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Summer Reading at

This edition of Shelf Life looks at the ways you can have a summer at home to enjoy.

Jeannette Walls author wrote: ‘One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by’, so important when there was no electric light or your parents insisted that the light was turned off and curtains pulled early evening. Opening the curtains a little gave enough light to read a book by without needing to turn on the light and alert the parents. My mother had very keen hearing, especially for light switches being turned on.

The library has many new books for the summer and reading resources that you can use to find a new author or the latest books by your favourite authors.

| What's New |
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| + Fiction |
| + Non Fiction |
| + For Teens |
| + For Children |
| Coming Soon |
| + Fiction |
| + Non Fiction |
| + For Teens |
| + For Children |

The online catalogue has links to the new books we have received in the last month or so plus the titles we have on order waiting for them to be published.

All the titles you find are able to be reserved for free and you can also reserve them across

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the Masterton District Library

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Our catalogue is available online 24/7 for you to access and place your reserves.

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Staff can also assist you with similar authors to those you enjoy reading and online we have LibraryThing for Libraries which gives you similar authors and the titles we have by them. Click on the title of a record to access the LibraryThing service.

For summer reading we also run lists of the most reserved items across SMART Libraries for the year and list the top 50 for you to check that you haven't missed something really popular.

We want you to enjoy summer reading and the staff are here to help you. Please ask them for assistance they can then use their professional knowledge to ensure you get the best out of your summer reading.

Sandy Green, Library Manager



Surviving Christmas

It's no surprise that Christmas can be the most stressful time of year for most people. Even if you do not participate or celebrate Christmas that time of year can be taxing. Businesses close, supermarkets are hectic and shops seem to be full of stressed people.

Christmas is probably never going to be entirely stress free but here are some tips that can help ease the load.

1. Manage expectations

Christmas is never going to be perfect whatever that means. Enevtibly an ingredient is missed for a dish or that particular gift that would be perfect for someone is sold out. But accepting that sometimes things will go wrong will help to ease the pressure.

2. Don't try and do everything yourself

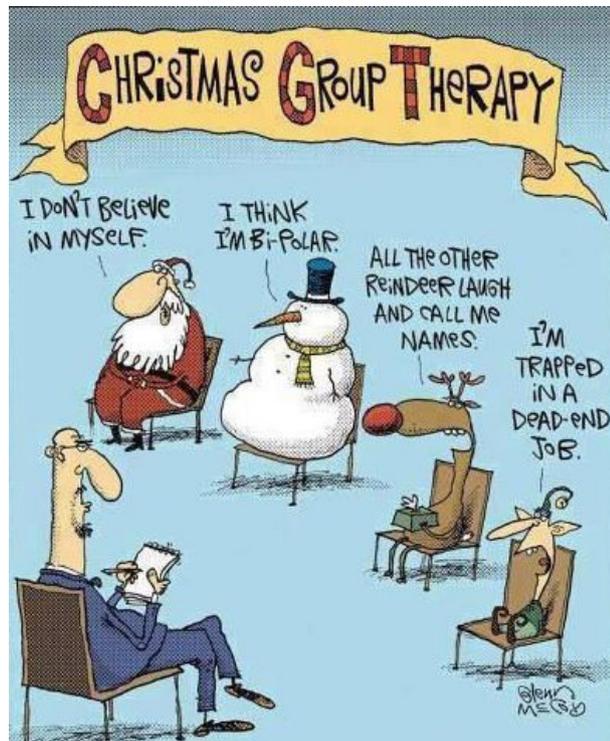
This is probably going to be the hardest one for the control freaks. The idea of letting others into their kitchen may fill them with dread! Get in touch with relatives that will be visiting if you are having Christmas at your place and work out what everyone will bring. Enlist the help of children for preparing food and setting the table as well as cleaning up.

3. Moderation

This can be tricky as we like to overindulge at Christmas. Whether its food or drink or the amount spent on presents moderation will help ease the burden. Setting a budget and sticking to it will most certainly ease the pressure in January. Likewise limiting the amount of alcohol will not only leave you headache free but there will likely be less chance of family bickering.

