JUNE NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

The library will be closed for the Queen's Birthday Holiday, on Monday 11th June. Ebooks can be borrowed remotely and downloaded to your device during the closure. Download instructions are on the website or library staff are happy to help.

LUNCHTIME MUSICAL PERFORMANCE IN JUNE

A cappella group The Rubies will bring their lovely voices to the library for a lunchtime performance on Friday 22nd June. This all-female, Melbourne-based group says they derive deep joy from their singing and aim to bring the same pleasure to their audience.

The lunchtime performance is from 1-2pm. It's free for members and $10 for guests. Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential, either be calling 9650 3100 or emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

Why not make a day of it and add lunch at the Bistrot d'Orsay to your plans? Library members enjoy a 10% discount off the total bill. Make a reservation by calling 9654 6498 and don't forget to present your membership card when paying your bill!

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.

THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

As part of Volunteer Week in May the library hosted a morning tea to thank our wonderful volunteers.

They help make the library a special place to visit and we are very grateful to them for their efforts.

TRACES MAGAZINE

The Melbourne Athenaeum Library will feature in the June edition of *Traces*, a quarterly magazine for history buffs.

Traces is for anyone interested in Australia's history, and provides readers with insights into the latest historical research, news, events and heritage projects taking place around the country.

To subscribe to the magazine visit www.tracesmagazine.com.au, or have a read of the latest issue when you're next in the library.
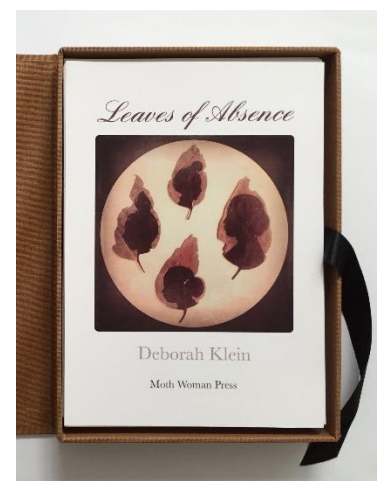
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE DEBORAH KLEIN

Australian artist Deborah Klein will be our artist in residence from Saturday 30 June to Saturday 7 July.

Call into the library during Rare Book Week to see Deborah at work, developing drawings and linocuts for two artist books influenced by female characters in gothic novels.

Deborah, who has held solo and group exhibitions in Australia and internationally since 1988, will speak to library members about her work from 6pm-7pm on Wednesday 4th July. An artist working across a range of techniques and disciplines, Deborah will discuss her methods, materials, personal mythology, the importance of storytelling and the theme that primarily underpins her work: the absence of women from history.

An exhibition of her books and zines, including illustrations from the artist book *Leaves of Absence,* will provide a backdrop to the talk.
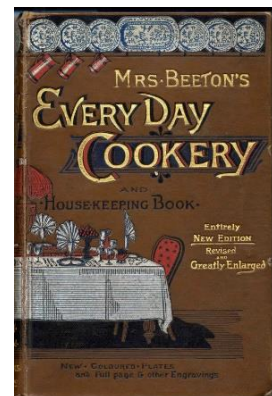
To RSVP for Deborah's talk please call 9650 3100 or email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

Deborah's work is also featuring in the *My Monster: The Human Animal Hybrid* exhibition at RMIT Gallery from June 29 to August 18.

COLLECTING COOKERY BOOKS: RARE BOOK WEEK EVENT

One of the library's favourite speakers, Richard Overell, is back. As part of Rare Book Week, Richard will speak at the library on Tuesday 3rd July from 6-7pm about collecting cookery books.

Richard's talk will cover the different varieties of collectible cookbooks, beginning with early English cookery classics by Mrs Beeton and Hannah Glasse, and moving on to the first Australian cookbook, by Tasmanian Edward Abbott (1864). He will speak about books by Australian cooks famous in their day such as Mrs Maclurcan and finish with examples by modern cooks such as Stephanie Alexander and Don Dunstan.

Richard's talks at the library book out quickly so if you would like to attend please RSVP by emailing library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or calling 9650 3100.

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