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COVER: Staff at Greene County Public Library in Ohio get into the Star Wars spirit, and although we don't have the costumes we have plenty to satisfy Star Wars fans here at Masterton Library. The new Star Wars film opens on the 18th of December.

A Closer Look at Our People

This month we feature two members of staff, Andrew and Laura, who are working at the Library over the Summer. If they look familiar there's a good reason - Andrew has been working here as a Student Shelver for several years, and Laura's two older sisters have previously worked at the Library.

Hi, my name is Andrew Miles and I am a Student Shelver here at Masterton Library. My main role is shelving the returns, however I also help with processing and serving at the desk. Over the summer I am also going to be a member of the Summer Reading Programme team (for the fourth time!). Next year I will be leaving Masterton to attend Victoria University where I intend to complete a double degree.



Hi, my name is Laura Cheetham and I am working on the Summer Reading Programme this year. I have just finished my first year at University (studying Event Management and Marketing) after taking a gap year in Canada. After the fun my sisters have had working at the Library, I gladly jumped on board to keep up the family tradition. I can't wait to see what the summer has in store!





From your Library...

Library Manager, Sandy Green

Holiday Reading

It's time to start thinking about your holiday reading and placing reserves to ensure you get to read what you want to over the Christmas/New Year break. Remember it is free to reserve books and important to get your name on the list for the more popular titles - the earlier the better. In fact reserves can even be placed on books that are still on order and haven't actually been received yet. There are no limits on the number of reserves you place or on the number of books you borrow.

We have author lists available to help with your selecting, and we will be adding to these with lists of the Top 50 Reserved Titles across SMART for the different categories – Fiction, Picture Books etc. Ask the Library staff for assistance if you are struggling to find what to read next. We will be adding new books right up to the start of the holiday period and will continue to add new books during December and January. Check the 'What's New' link on the right hand side of our Catalogue Search page to see what has just been made available, and the 'Coming Soon' link to see what's on order. By clicking the book image you can link to the record and place a free reserve.

The holiday period could also be an opportunity for you to take advantage of our online services. In addition to the audio and e-books available through ePukapuka, and the online learning for all things

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The Library is closing for the 4 days at Christmas and New Year so make sure that you have enough reading to see you through (plus a few spares in case a book doesn't appeal as you thought it might). I used to feel that I should persist and read everything that I took home. As I have become older I realise that there are far too many books to read, new titles are coming out faster than I can hope to keep up, and I no longer have the time to read the books that don't appeal to me.

Hoping that you all have a relaxing break. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Top Reserves for 2015

Below are the Top Ten most reserved FICTION titles for 2015. Reserve your copy for some great holiday reading (and maybe get some inspiration for Christmas gifts).

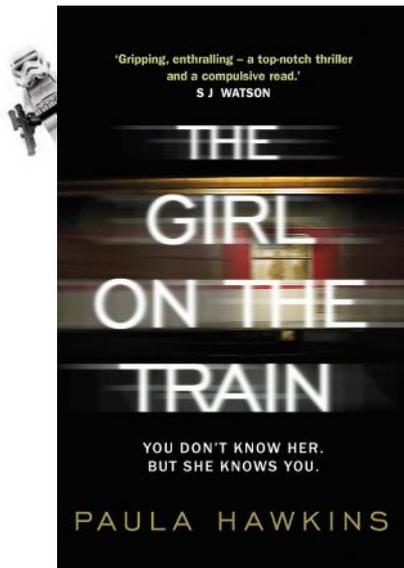
1. The Girl On The Train
Paula Hawkins

2. All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr

3. Make Me
Lee Child

4. Mightier than the Sword
Jeffrey Archer

5. A God In Ruins
Kate Atkinson



6. Without A Trace
Lesley Pearce

7. The Little Paris Bookshop
Nina George

8. The Chimes
Anna Small

9. The Stranger
Harlan Coben

10. 14th Deadly Sin
James Patterson

The Girl On The Train (a psychological thriller which debuted at No.1 on the NY Times Fiction best sellers list and remained there for 13 weeks) was far and away our most popular book for 2015 and was reserved more than twice as many times as the next most popular book. The most requested book by a New Zealand author was **Chappy** by Patricia Grace.