4. Nap

This may be my favourite tip. Do some fun activities with the kids such as trying out that cricket set for a spot of beach cricket, head to your local park for a game of soccer or good old fashioned scrabble or then head off for a well-deserved siesta. It will help the kids with all that extra energy they have from eating Christmas chocolate and they may settle down well for a sleep themselves or happily quiet in front of a DVD.



Surviving Christmas

5. Don't be alone

If it looks like you will be on your own why not invite a friend over? Or if you are up to it, find out if there is a charity that you could volunteer at. If neither of these options appeal stock up on your favourite foods and movies and enjoy your favourites.

6. Encourage tolerance

Family members at Christmas can be challenging to manage if at all. Encourage family members who are likely to bicker to put aside their differences for one day. If not, hey, at least you tried and remember that you can't control what other people do.

7. Do something charitable

Christmas is a good time to remind ourselves that we need to be generous to others that are not as fortunate. There are many ways in which we can help others without it costing a lot such as donating cans of food to the food bank, putting a present under a "giving tree" or having a family Christmas photo taken at one of the various fundraisers that pop up this time of year. This can be very good for children to participate in to help balance the commercial side of Christmas.

Charlotte Algie, Team Librarian

Free summer fun

- Organise a treasure hunt
- Build an outdoor fort to sleep under for a night
- Write and perform a play or make a home movie
- Play under the sprinkler (whilst simultaneously watering something)
- Pretend you're a tourist and discover your local history
- Take a photo essay of your back yard
- Play elastics! (kids, ask your mum about this one)



Summer Stargazing

"E tutaki ana nga kapua o te rangi, kei runga Mangoroa e kopae pu ana."

The clouds in the sky close in, but above them extends the milky way.

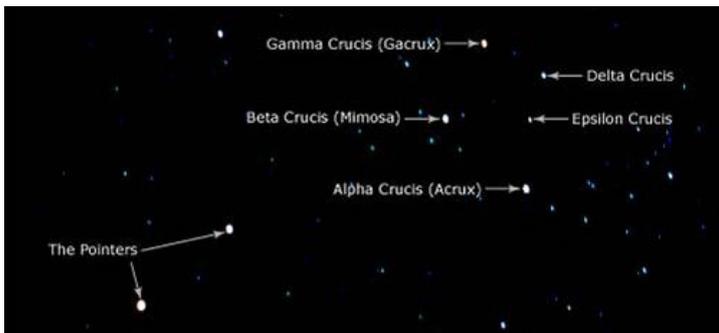
Did you know that the library has two telescopes that can be borrowed if some summer night stargazing takes your fancy.

The telescopes are available thanks to the generous efforts a number of members of the Masterton community. Their story began in 1975 with intermediate students Brett Barnes and Paul Hewson. Since then, they have been worked on by many loving hands, to be restored and made available to the Masterton public.

Two easily recognisable sign posts in the sky

Southern Cross (Crux)

There are a variety of interpretations of the Southern Cross in New Zealand. To Wairarapa Māori it is Māhutonga – a hole in Te Ikaroa (the Milky Way) through which storm winds escape. Seen in this way, the Crux looks more like a kite than a cross.

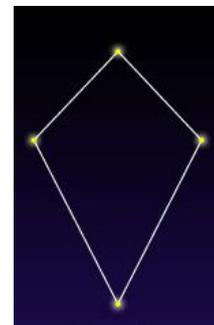


Seen upright, the four main stars of the Crux are: Gamma Crucis at the top, Alpha Crucis at the bottom, Delta Crucis at the right tip of the cross bar and Beta Crucis at the left. Two bright stars, Alpha and Beta Centauri, are commonly known as the Pointers because an imaginary line between the two stars points towards the cross.

At this time of the year, the cross appears on its side, with the top pointing eastwards.

December astrological events

- Dark moon - Monday, December 18
- Summer solstice - Friday, 22 December



Tauru, AKA Orion's Belt

The ancient Greeks named the constellation Orion after a mythological giant. From the southern hemisphere point of view, Orion is upside down. The three prominent stars that form his belt are known by some iwi, as "Tauru" and are part of the larger constellation Poutu-te-Rangi (the posts that hold up the sky).



Urban Rogaining

When you are feeling a little stodgy on Boxing Day, and feel the need for some exercise, but you need a motivation to get moving; or when you need something to do but you have spent all your money providing gifts and food for the whanau, try your hand at some urban rogaining.

