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COVER: It's December, a busy time at the library as not only do we have Christmas to contend with, but it's also the start of the Summer Reading Programme. This year's theme is Sail Into Summer Reading, a repetition of the theme used for the first programme twenty years ago. We can't promise plain sailing with your present shopping, holiday plans, or preparations for Christmas dinner, but taking a well-deserved break for some reading should provide the illusion at least, of clear skies and calm seas.

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Getting to know your Library staff in ten questions...

What is your name?

Paul Greville



Where were you born?

Buckinghamshire, England

Favourite book from your Childhood?

The Monster at the end of this Book / Jon Stone

What is your position at Masterton Library?

Techy McPlugface

Have you had any previous, non-librarian jobs?

Celebrity babysitter, semi-pro busker, costumed crime-fighter, tamagotchi vet, professional toy tester, Y2K extortionist. You don't know what I've seen, man.

Name the book and author you are reading at the moment

Leviathan Wakes - James S.A. Corey

Name a book you haven't read but know you should:

If Chins Could Kill (confessions of a B-movie actor)
 Bruce Campbell

If you had one magazine subscription it would be for...

Miniature Donkey Quarterly (for the Sudoku)

Favourite place to read...

Away from my children.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what one book would you want with you?

A Complete Handbook of Wooden Boat Construction - Howard I. Chapelle



From your Library...

Library Manager, Sandy Green

Summer Reading is one of the times that the Library becomes an even busier place. The Programme brings a change of emphasis for the Library, and all of the staff contribute to its success. Over three months of preparation, programme delivery and clean up are necessary to deliver a quality programme to over 400 Masterton children and their caregivers. Even though some staff do not work for our children's services directly, they take on tasks children's staff don't have time for, and work on the service desk more often, issuing the increased numbers of items and assisting customers.

Spring and autumn are garden and outdoor times, and when the summer and winter come it is often too cold or too hot for outdoor activities, and sitting reading is a preferred activity for many. There is an increase in issues at these times, the hotter it gets the more books we issue. The staff selecting the books spend a larger amount of their budget in the first half of the year to support the Summer Reading Programme and your holiday reading. They purchase new books to entice you to spend more time reading and relaxing and taking full advantage of the time away from your work, or other commitments, and to recharge your batteries.

Reserving items to make certain that you have the holiday reading you want is easy. Use the online catalogue at www.library.mstn.govt.nz. If you do not have a PIN or need to be shown how to do this, please ask the staff. There are no limits on the number of items you can borrow at a time, and no limit on reserves or charge for placing them, so make sure that you have plenty of reading material organised for the times that we are closed (check out the back of the magazine). If you would like assistance to select your books, or are unable to come into the library for some reason, we are here to help. Please just ask at the desk or let your fingers do the walking and give us a call, we can arrange for items to be selected for you and picked up or delivered.

To all of you from the Masterton District Library and Wairarapa Archive staff have a great break and enjoy your reading time. Thank you for using us in 2016 and we look forward to serving you in 2017.



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random fun stuff.**

The Summer Reading Programme

The Summer Reading Programme has become a Summertime institution at Public libraries throughout the Eastern and Central Region. Since its inception in 1997, over 100,000 children from Gisborne in the North to Martinborough in the South have taken part in this popular reading initiative. Now entering its twentieth year, a second generation of library users are enjoying the fun, and gaining the benefits, of summer reading.

The idea of a summer reading programme was first conceived by the Eastern and Central Community Trust who approached Hastings Libraries about developing a programme for the region. A committee of librarians was formed to develop and manage the programme, and the rest, as they say, is history. The Eastern and Central Community Trust continue to be the principal sponsors of the programme, which aligns directly with their mandate of distributing funds for the benefit of our community. The Summer Reading Programme represents one of their larger financial commitments, and is one of the few to receive ongoing support.

The programme runs for six weeks over the summer holidays and participating children ‘report-in’ to their library at least four times during this period to talk with Library staff about their reading. At each report-in they receive a fun incentive prize and those who achieve the goal of four visits get to attend a final celebration where certificates and personally selected book prizes are handed out. Participation in the programme is completely free thanks to the Eastern and Central Community Trust’s sponsorship and programmes are also offered for intermediate aged children and those wanting to participate in Te Reo.

