



# JUNE NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

## Library closure and reduced access

There are two dates coming up which will affect member access.

Between 4pm and 7pm on Wednesday 5 June, an event in the Library will mean there is limited access. Books can be borrowed and returned. But, tables, chairs, newspapers, tea & coffee will not be available until 7pm.

On Monday 10 June, the library will be closed for the King's Birthday. During the closure, eBooks are available to download. Please speak to the library staff if you need help downloading eBooks or setting up an eReader.

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## Music Performance: Djoliba Rattler

Djoliba Rattler is a collaboration involving Aboubacar Djéliké Kouyate, who was born and raised within the 'griot' musical tradition of his homeland Mali, and three renowned Melbourne musicians: George Butrumlis on accordion, percussionist Ray Pereira OAM and bassist Mark Ferrie.

The group will be presenting selections from their recently released album *Malibourne*, which fuses Kouyate's interpretations of traditional Malian musical themes with the distinctly Melbourne musical sensibilities of George, Mark and Ray.



### Details

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - doors open at 5.30pm, performance from 6pm

Free for members, non-members \$20

Book [here](#).

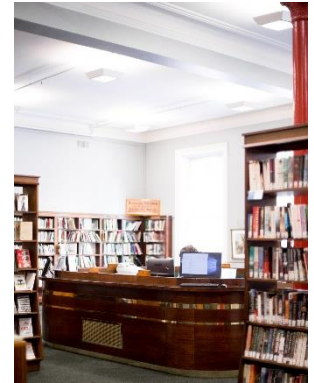


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## 2024 Annual Giving Appeal

Each year the Melbourne Athenæum is fortunate to be the recipient of donations through our Annual Giving Appeal. In recent years these generous donations have helped commission and buy new furniture, and employ a collections specialise to assess and catalogue our precious archives collection. This year we are asking members to help raise funds for a lighting upgrade in the library.

Members will have received a letter with more information and donation details. All donations are tax deductible, and we thank members who are able to donate for their support.

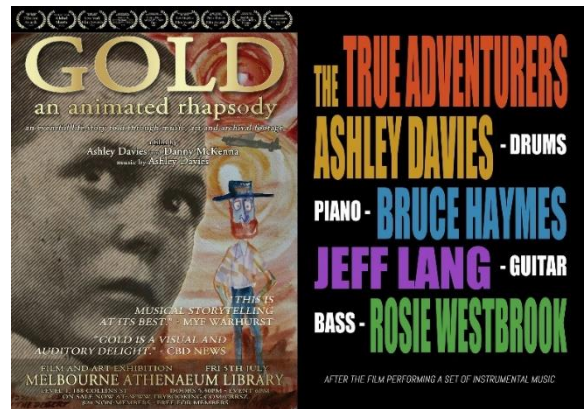


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## GOLD: An Animated Rhapsody

Award-winning short film *GOLD: An Animated Rhapsody* will screen in the library on July 5, with members and their guests also treated to an art exhibition and music by Ashley Davies and his band, The True Adventurers.

*GOLD: An Animated Rhapsody* was inspired by a series of 10 watercolour paintings left in a will from a family's favourite uncle. Drawing on archival material and his own art, Len Davies' eventful life story is interwoven visually through his paintings of Harold Lasseter's fateful search for gold in central Australia. It tells of Len's days as a 13-year-old drawing caricatures of passersby while selling newspapers in Perth, to World War II where he served as a rear gunner in a Lancaster Bomber, to his life as an artist.



The audience can view the real paintings used in the film while enjoying music by Ashley Davies (drums), Bruce Haymes (keyboards), Jeff Lang (guitar) and Rosie Westbrook (bass).

### Details

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Doors open 5.30pm, performance from 6pm

Free for members, non-members \$20

Book [here](#).



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## Melbourne Rare Book Week: My Life at Readings

The library is hosting three events for Melbourne Rare Book Week (MRBW) in July and bookings are now open.

The first event is legendary Melbourne bookseller Mark Rubbo, who spent almost 50 years in the business until he retired as Readings managing director last year, in conversation with author and literary columnist Jane Sullivan.

From his days with one Readings presiding over eight shops, Mark Australian writers and fought off Borders behemoth.

### Details

Friday 19th July - doors open

Free for members and guests

Book [here](#).



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6pm, talk from 6.30pm





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## MRBW: Mysteries and Mayhem of Early Melbourne

Melbourne has always had its underbelly of crime, inspiring crime fiction detectives from Mary Fortune and Fergus Hume to Peter Temple's Jack Irish.

Authors Jane Sullivan and Lucy Sussex will discuss the sins and secrets of Melbourne as a brash young 19<sup>th</sup> Century goldfields town. Jane's latest novel, *Murder in Punch Lane*, is a thriller inspired by real events and people in 1868 Melbourne. And in 2025 Lucy will publish *Outrageous Fortunes*, a co-written biography about crime writer Mary Fortune and her criminal son George.

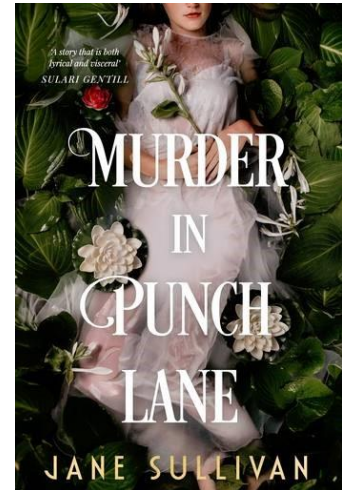
### Details

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

12pm-1pm

Free for members and guests

Book [here](#).





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## MRBW: Now We Are Ten

Since its inception in 2012, Melbourne Rare Book Week has become an important festival in Melbourne's cultural life. Current program director Emeritus Professor Chris Browne will reflect on its evolution, from the original concept to its tenth iteration.

He will take a book collector's view of its importance, as well as discuss its international significance as a model for similar festivals.

### Details

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Doors open 6pm, talk from 6.30pm

Free for members and guests

Book [here](#).



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## Member Tours

Members are invited to bring along a guest and learn some of the Athenæum's stories and secrets during our monthly member tours.

Tours are free and are held on the third Monday of each month. The next tour is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in the foyer.

Bookings are essential, by either calling the library on 9650 3100, emailing [library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au](mailto:library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au) or [via this link](#).

Wednesday evening tours and Saturday morning tours are also being considered, subject to demand. If you are interested in attending a tour on those days please speak to the library staff.