The Top Five most reserved Non-Fiction titles for 2015 were: **The Official New Zealand Road Code 2015/16**; **The Good Doctor: breaking the rules, making a difference** by Lance O'Sullivan; **Easy Weekday Meals: simple, healthy, delicious recipes** by Nadia Lim; **I Quit Sugar For Life: your fad-free wholefood wellness code and cookbook** by Sarah Wilson; and **The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up: the Japanese art of decluttering and organizing** by Marie Kondo.

The Top Five most reserved children's books for 2015 (**The 52-Storey Treehouse**, **The 65-Storey Treehouse**, **The 26-Storey Treehouse**, **The 13-Storey Treehouse**, and **The 39-Storey Treehouse**) were all written by Andy Griffiths (see our profile of Andy on page 9). The next most requested book was **Awful Auntie** by David Walliams.

The Force Awakens



A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away... or in a library very near you.

This month sees the release of Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens, perhaps the most keenly anticipated film in motion picture history. The movie, which takes up events some 30 years after The Return of the Jedi is directed and co-written by J.J. Abrams and sees the return of iconic characters such as Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Chewbacca. Hype for the film has been building for several years and all will be revealed when the film screens to an expectant public on the 18th of December (including here in Masterton at the Regent 3 Cinemas).

The original Star Wars movie (Episode IV: A New Hope) was released in 1977 and went on to become a pop culture phenomenon, spawning two sequels, three prequels, an animated television series, video games, toys, and hundreds and hundreds of books. Here at Masterton Library we have a huge range of Star Wars related books and they can be found in virtually every collection, catering to both the older fans of the original films, and the younger fans who have come on board more recently.

Books that re-tell the Star Wars story, and stories from an extended Star Wars universe, can be found in our Early Readers, Junior Fiction,

Graphic Novels and Adult Fiction collections. There are also books on the making of the films and visual encyclopedias of the characters and spacecraft in Non Fiction, and even a Haynes Owners Workshop Manual for the Death Star. We also have copies of the actual movies themselves available on DVD.

One particularly popular expansion from the original movie is LEGO Star Wars, a winning combination of one of the most popular movies of all time, and one of the most popular toys of all time. The first LEGO Star Wars kits appeared in 1999 and enable modellers to recreate scenes and spacecraft from the films, complete with stylised reproductions of the characters. They can then go on to make new creations and stories. Star Wars LEGO reproductions have featured in a number of video games, films, homemade Internet clips and books, many of which are available from the Masterton Library.

With the new film coming out, and more to come in the future, expect to see even more Star Wars related books available from the Library. There are 11 Lego Stormtroopers in this month's issue, can you find them all.

Hot News on Hot Picks

Observant Library users may have noticed that we have changed the colour of the stickers on our 'Hot Picks' books from beige to a rather fetching aqua marine. Even more observant users will notice that we have extended the issue period from two weeks to three. That's right - the rental is still \$2, but you now get an extra week to read these popular titles. Whether you choose to see this as paying for two weeks and getting one week free, or now paying only 9 cents a day for the latest best sellers is up to you. Either way its a great deal for reading the hottest authors from around the world.



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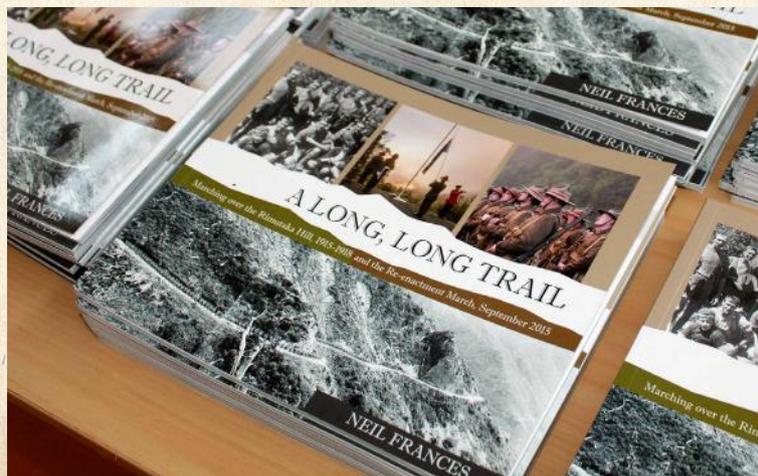
From The Wairarapa Archive

