



THE  
MELBOURNE  
ATHENÆUM

## JULY NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

### 2023 Artist in Residence: Joy Smith



In July, renowned Australian tapestry artist Joy Smith will be working in the library as part of our annual Artist in Residency program. Joy has been an active artist and weaver since the 1980s, producing over 400 personal tapestries or commissions.

As part of the residency, Joy will give a talk about her work in developing tapestries based on our archival material.

#### Details

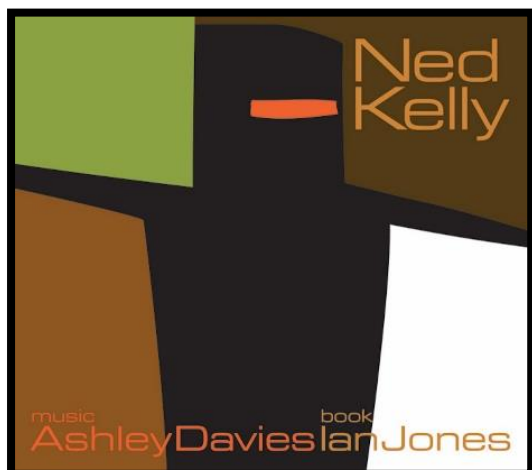
The residency runs from Monday 17 July to Sunday 30 July. Joy will be working in the library a number of days during this period.

The talk will be at 1pm on Wednesday 19 July.

Bookings are free, but please register by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/CIPDC> or calling the Library on (03) 9650 3100.

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### 28 July – a special Ned Kelly multimedia event



*Ned Kelly* is a stellar multimedia event which uses music and stories to transport audience members to key moments such as Ned's teenage years, his mother's incarceration, the gang's bank robberies and the last stand at Glenrowan.

Ashley Davies, one of Australia's finest composers, collaborated with the late historian and author, Ian Jones - a leading authority on the life and times of Ned Kelly - to create this outstanding production.

Since then, Ashley has collaborated with Derek Guille to reinvigorate the production, which will feature Derek providing a live narration. Ashley has gathered some of Australia's finest musicians to perform the live music score with him.

This is an evocative re-telling of the life of Australia's best known folk legend featuring archival images carefully drawn together from the State Library of Victoria.

## Details

5.30pm for 6pm, Friday 28 July

Book your place at the Library by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/CIMTR> or calling (03) 9650 3100. Members are free, guests \$12.

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## Rare Book Week returns, with two events in the Library

We are thrilled to be celebrating the return of Rare Book Week in 2023 by hosting two events.

**1pm, Tuesday 25 July:** *Printing the plays of Shakespeare and company in the 17th Century* - lecture and tour

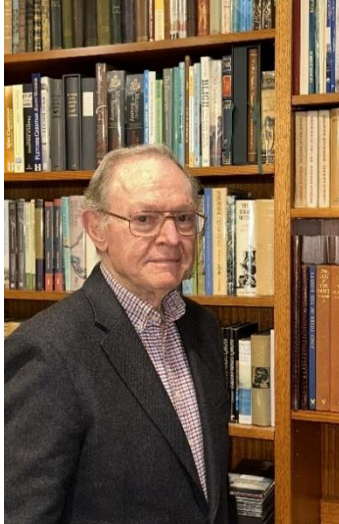
With this year marking the 400th anniversary of the publication of the First Folio of the Plays of William Shakespeare, Dr David McInnis, Associate Professor of Shakespeare and Early Modern Drama at the University of Melbourne, will place this milestone of literary publishing in the broader context of similar folios containing the work of other writers.



After the lecture, the audience will be invited to take the short walk to Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Books to inspect a rare Second Folio of Shakespeare currently for sale.

Bookings are free, but please register by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/CIKDO> or calling the Library on (03) 9650 3100.

**5.30pm, Wednesday 26 July:** the launch of *The Bounty and Beyond*



Our second event will be the launch of a major new study of William Bligh's Bounty journals by John A Fish.

Paul Brunton OAM, Emeritus Curator of the State Library of New South Wales, will launch this work, which presents the fascinating outcome of John Fish's meticulous comparison of Bligh's official journal - housed in the National Archives in London - and his private journal held at the Mitchell Library in Sydney.

Based on extensive research (including several examinations of the primary sources) and a deep understanding of the relevant literature, this work will prove to be a landmark event in the history of Bligh/Bounty scholarship.

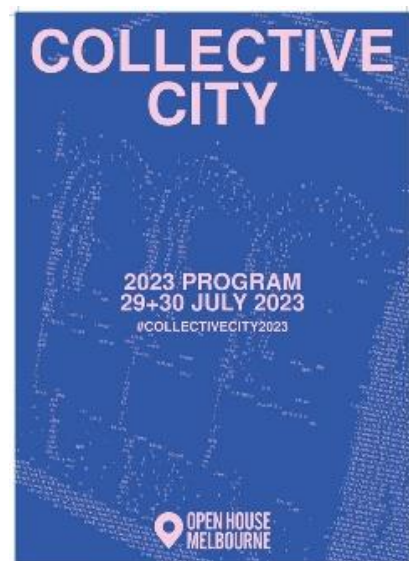
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## We will again be part of Open House Melbourne

Bringing a very busy July to a close will be our participation in Open House Melbourne. The Library will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July, so why not take this opportunity to bring friends and family to the Library who have never been before!

At over 180 years old, the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated is one of Melbourne's oldest cultural institutions. Open House Melbourne visitors will be able to take a self-guided tour of the Library and Reading Room and interact with Australian Tapestry Artist, Joy Smith, who will be in the process of creating unique tapestry artwork inspired by objects in our archival collection. No bookings are required.



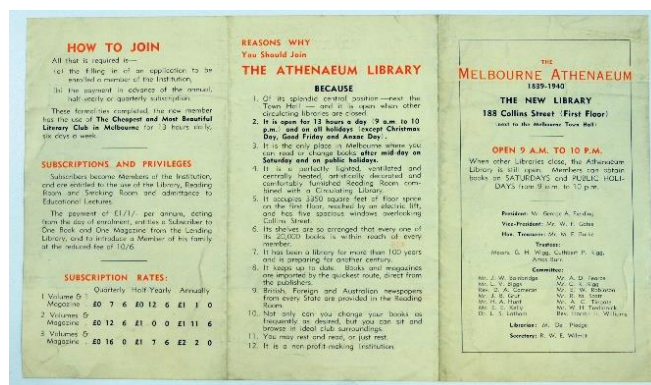


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## ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all our members who contributed so generously to our Annual Giving Appeal. We will announce the final amount in next year's annual report, but we can let you know that we raised more than \$15,000 which will be used for the future development and care of our archives.



## Historic Lift upgrade getting closer!



We hope that work will start on the replacement of our Lift motor during July.

We will put out a special bulletin to notify members of the starting date and the arrangements to be made during the period the lift will need to be out of service.