There are many positives gained from library reading programmes. They help foster a relationship between children, their caregivers, and library staff, and here at Masterton Library we have even had a former participant join the library staff and go on to a successful career in Library systems. They promote books and reading in a positive, fun way, and reward keen readers. The benefits of encouraging reading and literacy are of course huge and will benefit an individual and his or her community for a lifetime. The timing of the Summer Reading Programme is particularly useful as it helps combat the ‘summer slide’, a phenomenon where children on holiday can sometimes lose the reading progress they have made during the school year.



Masterton Library has been heavily involved in the Summer Reading Programme from the get-go, with several members of staff having served on the organising committee, including Library Manager Sandy Green who was the inaugural convenor. Offering the programme is a large undertaking, but also incredibly rewarding and something we see real benefit in doing. As Summer Reading enters its twentieth year we say congratulations to the sponsors, librarians and participants who have made it such a success.

Fiction on the High Seas

The theme of the 2016/17 Summer Reading Programme is 'Sail into Summer Reading'. Sailing and sailing boats, and the adventures that can be had upon them, have provided the inspiration for many works of fiction. Nautically based historical fiction is particularly popular and some of the most popular authors of the genre are Patrick O'Brian, Alexander Kent, and Julian Stockwin.

Patrick O'Brian (1914 - 2000) was an English novelist, best known for his Aubrey-Maturin series of novels which featured Royal Navy Captain Jack Aubrey and the Irish-Catalan physician Stephen Maturin, and were set during the Napoleonic Wars. His writing is highly regarded for its depiction of naval life and its authentic and evocative language. O'Brian, who published his first novel at the age of 15, wrote all his novels by hand and his wife Mary typed them up for delivery to the publishers.

Alexander Kent is the pen-name of English novelist Douglas Reeman (b. 1924) who has written maritime fiction based in the Second World War, and back to the Napoleonic Wars. Reeman himself joined the Royal Navy at the age of 16 and served during the

Second World War and the Korean War. His first novel 'A Prayer for the Ship' was a fictionalized version of 'his war', and although it was written more for his own satisfaction than out of hope of publication, it marked the beginning of a remarkable writing career. Reeman wrote 37 novels under his own name, and as Alexander Kent (the name of a childhood friend and fellow naval officer who was killed during WWII) he wrote 30 stories in the Richard Bolitho series which focus on the naval careers of Richard Bolitho and his nephew Adam and are set from 1772 to 1819.

At the age of 14 Julian Stockwin (b. 1944) was sent to the sea-training school Indefatigable and at 15 joined the Royal Navy, later transferring to the Royal Australian Navy when his family emigrated. He served for eight years in the Far East, Antarctica, and South Seas, and saw active service in the Vietnam War. On leaving the navy Stockwin trained, then practiced as an educational psychologist and started writing in 1996. Stockwin is best known for his Thomas Kydd series of novels which are based on real events and trace the naval adventures of Thomas Kydd after being pressed into service in 1793. Seventeen Kydd novels have been written to date, with an 18th scheduled to be released next year.

"Never mind manoeuvres, always go at them."
— Patrick O'Brian, Master and Commander

The Summer Reading Prog

The Summer Reading Programme has been running at Masterton Library for twenty years - meaning some of the original participants are now bringing their own children to the programme. It also means that over the years we've amassed 100s of photos of Summer Reading Programme events. Can you spot yourself, friends or family in any of these photos?



gramme - were you there?



It was twenty years ago today...

This year the Summer Reading Programme enters its 20th year, a fantastic achievement and one that has encouraged reading and its many associated benefits amongst thousands and thousands of children. It also presents an opportunity to look back at 1997 and see what else was happening twenty years ago, particularly in the world of books.

