



OCTOBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Music Event: Phil Manning and Mark Ferrie

Phil Manning and Mark Ferrie both have long pedigrees in the Australian music industry.

Phil is a founding member of legendary OzBlues band Chain, a solo performer and session musician. And Mark is a long-time member of The Models, a bassist with the Rockwiz Orchestra and a founding member of many Melbourne acts including The Sacred Cowboys and The Mercurials.

They are both also excellent songwriters, each with their distinctive styles and approaches. At this special event they will perform songs, and discuss and share personal insights into their careers.



Details

Friday 10th October

Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

Book [here](#).

Talk by Artist Alissa Duke

What happens to the books no-one wants? Join a talk by artist and librarian Alissa Duke who draws in books that are about to be discarded.

Alissa draws an image with watercolour pencils, inspired by words on the page, and the books are given a new life, to be appreciated by a new audience. This talk questions preconceptions about writing and drawing in books, and discusses giving value to otherwise valueless books. Alissa will talk about her creative process and the event will include a display of some of her books.



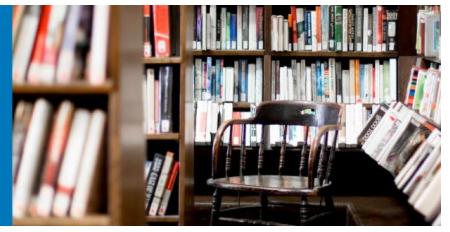
Details

Saturday 11th October

Doors open 2.40pm, talk from 3pm

Free for members and non-members

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Sculpture Unveiling and Artist Talk

Our 2025 artist-in-residence, sculptor William Eicholtz, will return to the library on Saturday 18th October to unveil the sculpture he worked on during his residency and to speak about his art.

Members and their guests are invited to attend.

William was a terrific addition to our library and was a star attraction during the Open House Melbourne weekend. He revelled in speaking about his work to library members and visitors, and spoke warmly about his long-held connection with the Ath.

William worked here in the early 1980s as a prop maker and sculptor, and decided to reference one of the productions he worked on, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, when creating an artwork as part of his residency. William created a beautiful wax sculpture that has been cast in bronze and will be added to our collection of artworks.

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Author Talk: Susannah Fullerton

Join author and literary lecturer Susannah Fullerton for a talk on her latest book, *Great Writers and the Cats that Owned Them*.

In this illustrated talk, Susannah will explore the special bond between renowned writers and their feline companions. She will discuss how from Dickens to Hemingway cats have inspired literary works, brought comfort and become cherished muses.

Susannah has been President of the Jane Austen Society of Australia for 30 years, and was awarded an OAM for her Services to Literature.

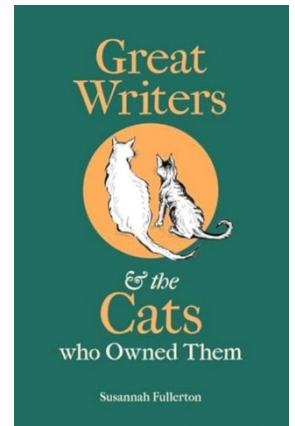
Details

Thursday 23rd October

Doors open 6.30pm, talk from 7pm

Free for members and non-members

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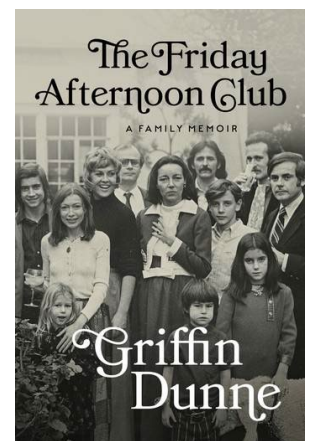


Book Recommendation

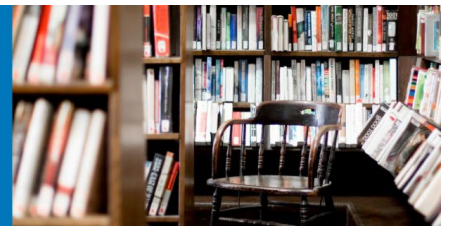
Business manager Lawana Coulson recommends *The Friday Afternoon Club* by Griffin Dunne.

The publisher describes *The Friday Afternoon Club* as a “charming, hilarious account of Griffin Dunne's coming of age among a family of larger-than-life characters in Hollywood and Manhattan”.

“At eight, Sean Connery saved him from drowning. In his early 20s, he shared a Manhattan apartment with his best friend and soulmate Carrie Fisher while she was filming some sci-fi movie called *Star Wars* and he was a struggling actor selling popcorn at Radio City Music Hall. A few years later, he produced and starred in the now-iconic film *After Hours*, directed by Martin Scorsese. In the midst of it all, Griffin's 22-year-old sister, Dominique, a rising star in Hollywood, was brutally strangled to death by her ex-boyfriend, leading to one of the most infamous public trials of the 1980s. The outcome was a travesty of justice that marked the beginning of their father Dominick Dunne's career as a bestselling author of true crime narratives.”



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Music event: Ysaÿe and Schulhof

Esteemed Melbourne violinist Jaso Sasaki and cellist Rosanne Hunt will present rarely performed yet exquisite solo sonatas by Ysaÿe, and then combine for the ravishing Schulhof duo, full of profound melodic lines as well as earthy folk themes.

Eugène-Auguste Ysaÿe (1858–1931) was a Belgian virtuoso violinist, composer and conductor, regarded as The King of the Violin. Erwin Schulhof (1894-1942) was one of the most popular Czech composers of his time, but his premature death in the Wülzburg concentration camp in 1942 signalled the almost total erasure of his work from music history.



Finnish violinist Jaso Sasaki is renowned in his own right as a virtuoso player and he performs widely in Melbourne. Rosanne Hunt is a well-known Melbourne cellist with an eclectic career embracing early music and contemporary repertoire and everything in between.

Details

Friday 24th October

Doors open 5.40pm, music from 6pm

Free for members, \$20 non-members

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Upcoming Events

More details will follow in our upcoming eNews but some dates to add to your diaries are:

- Friday 14th November, contemporary music, Shuffle Club
- Thursday 20th November, author talk by Setken
- Friday 21st November, classical music, Partridge Quartet (pictured)
- Friday 12th December, classical music, Inventi Ensemble plays The Nutcracker.





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