



FEBRUARY NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY



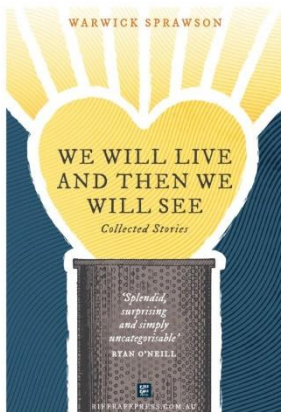
New partnership

After many years of hosting events during Melbourne Rare Book Week, we are pleased to let members know that we have now taken this to a new level of partnership. In addition to committing to host three fabulous events during this year's 10th anniversary, we are now also hosting the Rare Book Week organising committee meetings and private events.

Program Director, Professor Chris Browne said he was "delighted with the growing and ongoing partnership between Melbourne Rare Book Week and the Melbourne Athenaeum Library".

"It seems absolutely right for our organisation, Rare Books Melbourne, to be closely linked to such an historic and important library in the cultural history of Melbourne, so that we can pursue our common interests in partnership."

We look forward to inviting members and your guests to the events during this year's Rare Book Week.



Book Launch

Join us from 7pm on Thursday 15 February for the launch of award winning author, Warwick Sprawson's new collection of short stories, entitled *We Will Live and Then We Will See*.

Warwick will read one of the stories, which have been described as humorous, eclectic and beautifully crafted.

<https://melbourneathenaeum.org.au/book-launch-we-will-live-and-then-we-will-see-by-warwick-sprawson/>

Sold out!

Thank you to everyone who rushed to RSVP to three events in February that very quickly sold out!

These are the members evening on 9 February, Margret RoadKnight on 16 February and the launch of Myfanwy Jones's new novel, *Cool Water*

If members and guests are unable to attend these events, please let us know and we will pass on to members on our waiting lists.



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Ath playwright resident reading



Emilie Collyer, the 2023 Athenæum Library Playwright-in-Residence, will present her new work in progress, *The Grateful Shade*, at the Library on **15 March**

Directed by Mark Wilson, this post-epic play features Mary and Maude, who drink from the fountain of eternal life, and show how they spend their endless days.

This script was shortlisted for the Patrick White Playwrights Award.

The reading will feature Emily Tomlins, Natasha Herbert and Marcus McKenzie.

Doors open at 5.30pm

Performance begins 6.00pm

Free for members

\$20 Member guests

Book [HERE](#) or through the Library

Archives in good hands again



We are thrilled to announce that we again have an Archives Manager looking after our collection.

Following in the footsteps of much-loved and missed, Marjorie Dalvean, Fiona Moore is busy familiarising herself with the collection - although she has a head start after using the archives during completion of her PhD.

Fiona has an extensive background which has included working at the National Gallery of Victoria, the Arts Centre and the University of Melbourne.

With Fiona at the helm, we will again be able to do more to promote our collection and history, including through weekly social media posts, Library displays and presentations.

Members will get a chance to meet Fiona when she gives a talk about the archives and our history as part of the 2024 Australian Heritage Festival. We will pass on booking details for this April event soon.

Welcome Fiona!



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Member Suggestions

Our member suggestion box is always available to members if you have an idea to improve your library.

And Aubrey who puts together our social media posts, is keen to get suggestions from members. If there's a story or book you'd like to share, let us know!

Contact us at library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au