07 January The Spice Girls release their debut single 'Wannabe' in the US.

16 January *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson published.

20 January U.S. President Bill Clinton is inaugurated for his second term.

09 February The Simpsons surpasses The Flintstones as the longest-running prime-time animated series.

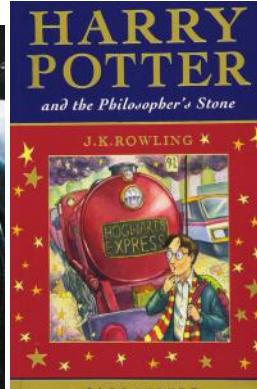
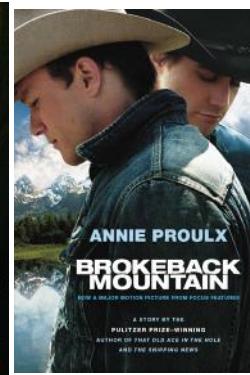
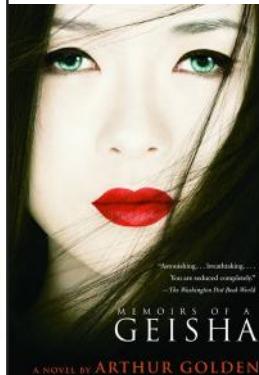
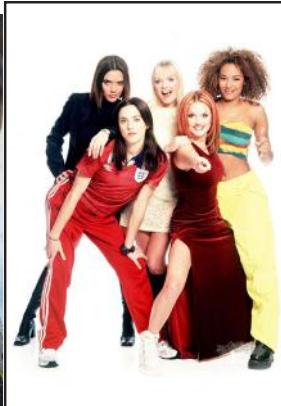
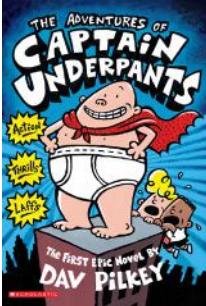
26 February *The Partner* by John Grisham published.

27 February divorce becomes legal in the Republic of Ireland.

March *Killing Floor*, the debut novel by Lee Child is published, the first appearance of Jack Reacher.

01 March *The Bone Collector* by Jeffrey Deaver, the first in the Lincoln Rhyme series, is published.

11 March Paul McCartney is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.



23 March British detective drama *Midsomer Murders* is broadcast for the first time.

05 April American poet Allen Ginsberg dies.

10 April Australian comedy movie *The Castle* released.

24 April golfer Lydia Ko born in Seoul, South Korea.

15 April *Game of Thrones* actress Maisie Williams born in Bristol, England.

25 April *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine published.

02 May the British Labour Party, led by Tony Blair, returns to power for the first time in 18 years.

14 May *London* by Edward Rutherfurd published.

12 May *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth (winner of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize) published.

