



AUGUST NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

WELCOME SUE REYNOLDS

We are delighted to welcome accomplished library historian and academic Sue Reynolds to the Athenaeum's Committee of Management.

Dr Reynolds joined the committee at last month's Annual General Meeting.

Dr Reynolds is Senior Lecturer and Master of Information Management at RMIT University's School of Business IT & Logistics, and will be an asset to our dedicated management committee.

DONNA LEON'S BRUNETTI SERIES NOW ON OVERDRIVE

Donna Leon's bestselling series is now part of the library's ever-expanding eBook collection. Set in Venice, the Brunetti series follows detective Guido Brunetti and is famed for its portrayal of Venice. This long-standing series will definitely be good company for fans of the mystery and detective genre during this lockdown. About four of the series titles will be added to Overdrive as soon as they become available.

We hope members are enjoying our eBook collection, which has grown to about 1700 titles. The collection spans all genres, and instructions on how to download eBooks can be found on our website. If you need further guidance, please contact our librarians between 11am and 3pm Monday to Friday on 9650 3100 or via the live chat function on our website.

EBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Thanks to library volunteer Pat Miller for her insights and recommendations from our eBook collection. According to Pat, much 'classic' crime fiction began its life as newspaper short stories and some of these gems can be found by searching for Wilkie Collins, Bram Stoker, Mark Twain, Edgar Wallace, Sapper's *Bulldog Drummond* series, and E.W. Hornung's rakish *Raffles*. Australia's own Mary Fortune and Fergus Hume also fall into this category.

Pat suggested fans of mid-century noir and crime fiction try Duane Rimel, Arthur Cheney Train, Fletcher Flora, Joseph J. Millard and William Bayer.

If classic espionage is your focus, try John Buchan, William Le Queux and Helen Macinnes. For contemporary espionage try Olen Steinhauer, Simon Toyne, Stella Rimington and Clare Carson. Or follow the trail of Mark Pryor's Hugo Marston, head of security at the US embassy in Paris, or Josh Pachter's Mahboob Chaudri, a Pakistani police officer on the island emirate of Bahrain.

THE LIBRARY – IN PIECES



Here's an activity to while away some time in lockdown, and also refresh your memory about the library. Eight scenes from the Melbourne Athenaeum building, and the library, have been dismantled into jigsaws. Race against the clock to see how quickly you can reassemble them at:

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/athenaeum>

OUR GREAT BIG BOOK CLUB IS BACK

Want to recommend some books to other members, or get some ideas on what to add to your reading list? Then join our next Great Big Book Club, which will be held from 2pm on Monday 10 August. Librarian Fiona Malcolm will again host the session, where members are invited to provide 'snapshot book reviews'. Members are also very welcome to attend and just listen to the recommendations. If you'd like to be involved, send an email to library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au and we will email the Zoom link.

LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN

Do you fancy learning to make fruit butters? How about a bit of mindful doodling? Or making a mask? Laneway Learning has a wide range of online classes available, and many of them are currently 25 to 50% off the usual price. Classes are cheap, via Zoom and cover a broad array of topics. Laneway Learning is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation that started in Melbourne in 2012. Check out their upcoming classes at

<https://melbourne.lanewaylearning.com/class-category/upcoming-classes/>

GO EXPLORING – FROM HOME

We're all missing our freedom but that doesn't mean we can't still explore some wonderful sights. There are many virtual tours and exhibitions on offer including:

- The Johnston Collection, a museum of fine and decorative art in East Melbourne - <https://captur3d.io/view/the-johnston-collection/the-johnston-collection>
- The National Gallery of Victoria - <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/channel/>
- The Old Treasury Building - <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/channel/>.

Melbourne Zoo is livestreaming some of the animals and keeper talks and these are available at <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>

If you'd like to venture further afield, try visiting:

- The British Museum – britishmuseum.withgoogle.com
- The marine life at Monterey Bay Aquarium – montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams