



APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

REOPENING CELEBRATION AND AGM

Thank you to all of our members for your patience and support during our closure and repairs. We look forward to catching up with you when the library reopens from Monday 8th April at 10am.

You are also invited to a celebration of the library's reopening, which will be held following the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated's 179th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17th April from 5.30pm.

Wine, cheese and music will be provided following the (usually short) Annual General Meeting.

If you would like to attend the AGM and celebration please RSVP to library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

As previously advised, the committee has decided to provide all members with a two-month extension to this year's annual subscription. If your subscription is usually due in March it will now be due in May. Subscription invoices will be posted out this month.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – ULTRAFOX

Popular jazz ensemble Ultrafox will kick off the library's musical program for 2019, with a performance on Friday 26th April.

Ultrafox is inspired by Django Reinhardt and French gypsy jazz, and their repertoire includes jazz ballads, gypsy waltzes, swing numbers and original compositions.

The event, from 6pm, is free for members and guests pay just \$10. Bookings are essential, either by calling 9650 3100 or emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

If you RSVP for a musical event and are then unable to attend please let us know.

We often have a waiting list to attend musical performances.





LIBRARY TO HOST HUMANITARIAN AID LECTURE

When a disaster strikes, people's first instinct is to help in any way possible but, sometimes, according to the United Nations Association of Australia, well-meaning actions do more harm than good.

This will be the subject of a panel discussion organised by the UNAA (Victorian division), and held in the library on Tuesday 16th April from 6-7.30pm.



The panel will speak about the work being done by humanitarian agencies to educate governments, corporate and philanthropic donors, and the general public that cash is best when giving aid to disaster zones.

Panellists will be:

- Natasha Freeman, Head of International Operational Support, Australian Red Cross
- Jess Lees, Leader, Humanitarian Advisory Group
- Gerard Finnigan, IDEA Foundation Humanitarian Leadership Scholar, Deakin University
- Shruti Verma, postgraduate student, Deakin University, and Bendigo Bank Community Branch Director.

Tickets, which include a glass of wine, are \$20 for library members and \$25 for general admission. To book, and for more information, visit

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/cashisbest-humanitarian-aid-panel-discussion>

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.