17 May *The Perfect Storm: a True Story of Men Against the Sea* by Sebastian Junger published.

02 June Sharpe's Tiger by Bernard Cornwell (the first in the Sharpe series) published.

07 June Official opening of the reconstructed Globe Theatre in London.

26 June J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, is published.

01 July sovereignty over Hong Kong transfers from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China.

02 July The movie *Men In Black* is released. Actor Jimmy Stewart dies.

22 July *The Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman (second in the Dark materials series) published.

4 August Jeanne Calment, the world's longest-lived person, dies in France aged 122 years, 164 days.

11 August TVNZ launches Breakfast with hosts Mike Hosking and Susan Wood.

18 August *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom published.

31 August Diana, Princess of Wales, killed in a car crash in Paris.

01 September *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey published.

02 September *Deja Dead*, the first in the Temperance Brennan series by Kathy Reichs published.

05 September Mother Teressa dies.

23 September *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden published.

02 October *Moab is My Washpot*, an autobiography by Stephen Fry covering his first 20 years is published.

12 October Henry John Deutschendorf Jnr., Known professionally as John Denver, dies in plane crash.

13 October *Brokeback Mountain* by Annie Proulx published as a short story in *The New Yorker*.

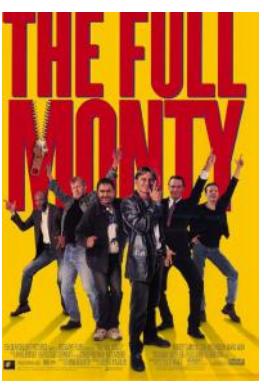
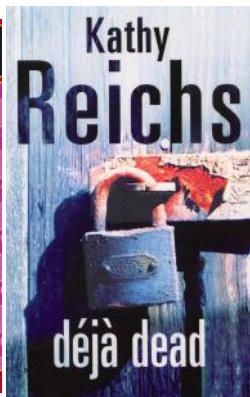
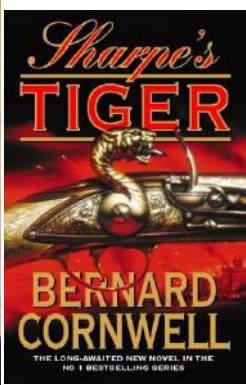
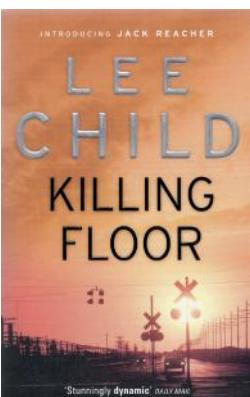
16 October novelist James A. Michener dies. British comedy-drama *The Full Monty* released.

November *Girls in Love* by Jacqueline Wilson published.

18 November James Cameron's movie *Titanic* released.

22 November INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence is found dead in a Sydney hotel room.

11 December the Kyoto Protocol on climate change is adopted by a United Nations Committee.



From The Wairarapa Archive...

Although you can safely sail into summer reading with the help of the Masterton Library, sailing along the Wairarapa coastline can be an altogether more dangerous pastime.

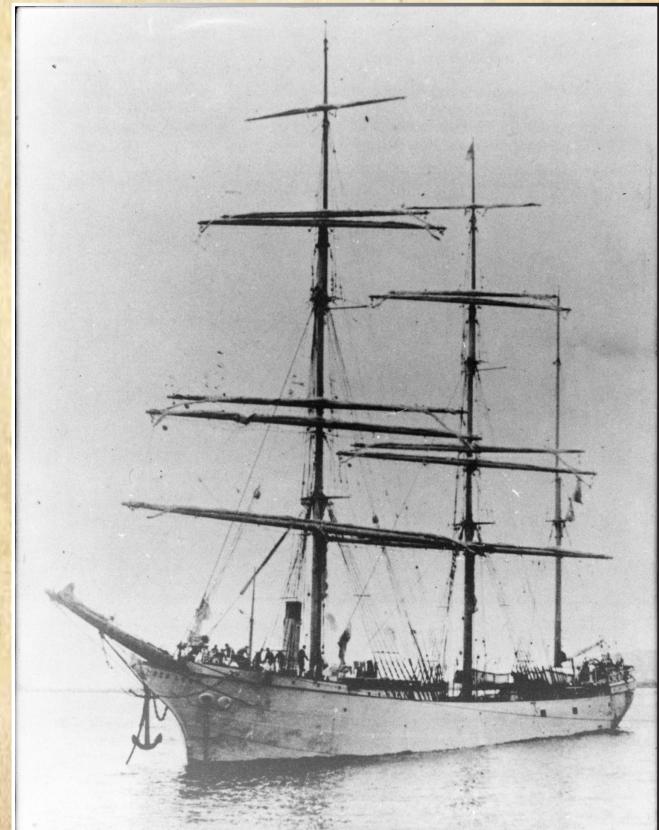
The Wairarapa Archive has just published a maritime history of Wairarapa entitled *Rugged Coast Rough Seas*, written by Kahutara-born archivist and marine historian Ken Scadden. It is a companion volume to Jim Graydon's excellent work on our coastal communities, *On the Edge*, taking the action off the edge and out to the perilous seas of Palliser Bay and Wairarapa's eastern coast.

