



SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Library Closures

The library will be closed on Friday 27th September for the AFL Grand Final eve public holiday. The library will reopen on Saturday 28th September.

The library will also be closed on Friday 18th October due to an ABC Radio event taking place in the theatre and the library.

eBooks can be downloaded during the closures. If you need help setting up an eReader or downloading eBooks speak to the library staff.



Don's Party: Celebrating Don Smith's Contribution

Don Smith's enormous contribution to the library will be celebrated on Friday 13th September, with a host of performers taking to the stage for Don's Party.

Performers include Rebecca Barnard, Peter Baylor, Patrick Cronin, Ash Davies, Tanya-Lee Davies, Sally Ford, Michael Havir, Monique Dimattina, Sam O'Halloran, Gerard Rowan and Don's band The Crawdaddys.

Don's passion for live music was boundless and he was instrumental in bringing contemporary musicians (including Stranger Cole, pictured with Don) to the library. Many of the artists who perform for members are indebted to Don for introducing them to his beloved library.



Please join us in honouring his contribution to the library and its wonderful program of music.

Details

Friday 13th September
Doors open 5.30pm, performances from 6pm
Free for members, non-members \$20
Book [here](#).



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Journeys: Matsuo Bashō's Influence on Haiku

Matsuo Bashō (1644 - 1694) was the supreme Japanese haiku poet who greatly enriched the 17-syllable haiku form and made it an accepted medium of artistic expression.

His contribution and influence on the development of haiku will be the topic of a talk in the library by Alice Wanderer, a member of Melbourne's Fringe Myrtles haiku group.

Interested in haiku from an early age, Bashō at first put his literary interests aside and entered the service of a local feudal lord. After his lord's death in 1666, Bashō abandoned his samurai status to devote himself to poetry.

Moving to the capital city of Edo (now Tokyo), he gradually acquired a reputation as a poet and critic and in 1679 he wrote his first verse in the new style for which he came to be known.

Details

Saturday 7th September

Talk from 2pm

Free for members and non-members

Book [here](#).





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Seniors Festival Tours

Tours highlighting the library's history and archives will be held as part of this year's Seniors Festival, and members are welcome to attend.

In recent years these tours have been very popular with people attending Seniors Festival events, and they provide a terrific opportunity to introduce the library to a new audience. We thank members for their patience while these tours are underway.

Tours are free but bookings are required as numbers are limited.

Details

Monday 7th October to Saturday 12th October

Free for members and non-members

Book [here](#).

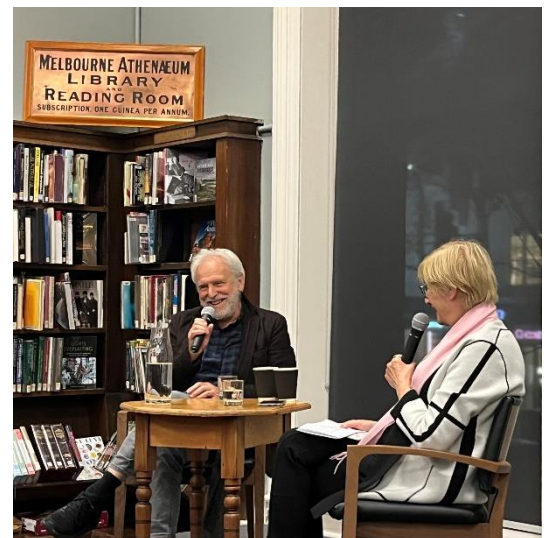


Readings Podcast

For those who missed out on attending, or those who would like to hear it again, the Rare Book Week conversation between legendary bookseller Mark Rubbo and literary columnist and author Jane Sullivan is now available as a podcast.

From his days with one Readings outlet in Carlton to presiding over eight shops, Mark Rubbo spent almost 50 years in the business until he retired as Readings managing director last year. During his time at Readings he nurtured new Australian writers and fought off a challenge from the Borders behemoth.

The library hosted this popular event as part of Rare Book Week. To hear the podcast click [here](#).





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Music Performance: Affinity Quartet Part 2

Affinity Quartet's September performance has booked out – but there's still a chance to catch part three of Beethoven's Opus 18 on Friday 15th November.

The Opus 18 is considered by many to be an expression of total mastery of the string quartet form.

Save the date and keep an eye out for the October eNews, which will contain booking information.



Ned Kelly Awards Shortlist Announced

Eight books have made it to the shortlist for the Ned Kelly Awards for Best Crime Fiction – and they can all be found on the library shelves.

The awards are given out each year by the Australian Crime Writers Association to recognise and celebrate crime fiction.

The shortlisted books for the Best True Crime, Best Debut, Best International and Best Crime Fiction awards are *Killer Traitor Spy* (Tim Ayliffe), *Dark Corners* (Megan Goldin), *Dark Mode* (Ashley Kalagian Blunt), *Darling Girls* (Sally Hepworth), *The Seven* (Chris Hammer), *Ripper* (Shelley Burr), *The Tea Ladies* (Amanda Hampson) and *Everyone on this Train is a Suspect* (Benjamin Stevenson).

Winners will be announced in September.

