



SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

LOAN EXTENSIONS

The library is continuing to renew book loans and all current loans have been extended until the end of October. We will keep members informed of any changes to service arrangements, and we look forward to catching up with our valued members when it is safe to do so.

SHARE YOUR TV/PODCAST RECOMMENDATION

We've been hearing regularly from members at our Great Big Book Club about what they've been reading during lockdown – and during our most recent Zoom one of our members recommended '*Little fires everywhere*' a novel by Celeste Ng that has been made into a TV series and is available to stream on Amazon Prime. We're keen to hear from other members what they've been watching or listening to, so Sue Westwood will host a Zoom session on Monday 7th September from 2pm. Please let us know you're interested via library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au and we will email you a Zoom link.

MEMBERS' BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for some inspiration of what to read (or reserve)? Our recent Great Big Book Club yielded some terrific recommendations, including the following books, which are available in the library: *The good turn* (Dervla McTiernan), *The library book* (Susan Orlean), *Reckoning: a memoir* (Magda Szubanski), *A room made of leaves* (Kate Grenville), *The yield* (Tara June Winch), *Roseanna* (Maj Sjowall and Per Wahloo), *The good Greek girl* (Maria Katsonis), *A single thread* (Tracy Chevalier), *The orchid thief* (Susan Orlean), *Just a girl* (Jane Caro), *Elizabeth Macarthur: A life at the edge of the world* (Michelle Scott Tucker). Because of book club recommendations we've just added *The last lighthouse keeper* by John Cook and *My dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russell to the eBook collection, and we are looking to add more members' recommendations when they become available as eBooks.

GREAT BIG BOOK CLUB

If you would like to hear some book recommendations or add your own, our next Great Big Book Club has been scheduled for Monday 14th September at 2pm. Please contact library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au if you would like to participate and the details will be emailed to you.

BOOK AND SCREEN CLUBS

The library's book and screen clubs are continuing to meet – via Zoom. To give one of the book or screen clubs a try email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or call between 11am and 3pm weekdays on 9650 3100.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES

The library's James Baker has been awarded a Certified Professional Certificate from the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) for completing 120 hours of professional development activities in the past three years.

James listed his personal highlights as being on the organising committee for NLS9 and the ALIA Victoria committee, Melbourne Rare Book Week events, and the Learning Through Play program on using games in libraries.

COVID MUSINGS

We are still keen to get any musings (writings, poems, illustrations etc) from members about their experiences of living in the time of COVID-19. These might be placed in a time capsule, and will form a valuable part of The Melbourne Athenaeum archive, which is a treasure trove of Melbourne stories dating to 1839. If you'd like to participate, please send your contribution to library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au

LEARN A NEW SKILL

Need some inspiration to learn a new skill during lockdown? Visit [DuoLingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com) to learn a new language for free or try [SkillShare.com](https://www.skillshare.com) for a huge array of online classes. For a wide range of free university courses visit [EDx.org](https://www.edx.org). Happy learning!

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