Rogaining is sort of like orienteering, but during this game you need to visit as many control sites as you can within a set period of time. Trampers like to collect the full set of Tararua huts but if you are like me you will need a more sedate set of control points to collect over your one or two hour period.

Here's a couple of ideas that involve exploring Masterton – urban rogaining.

The streets within the central area of Masterton have a set of name plates explaining how they were named

There is only one plate per street so it can be an interesting challenge to find where they are displayed – it might be at the Chapel Street end, or the Villa Street end.

All the streets within the area from the Waipoua down to Kuripuni, and between Villa Street and Colombo Road have name plates, so you could set a number of different areas to explore. All you need to do is to get your participants to photograph the signs!



In the Park, Masterton, N.Z. 4/35

Somewhere to start: Find this monument and learn about its history (hint: it's in a big park).



International Rogaining Federation logo.

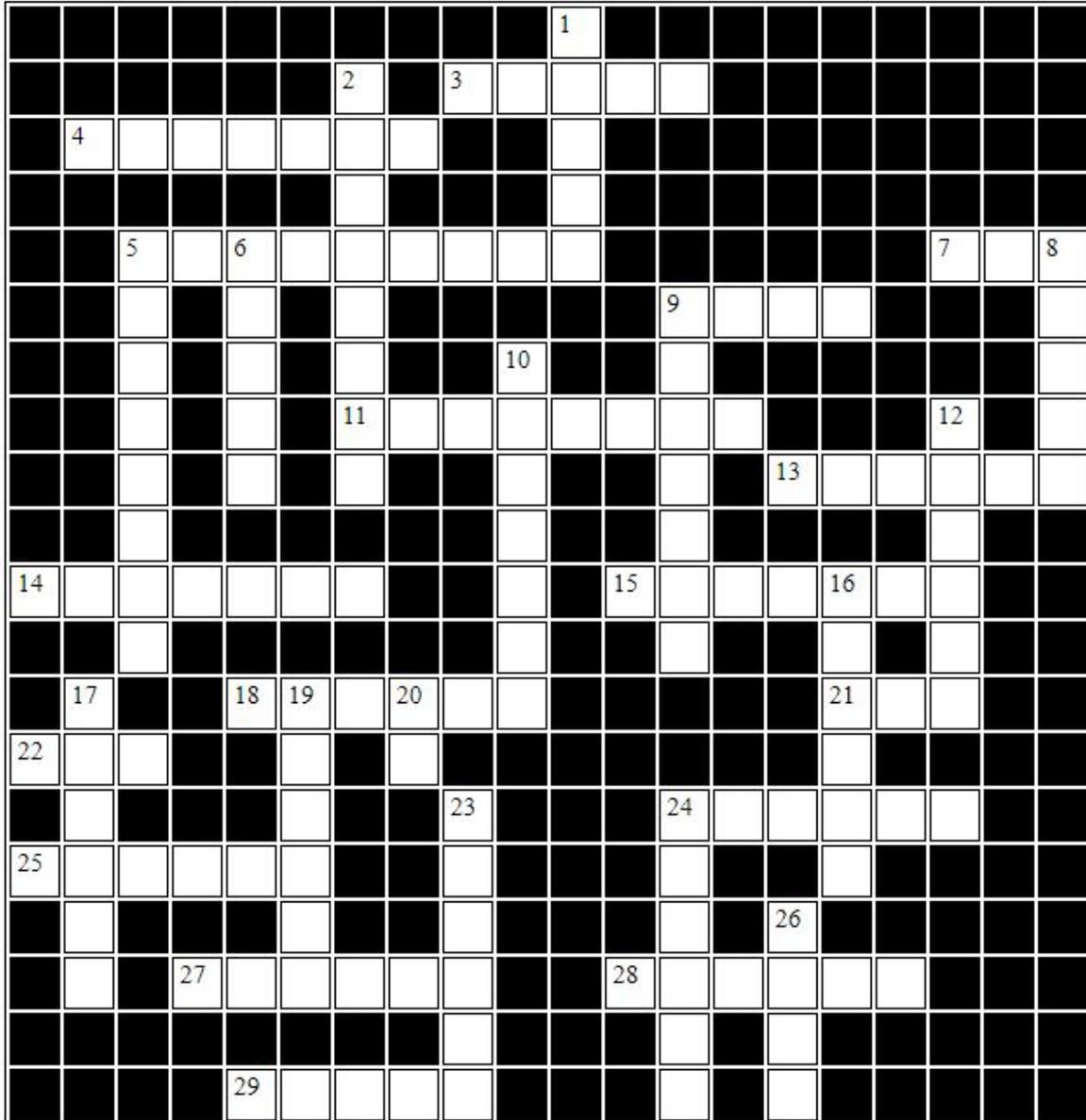
If the weather is too hot for running (or walking) make up a set of targets in Queen Elizabeth Park. There are lots of heritage signs dotted throughout the park, with historical information on the many monuments and other features. You could ask those taking part for key points of information from the signs, or again, just ask them to photograph them.

