



OCTOBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

CLICK AND COLLECT STARTS THIS WEEK

We are looking forward to seeing some of our members when 'click and collect' resumes this Friday (October 2). As detailed in a members' letter last week, this service will operate between 11am and 3pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Members who are able to adhere to the government's 5km travel limit directive are encouraged to preselect and reserve books for collection, either via the website (<http://library.melbourneathenaeum.org.au/>), by calling 9650 3100 between 11am and 3pm Monday to Friday, via email (library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au), or via the live chat on the website. Please do not come to the building unless you have received a phone call from library staff to advise that your items are ready for collection. Pick up will be from the foyer and we ask that you adhere to social distancing requirements and follow signage and any directions from staff.

BOOK RETURN ARRANGEMENTS

The returns drop box will be available for members who are able to use our 'click and collect' service. All returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before going back into the collection. These items may still show up on your card for up to three days.

For members unable to attend 'click and collect', all existing loans have been extended until the end of October.

We are hopeful that members will be able to return to the library before December and we will continue to provide updates about available services.

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING OR LISTENING TO?

Our first Zoom gathering on TV/podcast recommendations unearthed some terrific suggestions, including the Michelle Obama podcast, Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb, *In Our Time* (history), *Shagged, Married and Annoyed* (family life and relationships) and David Tennant's podcasts.

Library member and journalist Nick Richardson will host the next TV/podcast Zoom session on Monday 5th October at 2pm. The session will have a focus on political and journalism podcasts, but all suggestions (and members) are welcome. Email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au if you would like to participate.

GREAT BIG BOOK CLUB RIDES AGAIN

Librarian Fiona Malcolm will once again host the Great Big Book Club, which has seen some library favourites discussed, and led to some new purchases by the library. The next Great Big Book Club will be on Monday 12th October at 2pm and all members are welcome. Email library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au if you would like to participate.



CLASSIC EBOOKS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

The library is continuing to upload many 'classic' eBooks to its collection, with authors including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, Louise May Alcott and Edgar Allan Poe. The titles have been sourced from Project Gutenberg, the world's oldest digital library, which was founded in 1971 by American writer Michael S Hart. You can browse the collection of Project Gutenberg titles on Overdrive by looking for 'Project Gutenberg' at the bottom of the front page of Overdrive, or by using the search function. If you need assistance with eBooks, please contact the library staff.

FREE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

Broadcaster and author Jacinta Parsons will next week discuss her new memoir about living with a chronic illness with television presenter and radio host Julia Zemiro as part of independent book retailer Readings' calendar of online literary events. The Parsons/Zemiro conversation is on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm. Readings also has *The Dressmaker* author, Rosalie Ham, speaking about her new novel, *The Dressmaker's Secret*, on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm. Registrations are required. More information on these, and other Readings' events, can be found at www.readings.com.au/events

THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION ONLINE LECTURES

The Johnston Collection has a busy schedule of online events lined up for the next few weeks, including lectures on novelist, poet and Sissinghurst creator Vita Sackville-West, and the wedding jewels of British royals. There is a cost for the lectures. Details are available, and bookings can be made, at <https://johnstoncollection.org/The-Friends-Events~282>