



THE  
MELBOURNE  
ATHENÆUM

## APRIL NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### BOOK LAUNCH – *THE DETECTIVE'S CHAIR*



**The  
Detective's  
Chair:**  
Prose Poems  
about Fictional  
Detectives

Anne M. Carson  
Illustrated by René Carrasco



Join us at 4pm on Saturday 15 April when Andrea Goldsmith will launch *The Detective's Chair: Prose Poems about fictional detectives* by Melbourne writer Anne M Carson.

This event is free for members, but numbers are limited, so please email [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au) or call 9650 3100 to register.



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## Ultrafox



We always love welcoming Ultrafox back to perform.

Formed in 2008 by Melbourne guitarist, Peter Baylor, the band has enjoyed an ever-increasing audience and is in demand with appearances at all of Australia's major festivals.

Melbourne's own continental style gypsy swing band, Ultrafox draws inspiration from Django Reinhardt and The Hot Club of France.

Join us from 6pm on Friday 21 April by booking here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGJSP>



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## PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed for the following public holidays:  
**Friday 7 April, Saturday 8 April and Monday 10 April** – Easter  
**Tuesday 25 April** – ANZAC Day

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

The AGM will be held at 1pm on Monday 17 April.

If you would like information about our proposed rule changes, please contact Library staff.

Light refreshments will be served. Please register by calling/emailing the Library or via <https://www.trybooking.com/CGJSE>

## ARCHIVES TO FEATURE IN NATIONAL TRUST FESTIVAL

We are thrilled to this year be part of the National Trust's [Australian Heritage Festival](#) - particularly as the theme is *Shared Stories*.

Join us from 1pm on 1 May, to hear former University of Melbourne Cultural Collections Coordinator, Susie Shears, discuss the cultural significance assessment she has carried out of our archival collection.



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Susie will chat about what she found when she delved into this historic record of our theatres, library and former art gallery and museum.

Tickets are free but please register [HERE](#) or at the Library.



## **VALE Margaret Bowman OAM**

It was with much sadness that we learnt recently of the passing of one of the Ath's most beloved and inspiring volunteers - Dr Margaret Bowman.

Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing

Margaret won't be surprised that she saw in her centenary three years ago - and, as a result, was featured in a video project celebrating the lives of centenarians

- <https://www.the100project.com/centenarian/margaret-bowman/>

Margaret was a weekly visitor to the Ath for many years - often with her beloved dog - and she went on to write several of the publications we have on our [website](#).

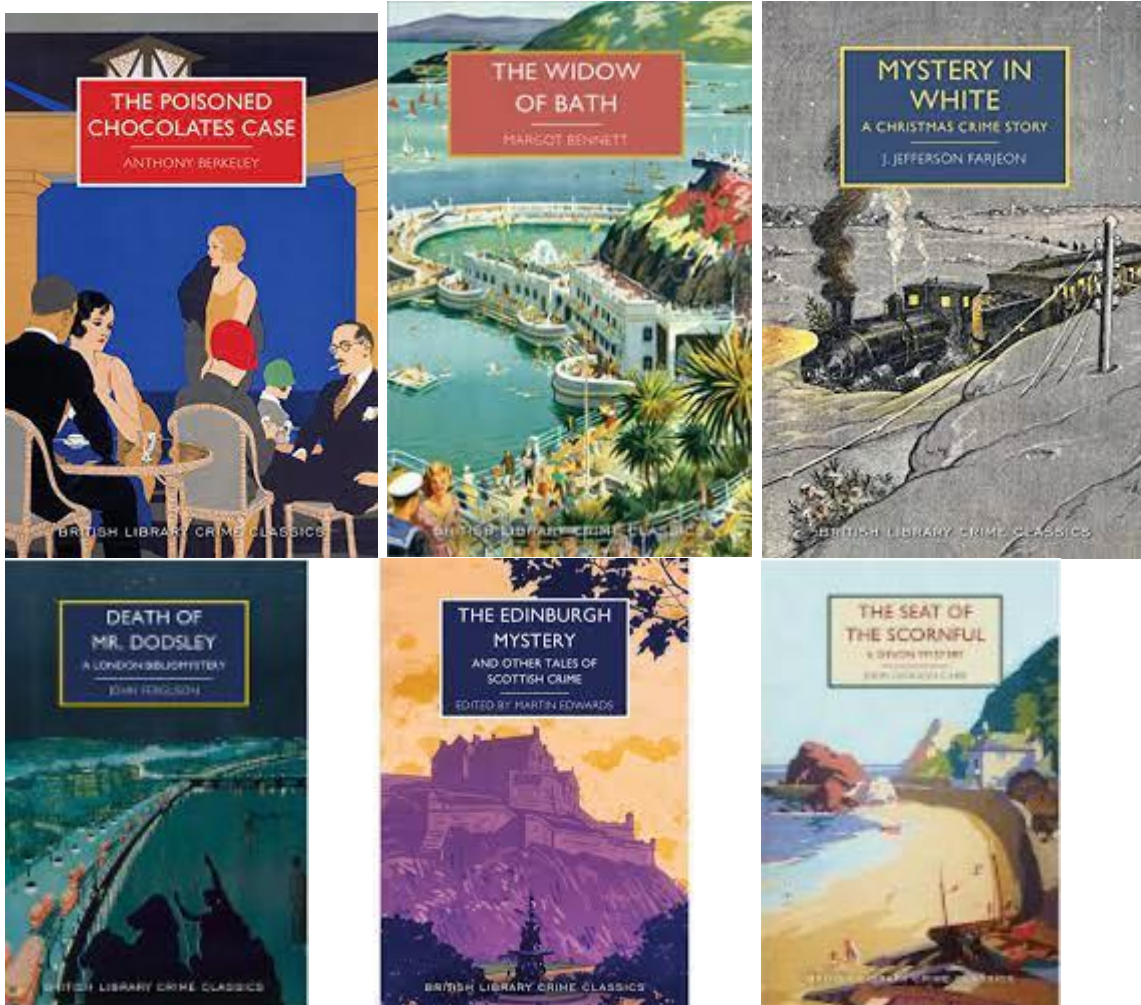
At 94, she launched her book on former secretary-librarian of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institute (our predecessor organisation), George Gilbert, at the Library - read The Age report [here](#).



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## Library Spotlight

Love classic crime? Then check out the British library crime classics.



The British Library is reprinting some of the best crime novels of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by some of the best authors. Search keyword *British Library* in our catalogue to see the titles we hold.