Urban rogaining – a way to work off some of the kilos piled on by Christmas excess, a way to entertain the family at no cost, and at the same time, a chance to learn a little more about our fascinating history.

Gareth Winter, Wairarapa Archives

Te Pangakupu Nui mō te Raumati

The great summer crossword



Clues | Tuwhiri

Whakapae | Across

3. ocean (5)
4. beautiful (7)
5. fantail (9)
7. light (3)
9. gift (4)
11. children (8)
13. family (7)
14. film (7)
15. summer (7)
18. festival (6)
21. friend (3)
22. water (3)
24. swim (6)
25. warm (6)
27. home (7)
28. rainbow (6)
29. love (5)

Whakararo | Down

1. peaceful (5)
2. flower (8)
5. picnic (8)
6. star (5)
8. sand (5)
9. breeze (7)
10. holiday (7)
12. sunbathe (6)
16. surf (6)
17. feast (6)
20. sun (2)
23. moon (6)
24. pigeon (6)
26. morepork (4)

Answers on page 11.

Whakataukī

Wisdom from the Māori World.

“Ma roto hoki kia ora ka pai te
korero.”

“When refreshed, the conversation
will be agreeable.”

The Dictionary Game

If you're a word lover and you've never played The Dictionary Game, then you're in for a treat!

What you need:

- at least three players (more is better)
- a dictionary (preferably a biggish one)
- pens
- paper

Taking turns, players choose an obscure word from the dictionary that none of the other players know. If a player knows the meaning of the word, they say so, and another word is found.

Each player composes and writes a definition, concealing it from the other players.

The person who chose the word writes the correct definition on a piece of paper. When all the players have finished, they pass their pieces of paper to the person who chose the word.

Keeping a straight face, that person shuffles the pieces of paper and reads each of the definitions out loud to the other players (reading the definitions in advance helps with the straight face!).

Going clockwise, players (excluding the player who chose the word) state which definition they believe to be the correct one. You cannot vote for your own definition.

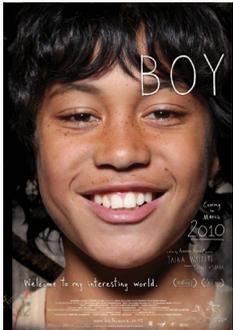
Players who choose the correct definition receive a point. Players whose definition is chosen by other players as correct receive a point. If nobody chooses the correct definition, the player who chose the word receives a point. A round is complete when every player has had the opportunity to choose a word.

Host a Summer Film Festival



Of course we're all hoping for fine weather this holiday season, but if you have to put up with some inclement weather, why not host a mini film festival!

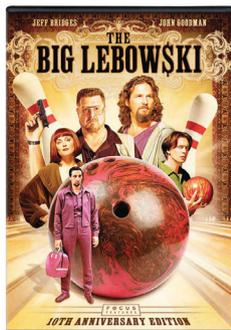
Here are some suggestions from our staff to get you started, all of which can be found on our shelves or reserved from the other Smart Libraries.



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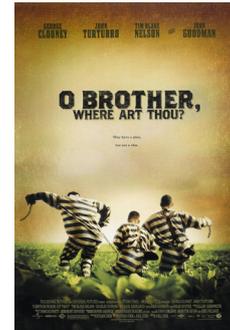
Burn After Reading



The Big Lebowski



Little Miss Sunshine



O Brother, Where Art Thou?



