



SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Public Holiday, Overdrive and Time Change

The library will be closed on Friday 25th September for the Grand Final Eve public holiday. It will reopen at 10am on Saturday 26th September.

Our apologies to anyone who was impacted by the recent login problems with Libby and OverDrive, and thank you for your patience while we worked to fix them. The problem has been resolved and all members should be able to access these platforms. If you have any difficulties please speak to the library staff for assistance.

Also, a reminder that *Shut Up and Write* will be held on Saturday 19th September from 2pm to 3pm. Bookings are not necessary.

Talk: Melbourne's Fascinating Trams

A rumbling journey through time, *TRAM* is a book of stories, a celebration of the city's living veins.

From the horse-drawn carriages of the 1880s to the sleek modern trams of today, author Greg Gardiner takes us on a fascinating ride through the history and memory of a unique urban icon. *TRAM* celebrates the world's largest tram network, weaving together history, memory and imagination to tell the stories of a city in motion. Greg Gardiner is a former tram driver and head of research in the Victorian Parliamentary Library.



Details

Thursday 10 September

Doors open 6.40pm

Talk from 7pm

Free for members and non-members

Book [here](#).



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Music Event: Partridge String Quartet

The Partridge String Quartet returns to the library on Friday 11th September with a program of works by contemporary Australian composer Holly Harrison and French composer Claude Debussy (1862-1918).

Holly Harrison's music has been described as "exploding off the page" and full of "riotous energy, eclectic rhythmic complexity".

The quartet will play *Fluro Electric* by Harrison and *String Quartet in G Minor* by Debussy.

The Partridge String Quartet was formed at the Australian National Academy of Music in 2017 and strives to connect with their audiences through fresh and creative performances. They have collaborated with widely-recognised Australian artists and are engaged in festivals, concert series and projects around Australia.

The quartet is Jos Jonker, Rebecca Shirley and Eunise Cheng on violin and Daniel Smith on cello.



Details

Friday 11 September

Doors open 5.40pm

Music from 6pm

Free for members, \$25 for non-members

Book [here](#).





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Be Part of our Oral History Project

Members are invited to participate in our oral history project and contribute personal memories to our archival collection.

As Melbourne's oldest public cultural institution, our library has witnessed the city's evolution from its earliest days. Whether you are a long-time member, a frequent patron or someone with vivid memories of Melbourne's changing cultural landscape, your voice belongs in our archives.



Recordings take place in our library and participants receive a high-quality digital copy of their interview.

Your involvement:

- preserves Melbourne's cultural heart by helping us document the social, literary, and theatrical history of Collins Street
- shares your unique perspective by telling us your stories of our historic collection, book clubs, or past library events
- builds a living archive. Your audio recording will safely sit alongside founding records dating to 1839.

To express your interest please email oralhistoryath@proton.me or library@melbourneathenaeum.org.au or speak to one of the library staff.



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Book Recommendation

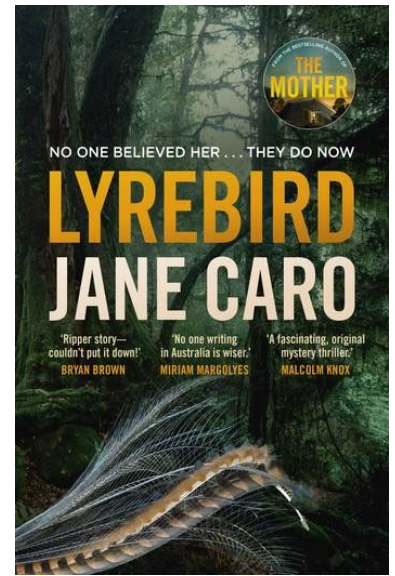
Lyrebird by Jane Caro has received strong praise from Library Manager Fiona, with her saying it is among her favourite fiction.

Lyrebirds are brilliant mimics, so if they mimic a woman screaming in terror and begging for her life, they have witnessed a crime.

But how does a young, hungover PHD student and a wet-behind-the-ears new detective convince anyone that a native bird can be a reliable witness to a murder, especially when there is no body and no missing person?

And what happens when they turn out to be right?

To view the library's latest acquisitions click [here](#). To view the library's catalogue click [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Check upcoming eNews for details and booking links for these events:

- October 5, 8, 10: Seniors Festival tours
- Friday 16 October: (contemporary) Stella Anning (pictured)
- Saturday 17 October: *Shut Up and Write*
- Tuesday 27 October: talk on the art of haiku
- Saturday 31 October: haiku workshop
- Saturday 14 November: drawing workshop with Alissa Duke.



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