” by Kelly Brumby

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 and use the promotional code ‘17MelbAthenaeum’. If you have any questions, please see the library staff.

2018 MUSIC PROGRAM

The popularity of our musical performances continues with the November 17 performance by Saverio booked out.

Next year’s music program will span classical, jazz and contemporary music. Familiar favourites including the Inveni Ensemble and Saverio will return, and the library will also welcome back Ultrafox, a jazz ensemble inspired by Django Reinhardt and French gypsy jazz. Complementing



Ultrafox performing at the library in 2015



this will be a cappella and some legendary Melbourne rock performers whose careers began in the heyday of the 1970s and 80s.

Keep an eye on our monthly eNews and our website for dates and booking details. And why not combine an evening of music with dinner at the Bistrot d'Orsay? Members enjoy 10% off the total bill on presentation of their library membership card.

OUR LIBRARY IS E-SMART

The library has recently joined the ranks of eSmart Libraries, working through a cyber safety framework designed to equip libraries, staff and library users with the skills they need for smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology.

The program, which was formed by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation and the Telstra Foundation, is one of Australia's most significant community cyber safety initiatives.

Thanks to the library's working group – James Baker, Tom Coleman and volunteers Moyra McAllister and Lea Beranek – for their work to ensure the library achieved eSmart status.

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