Starting with Maui's fishing up of his giant fish, Te Ika Nui a Maui, the North Island, it tells of the first journeys of Kupe, and the arrival of the Rangitaane and Ngati Kahungunu settlers on the coast, then the various pakeha sailors who explored the Wairarapa coast starting with James Cook in 1769. The sealing, whaling and flax trading eras are covered, as is the long period when coastal shipping provided the main outlet for the produce of eastern sheep stations, and was also the main method of supplying goods to the staff working on these isolated farms.

The long history of shipwrecks on the Wairarapa coastline is documented in detail. Sailing ships were especially prone to problems in Palliser Bay, and a large number of ships were cast ashore on the southern beaches, sometimes with tragic loss of life. The sad fate of the sailors on the 'Zuleika', wrecked near Cape Palliser in 1897, is covered, as well as other well-known wrecks like the 'Addenda', 'White Swan' and 'Tuvalu'. The 'Ben Avon' a wreck still popular with local divers, and whose anchor rests on the side of the road near Cape Palliser, is also featured.

The erection of lighthouses at Cape Palliser in 1897 and Castlepoint in 1913 helped save many lives, although the coast remains rugged, and the seas are often rough.

Gareth Winter



'Ben Avon', a three masted barque, wrecked near Cape Palliser, 11 Nov 1903.

What's on in the Library this month...

Puanga Kohanga Te Reo Pre-School Programme

Thursday the 1st and 8th of December,
10:30am (Dec. 8th is the final session for the year)

Masterton District Library Book Sale

From Saturday the 3rd of December,

Summer Reading Programme

Reporting-in starts Monday the 5th of December
10:00am - 5:00pm

Story-Go-Round Pre-School Programme

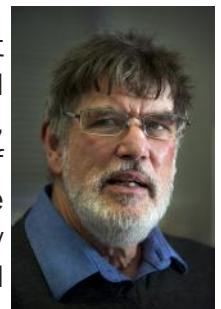
Wednesday the 7th of December,
10:30am (final session for the year)

Christmas Crafts

21st December
10:00am - 11:00am

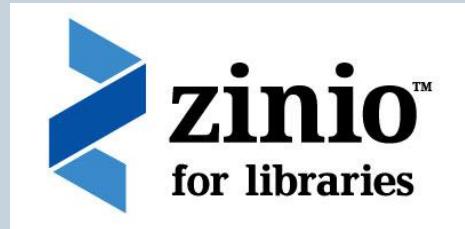
Neil Frances retirement.

After 31 years at the Masterton District Library and Wairarapa Archive, Neil Frances is making good his escape, and will be retiring on the 16th of December. Neil has made an incredible contribution to the service provided by both the Library and the Archive, and his local knowledge and expertise in military history will be irreplaceable. Neil has also written several books on military matters including last year's ***A long, long trail: marching over the Rimutaka Hill, 1915 -1918 and the re-enactment march, September 2015***. We wish Neil all the best for his well-earned retirement, but hope that from time-to-time we will still be able to draw on his knowledge.



Don't forget, even when the Library and Archive are closed many of our resources can be accessed online, 24/7 from the Masterton Library and Wairarapa Archive website. So while your library and archive team are enjoying a (dare-we-say-it) well-earned Christmas break, you can still access the latest books and magazines online through **Zinio** and **ePukapuka**, discover a wealth of local history through **Picture Wairarapa**, news from around the world via **NewsBank**, or gain knowledge and skills through **lynda.com**, all at www.library.mstn.govt.nz

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Christmas & New Year Hours

Friday 23 Dec.	10:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday 24 Dec.	CLOSED
Sunday 25 Dec.	CLOSED
Monday 26 Dec.	CLOSED
Tuesday 27 Dec.	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 Dec.	10:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday 29 Dec.	10:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 30 Dec.	10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 31 Dec.	CLOSED
Sunday 01 Jan.	CLOSED
Monday 02 Jan.	CLOSED
Tuesday 03 Jan.	CLOSED

Normal hours from Wednesday the 4th of January.

The Wairarapa Archive will close at 5pm on Friday the 23rd of December and reopen from 1pm on Wednesday the 4th of January.

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