



## MARCH NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### AUTHOR TALK – DON AND PATRICIA EDGAR

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm

Patricia and Don Edgar are passionate about changing the way we talk about ageing, and their new book challenges readers, governments and the broader community to recognise and embrace the changes brought about by increased longevity.

In *PEAK: Reinventing Middle Age* they argue that it's time to rethink our ideas about ageing and our emphasis on youth as the best years of our lives. While "middle age" once referred to anyone aged over 40, they believe it should now broadly encompass those aged from 50 to 75. People are retiring from work much later and remaining active community members well beyond their 60s.

PEAK combines statistics, personal stories and scholarly research to provide an insightful look at employment, relationships, education, housing, finances, lifestyle, health and aged care.



Photo by James Braund

Please call the library on 9650 3100 or email to [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au) to book for this author talk.

### BOARD GAMES DAY – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March



The library's Saturday board games day will continue through 2017 so put it in your diary for the first Saturday of every month.

Bring a friend or just turn up between 10am and 2pm and prepare to play from a range of board, card and strategy games including Chess, Draughts, Jenga, Blokus and Backgammon. Alternatively, you can bring your own games.



## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – SAVERIO

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm**

Early bookings are recommended for the library's upcoming musical performance – Saverio string quartet playing Beethoven (pictured) and Mendelssohn on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The quartet's line-up will be James Steendam (violin), Clare Miller (violin), Merewyn Bramble (viola) and Naomi Wileman (cello).

Join us for an hour of superb music, a glass of wine and cheese. The concert is free for members and guests pay just \$10. Bookings are essential - please call 9650 3100 or email [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)



Why not add dinner at the Bistro d'Orsay to your plans? Library members can 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!

## SAVE THE DATES – 2017 MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Our program of musical performances has been finalised for 2017, so please put these dates in your diary. The performances are free for members and guests pay just \$10. Bookings will open at the start of each month for that month's performance, and can be made by calling 9650 3100 or by emailing [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au)

Join us for a mix of classical and contemporary acoustic performances featuring Stephen Cummings, Inventi, Harry Potocnick and friends (percussion), Chris Wilson and Steve Lucas, Deborah Conway and Willy Zygier and Saverio String Quintet.

## LIBRARY SURVEY

Thank you to all of our members who have responded to the library survey. The Melbourne Athenaeum Library is your library and your responses will play a pivotal role moving forward. Any members who would still like to complete the survey are asked to please do so by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.



## LIBRARY FEATURES IN CITY ART EXHIBITION

The Melbourne Athenaeum Library features in an exhibition titled *City Songs*, which is on at the City Gallery, Melbourne Town Hall, until April 19.

Through a 2016 arts residency for the City of Melbourne, writer Christos Tsiolkas and photographer Zoe Ali were asked to document, through text and photography, the block bordered by Swanston, Russell, Bourke and Collins streets.

Christos and Zoe worked alongside social historian Professor Andrew May and his team from Melbourne University, and discovered the rich chorus of voices that make up the people who work, live and inhabit our city. They invite people through *City Songs*, to pause for a moment and listen to the sound of the city.

For more information see [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/citygallery](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/citygallery)

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