



APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY UPDATE

Unfortunately we don't have a reopening date yet, as we await the Victorian Government's May 11 review of current restrictions. We will continue to keep members informed. In the meantime, all book loans will be extended until mid-May, and book clubs and screen clubs will continue using Zoom for their catch-ups.

Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you when the library re-opens.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We appeal to our dedicated members to continue their subscription to our library during this difficult time. This act of goodwill and generosity will have a great impact as the impact of our building's closure has been significant. Thank you to the members who have already renewed their memberships.

OUR GROWING EBOOK COLLECTION

One of our focuses during this enforced closure has been expanding our eBook collection and members are reminded that eBooks can be downloaded at any time. We are pleased to inform members that we have added The Stella Prize-winning book, *See What You Made Me Do* by Jess Hill, to the collection. More information can be found at <https://thestellaprize.com.au/prize/2020-prize/>

We have also added the last two editions of *The Quarterly Essay*, a leading journal of politics, culture and debate. *Cry Me a River* is acclaimed journalist Margaret Simon's essay about the plight of the Murray-Darling Basin. In *Waking Up to China's Challenge*, Peter Hartcher explores China's relationship with, and intentions towards, Australia. Peter Hartcher is the political and international editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald*. More information about the journal is at <https://www.quarterlyessay.com.au/>

Check the online catalogue to stay up to date with eBooks being added to the collection and, if you need assistance downloading eBooks, please contact the library Monday to Friday between 11am and 3pm on 9650 3100.

LEARN TO USE ZOOM

Zoom has exploded in popularity during social isolation and is now one of the main platforms people are using to connect. The library is using it for book and screen clubs but you might also want to learn how to use it for catch-ups with friends and family.



The library will be running two Zoom practice sessions for members – one on Thursday 23rd April from 3-4pm and one on Friday 24th April from 11am-12pm. To join the Thursday meeting, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82149106834?pwd=SGFSZDJkQWFEM3JMQUxXeitPczBqUT09>

The meeting ID is 821 4910 6834 and the password is 081726.

To join the Friday meeting, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89215558298?pwd=d1NyMnluL0xnNU9JRkRPNdGxLaIRTZz09>

The meeting ID is 892 1555 8298 and the password is 060758.

For first time users, when you click on the link it will prompt you to download the Zoom app on to your computer, tablet, or smartphone and then create an account, which is all free. If you haven't used Zoom before it is a good idea to download it before the meeting as it takes a little time.

You can also find links to YouTube instruction videos on the Zoom website.

JOIN THE LIBRARY'S (VIRTUAL) GREAT BIG BOOK CLUB

We're days away from our inaugural Great Big Book Club [please insert link](#), which will see our members come together via Zoom to talk about what they've been reading while in isolation. You don't have to contribute to the discussion. If you'd just like to listen to what others have to say about their books you're more than welcome. Our Great Big Book Club will be held via Zoom on Monday 27th April at 2pm. If you'd like to join please register at library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au and we will send you all of the details. [Is that correct?](#)

BECOME PART OF OUR ARCHIVES

Thank you to the members who've sent us musings about their experiences of living in the time of COVID-19. These will form part of The Melbourne Athenaeum archive, which is a treasure trove of Melbourne stories dating back to 1839. If you'd like to contribute, please email your words to library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au [is that correct?](#)