



## July 2021 Newsletter

### Book review by Sally Dean of “The Museum of Modern Love” by Heather Rose

This isn't one of my favourites but it is fascinating. The story centres around a real event, The Artist Is Present. Marina Abramovic sat at a table, for 8 hours a day for 3 months in The Atrium at MoMA, New York, in 2010. The public could queue to sit opposite her, for as short or long a time as they wanted, as long as they didn't move or speak; just to look into Marina's eyes. 1554 people did this, including Alan Rickman, Lou Reed and Bjork, while more than 850,000 people watched.

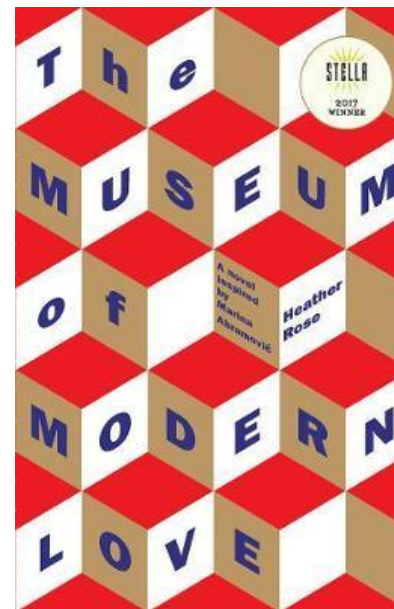
The fictional characters include a composer, Arky Levin, whose wife has exiled herself in a nursing home after a long term illness was worsening, and Jane Miller, a recently widowed woman from out of state. Other characters, both fictional and real, are written about as the story weaves around those watching. We learn more of why Arky's wife withdrew from him; his relationship with his daughter, and his new film score project, for a Japanese adult animation. Jane slowly comes to terms with her life, and plans form, as she sits and watches, to go walking, in Spain.

This won the Stella Prize in 2017, and some reviewers have given 5 stars, but I gave 3. It does make one question.. What is art? Especially when I read up on what was factual about Marina's exhibitions. Not what I would think of as art, but it would challenge those who visited her exhibitions.

## On the Couch Tuesday 6 July at 4.30 pm

An inspired afternoon of lively chat about the latest books, publishing trends, reviews and what's on. Come and join us for a range of new reads, wine and nibbles and lots of laughter. Bring along your favourite book to share.

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# Alexandra Library

## July at your Library...

### MONDAYS

Baby Rhyme Time 10.30 am

### TUESDAYS

Movie Tuesday 4.00 pm

\*Tuesday 13 and 27 July

### THURSDAYS

Poetry Writing Group 10.00 am

\*Thursday 10 and 24 July

Storytime 11.00 am

Chess Club 4.00 pm

### FRIDAYS

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\*Friday 2 and 16 July

Scrabble 2.00 pm

Knitting Crew 2.00 pm

EFPG 3.30 pm

### SATURDAYS

French Conversation 10.30 am

\*Saturday 10 and 24 July

### NAIDOC Week

#### Special Event Screening

'Servant or Slave?'

Tuesday

13 July

4.00 pm



### LIBRARY EVENTS

#### On The Couch

Tuesday 6 July at 4.30 pm

#### School Holidays Movie Tuesday

Tuesday 6 at 11.30 am, 2.00 pm, 4.00 pm

#### Mindfulness Monday

##### Female Archetypes

Monday 12 July at 11.30 am

#### Friends Of the Library Alexandra

##### \*Regular Meeting

Tuesday 20 July at 6.00 pm

#### Welcome Group

Wednesday 21 July at 11.00 am

#### Wellness Wednesday

##### Empty Nest Nutrition

Wednesday 28 July at 11.00 am

### SPECIAL EVENTS

## HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY

### Special Event Screening

'Harry Potter: Whistle-Blower Hero'

Friday 30 July

4.00 pm

### Birthday Party

Food and Games

Saturday 31 July

10.00 am



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## **Woo Hoooo! It's the holidays! Come and hang out at the Library.**

We've got books and games, a warm, relaxed vibe and yes, maybe even an iPad or 3. Plus some extra special school holiday plans listed below.

Tuesday 29 June, Alexandra

Movies

'Forest Fairies' [rated G] 11.30 am

'Rise of the Eco Warriors' [rated PG] 2.00 pm

'About An Age' [rated MA 15+] 4.00 pm \*you must be over 15 to watch this movie

Friday 2 July Science and Space Virtual Reality (VR) Workshop

Alexandra - 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

All our regular baby and toddler programs - Baby Bounce, Storytime, Baby Rhyme Time, New Parents Group, will run as usual.

