



DECEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The library will close on Friday 23rd December at 4pm and will reopen on Monday 16th January at 10am. The returns box will be available when the building is open.

eBooks will be available during the break. Please see the library staff if you need help downloading eBooks.

From the Committee, Staff and Volunteers, we thank our members for your continued commitment to the library, and wish you a relaxing and safe holiday.



We look forward to an exciting program of events in 2017, including musical events, author talks and participation in events such as White Night Melbourne.

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE – Thriving, not just Surviving!

Librarian Rose Blustein and Business Manager Sue Westwood presented a paper at the Worldwide Mechanics' Institute conference in November. It was a great privilege to showcase what our small but committed team has achieved to promote our library and archive to a broader audience. Rose and Sue's joint paper used the events and activities from our 175th birthday celebration as a case study to demonstrate how this organisation looks to its past in order to re-envision its place in Melbourne's cultural life.

A new logo, new member events, improvements in the display and presentation of the library and archive collections all assist in presenting a re-invigorated organisation to members and the general public.

As our programs continue to grow, the committee and staff welcome your suggestions for future consideration. Contact the library on 9650 3100 or email using the link below.





SCARLET STILETTO AWARDS



Sue Westwood, Catherine Moffatt and actor Nicole da Silva

The winners of the Scarlet Stiletto Awards have been announced – and Catherine Moffatt and Ellen Vickerman have taken out the Body in the Library category, which is supported by the Athenaeum Library.

Catherine, from Lake Munmorah in New South Wales, won first prize for *The Team from Information Services* and Ellen, from

Carindale in Queensland, was runner-up for *Where Yellow Ends (Starring Eddie & me)*. Both stories will be available to read on the library's website in the coming weeks.



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Since 2012 the library has supported this category by contributing \$1500 prize money. The only criteria is that the author's story must include the words "body in the library" and have a strong female protagonist.

The Text Publishing Award (Scarlet Stiletto) was won by Ruth Wykes from Crib Point in Victoria for *Stone Cold* and the inaugural Silver Stiletto Award, which was open to past first-prize winners, was won by Jacqui Horwood from Seddon, Victoria, for *Diving for Pearls*.

The annual Scarlet Stiletto Awards, run by Sisters in Crime Australia, are a crime and mystery short story competition conceived in Victoria in 1994. For more information visit www.sistersincrime.org.au

BOARD GAMES DAY – SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The library's next Board Games Day is on Saturday 3rd December from 10am and 2pm. There's no need to book – just turn up and prepare to play against other library members and friends.

Various games are available, including chess/draughts, Jenga, Blokus and Bananagrams, or you're very welcome to bring in your own.





MUSICAL EVENT – FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017



The library will launch its program of musical events in February 2017 with a performance by the Flinders Quartet.

Members of this string quartet have a keen interest in developing and fostering a love of chamber music, and they will perform excerpts from works by Schubert, Sculthorpe, Guastavino and Mills.

Join us for an hour of superb music, a glass of wine and cheese on Friday 10th February at 6pm. The concert is free for members and guests pay just \$10. Bookings are essential – please call 9650 3100 or

email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au to book.

Why not add dinner at the Bistrot d'Orsay to your plans? The Bistrot provides library members with a 10% discount off your total bill. You can book for dinner by calling 9654 6498 and please don't forget to mention the library.

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