Wairarapa Archive and Fraser Books launched a new book on Sunday the 29th of November. **A Long, Long Trail** by archivist Neil Frances, tells the story of the troop marches over the Rimutaka Range during World War One. From 1915-1918 infantry reinforcement groups totalling over 30,000 men, marched the almost 40km from either the Tauherenikau or Featherston camps, to the camp at Trentham. From there the men were transported on to Wellington where they boarded troopships and headed for action on the Western Front.

The first part of the book deals with the experiences of these men. The second part of the book is about the re-enactment of the wartime crossings which took place on 27 September this year. Organised by Tweet Bird of Masterton, around 250 people, some in wartime uniform, trekked from the old Featherston camp to Kaitoke, a distance of about 22km. As with the Great War marches the re-enactors were fed at the Rimutaka Summit, and a stone and steel monument to the wartime marches was unveiled.

The book features almost 100 photos (historical and contemporary) and includes a list of those who took part in the commemorative march in 2015, over half of whom were descendants of troops who had been part of the wartime marches.

A Long, Long Trail is available at the Wairarapa Archive for \$30.



What's on in the Library (and the wider Wairarapa)

Story-Go-Round - Stories and crafts for Pre-schoolers (last session for the year)
Masterton District Library
2nd December, 10:30am

Masterton Christmas Parade
North End of Queen Street
5th December, 12:30pm

Summer Reading Programme
Masterton District Library
7th December - 20th January 2016

Shihad
King Street Live, Masterton
11th December, 8:30pm

A Very Wairarapa Christmas
Carterton Events Centre
13th December, 10:30am - 3:00pm

Star Wars VII : The Force Awakens
Regent 3 Cinemas, Masterton
17th December 2015



Gypsy Travellers Fair
Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton
31st December, 9:00am



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We have lunch vouchers from Taste Cafe next to the library and Ice Choc vouchers from Trocadero cafe. Plus many more prizes to be won this month! Be the first to know about events on in the library.



Featured Author: Andy Griffiths

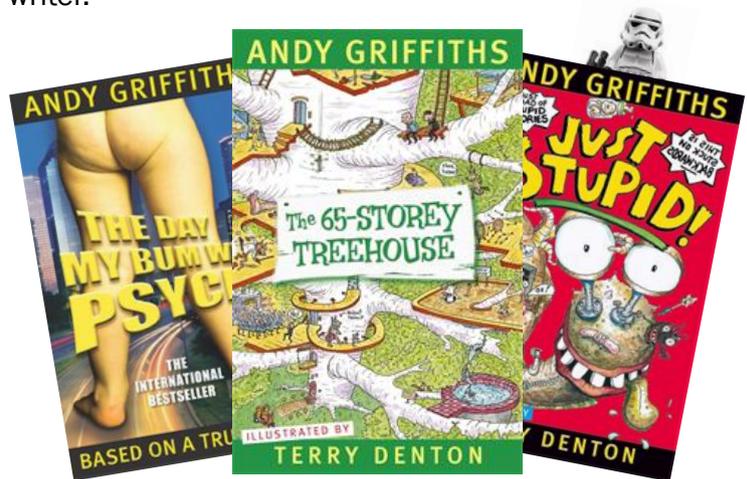


Andrew 'Andy' Griffiths was born on the 3rd of September 1961 in Melbourne, Australia, the city where he still lives with his wife and two daughters. Andy worked as a taxi driver, English teacher, and singer/songwriter for various punk rock groups before becoming a writer, publishing his first book '**Just Tricking**' in 1997. He has gone on to become one of the most popular contemporary children's writers - his books have been translated into 21 languages, regularly appear in best seller lists and amongst our most reserved titles, and have sold more than 6 million copies.