For more info, check out our Library Events Listing <https://bit.ly/MLSeventshome> or give us a call on 5772 0333

All Library activities are free, but space is limited so please book

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## **The Friends of the Library Alexandra and District Inc Bookshop**

Bookshop has a huge range of books, novels, magazines, Military, Biography, Art, History and Children's Books.

99 Grant Street Alexandra Open 7 days a week

**Donations Welcome**

Funds raised provide for events and resources to enhance the reach and services of the Alexandra library into our community and for the enjoyment of our library patrons. Friends is the major sponsor for most speaker visits and special Alexandra library events.



If you already receive the newsletter by email you are a member until January 2022.

## Friends of the Alexandra Library

- Member 2021 \$5
- Second Member 2021 \$5
- 10 year membership \$50

**Also, I'd like give a donation to help Friends support library activities and projects**

- \$5  \$10  \$50  
( thank you )

*Please pay at the Alexandra Library counter*

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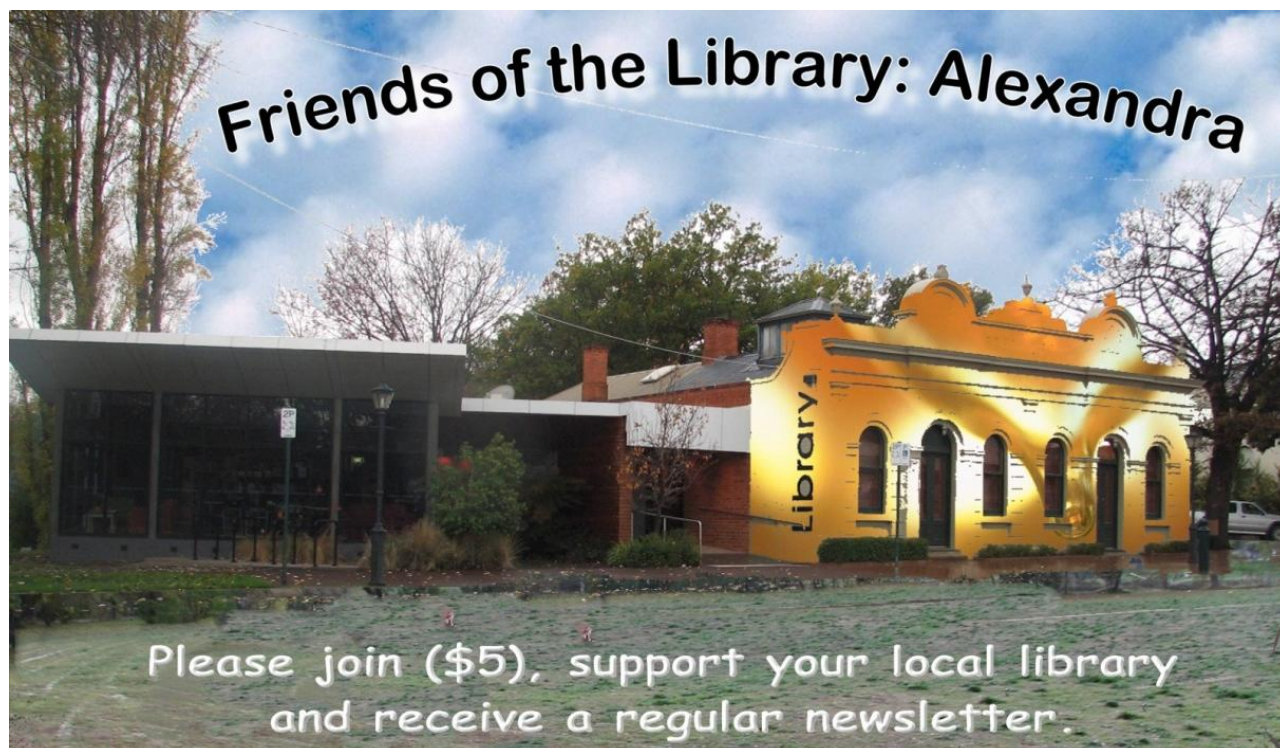
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Book reviews, reviews of events, photos, stories of how libraries affected your life, recipes...

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