Sione's Wedding

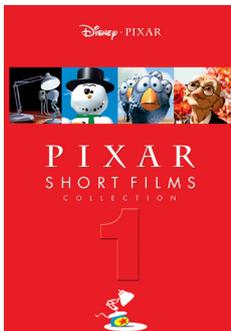
Some flicks for younger viewers



Moana



The NeverEnding Story



Pixar Short Film Collection



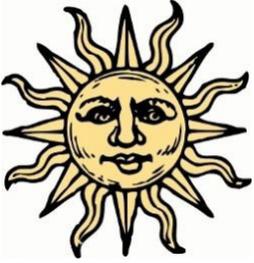
The Princess Bride



Toy Story



Wall • E



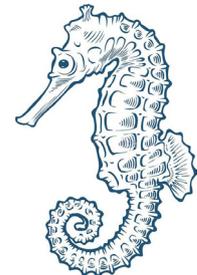
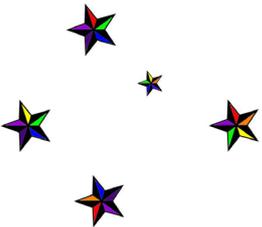
Answers | Whakautu

Across | Whakapae

3. moana
4. ātaahua
5. pīwaiwake
7. aho
9. koha
11. tamariki
13. whanau
14. pikitia
15. raumati
18. ahurei
21. hoa
22. wai
24. kaukau
25. mahana
27. kaianga
28. uenuku
29. aroha

Down | Whakararo

1. mārie
2. putiputi
5. pikiniki
6. whetū
8. onepū
9. kōkōhau
10. hararei
12. inaina
16. auheke
17. hākari
20. rā
23. marama
24. kererū
26. ruru



On at the library...

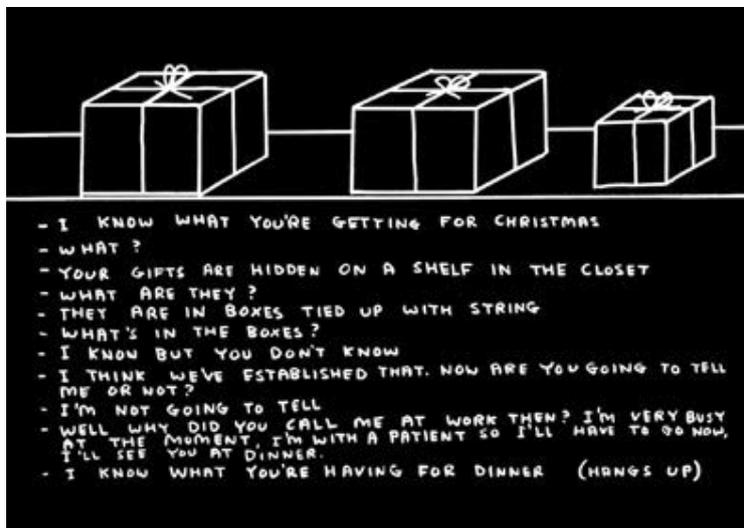
Sit, Knit and Yarn (knitting & craft group)
Every Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Clubcraft - minecraft club (registration required)
Friday 8 December 3:30pm. Enter our minecraft world with other club members and help each other achieve this week's minecraft challenge.

Stepping Up: Ancestry - library edition
Tuesday 12 December 10am. Learn tips for effective searching on Ancestry.com, including records that are available in the UK and New Zealand.

Stepping Up: Advanced Smartphones
Tuesday 19 December 10.am. Learn how to use your smart phone for more than just phone calls.

Christmas with David Shrigley



Library notices

The library will be closed from 11.30am-2pm on Thursday 14 December to enable staff to attend a Council Christmas lunch. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Library Holiday Hours

Saturday 23 December Closed

Sunday 24 December Closed

Monday 25 December Closed

Tuesday 26 December Closed

Wednesday 27 December 10.00 - 5.00pm

Thursday 28 December 10.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 29 December 10.00 - 5.00pm

Saturday 30 December 9.30 - 1.00pm

Sunday 31 December Closed

Monday 1 January Closed

Tuesday 2 January Closed

Normal hours resume on Wednesday 3 January

Wairarapa Archive

closes 5pm Friday 22nd December & resumes normal hours on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018. For urgent requests contact the library.