Griffiths recalls that as a young boy he would fill note books with scraps of writing and entertain classmates with his crazy, funny stories. He became inspired to try writing as a career while working as an English teacher. "I met a lot of students who thought that books were boring and I started writing little stories to make them laugh and show them that reading can be a lot of fun."¹

Griffiths' first book has been followed by 35 others including the '**Just**' series, the '**Bum**' series, and the '**Treehouse**' series - currently at five titles with a sixth volume (**The 78-Storey Treehouse**) currently in production. Many of these books are illustrated by Terry Denton, a fellow Melbournite and together they have come up with a recipe kids find very appealing. They are crazily inventive and wildly funny. Griffiths says that he's "...constantly asking. 'what's the worst thing that can happen next?' and then making it happen. I also try to work out what the reader might be expecting to happen and then surprise them by doing the opposite."¹

Andy Griffiths recently bumped J.K. Rowling into second spot as the most popular children's author in the Whitcoulls bestsellers list. He's our most reserved children's author here at the Masterton Library, but fortunately we have a good supply of his works available for the many fans of this wacky and extremely talented writer.



1 www.andygriffiths.com.au/faq/

Zinio brings digital magazines to Masterton Library

Zinio for Libraries, is a multi-platform online distribution service that allows Public Libraries to give their users access to digital magazines (or eZines). Masterton Library has joined hundreds of libraries around the world in offering this service to all of our card holders. Zinio provides access to a huge range of titles, covering a broad range of interests and sourced from publishers around the world.

We have subscribed to 27 titles through Zinio. These include some old favourites such as **The Australian Women's Weekly**, **National Geographic**, and **New Zealand Gardener**. We are also excited to be offering

some new titles to our users such as **Peppermint**, **RV Travel Lifestyle**, and **Empire**. There are also a couple of titles we think will appeal to our younger users, **Horrible Histories** and **Pets**.

A link to Zinio for Libraries will soon be available from the Library website. From there it is simply a matter of creating an online account with Zinio. To register you will need your library card number, an email address, and to come up with a password for your account. You will then have access to the magazines we have subscribed to which you can download and keep.

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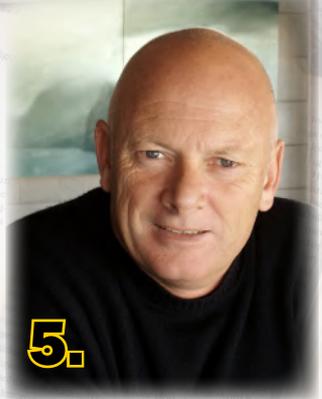
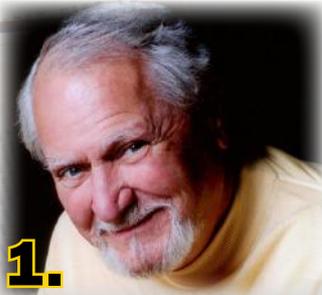
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How Well Do You Know Your Authors?

We often know authors by name, but would you recognise them if you saw them in the street? Try putting a name to the face of these 10 well-known authors. Answers on Pg.12



The 10 authors are: Dan Brown, Deborah Challinor, Lee Child, Patricia Cornwell, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Lloyd Jones, Marian Keyes, James Patterson and Lesley Pearce.

Christmas & New Year Hours



Thursday	24 Dec.	10.00 - 3.00
Friday	25 Dec.	Closed
Saturday	26 Dec.	Closed
Sunday	27 Dec.	Closed
Monday	28 Dec.	Closed
Tuesday	29 Dec.	10.00 - 5.00
Wednesday	30th Dec.	10.00 - 5.00
Thursday	31st Dec.	10.00 - 3.00
Friday	1st Jan.	Closed
Saturday	2nd Jan.	Closed
Sunday	3rd Jan.	Closed
Monday	4th Jan.	Closed

Normal hours from Tuesday the 5th of January

The Wairarapa Archive will close at 5pm on Thursday the 24th of December and reopen from 1pm on Tuesday the 5th of January.

The Staff of the Masterton District Library and Wairarapa Archive would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

How well do you know your authors?

The pictured authors are: 1. Clive Cussler 2. Janet Evanovich 3. Lesley Pearce 4. James Patterson 5. Lloyd Jones 6. Deborah Challinor 7. Patricia Cornwell 8. Dan Brown 9. Marian Keyes 10. Lee Child.

