



DECEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The library's last opening day for 2020 will be Saturday 19th December, and we look forward to welcoming members back from Thursday 14th January. During our closure period, eBooks will continue to be available for download.

Our committee and staff thank you for your support in what has been a difficult year for everyone.

We wish all of our members and volunteers a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and here's hoping for a year brimming with library visits and events in 2021.

BROWSE AND BORROW

It was terrific to catch up with some of our members last week, with the library reopening from Thursday to Saturday for Browse and Borrow sessions. At this stage, Browse and Borrow will continue for the rest of December and from our reopening on January 14. We are hoping to increase our opening hours and reintroduce events as soon as possible, and we will keep members informed. Our Click and Collect service is also still available for members.

LOOKING FOR A LAUGH?

Need a laugh? Our Podcast Club is unearthing some terrific suggestions of what to listen to (or watch on TV) - and we're focusing on comedy podcasts and TV shows in December. The one-hour Zoom Podcast Club will be on Monday 6th December at 2pm and all suggestions (and members) are welcome. [Email the library](#) to register, and a Zoom link will be sent to you on the morning of the club.

2020'S FINAL GREAT BIG BOOK CLUB

Our Great Big Book Club has been a terrific addition to our limited program this year, and our shelves now include quite a few members' recommendations. The final Great Big Book Club is scheduled for Monday 13th December at 2pm and all members are welcome. Email the library to register, and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

Having trouble buying a present for a literary friend or family members? Why not give them a gift membership to the library? Please speak to the library staff if you would like to arrange a gift membership.

SURVIVING OUR THIRD PANDEMIC

COVID-19 has been a real challenge for the Melbourne Athenaeum, but it's actually the third pandemic we've survived. You can read more about this, and how we have endured, in an article



published recently by the CBD News - <https://cbdnews.com.au/the-melbourne-athenaeums-181-years/>

SHELF LIFE TEMPORARILY SHELVED

Unfortunately, the library will not be publishing its annual newsletter, *Shelf Life*, this year. *Shelf Life* will be back in 2021.