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COVER: Hot air balloons return to the Wairarapa with the 2016 Wairarapa Balloon Festival which starts on the 25th of February. Coincidentally Hot Air Ballooning was the theme of the 2015/16 Summer Reading Programme which concluded in January. See pages 4-5 for more on the SRP.

A Closer Look at Our People

Thea Prenzler - Homebound and Interloans Librarian



Upstairs at my desk is a photo of my husband and my cat, and a view of the mountains where I love to tramp. My desk is where I manage the library's Homebound service and interloan service. Currently we look after forty-eight homebound customers. For most, we choose and deliver their loan items. Some customers are still able to collect and return their items, but prefer us to choose for them.

Eighteen volunteer drivers deliver our items, and we have four relief drivers ready to fill in when our regulars are away. Our drivers are absolute angels – this service would definitely not happen without them!

Searching for interloan items involves searching a catalogue especially created by the National Library of New Zealand for items that are not available from any of our SMART libraries. These items are processed differently to the items in our collection

I arrived in Masterton from Australia in 2007 and have been very fortunate to have employment in this library since 2008. Previously I worked in educational institutions. Working in a public library is much more varied and I think, much more enjoyable.



From your Library...

Library Manager, Sandy Green

The Summer Reading Programme and supplying our customers with their holiday reading has been the main focus for us over the past 6-8 weeks. We are really appreciative of the wonderful responses to the Summer Reading Programme and are pleased to report that it has been our most successful programme to date. 87.5% of the participants completed the programme and received their prize books, certificates and medallions.

The Library operates with reduced staffing over the busiest time of our year, half of our staff take leave between Christmas and New Year and if you came into the library over this time and the days just after New Year, you would have seen how busy it was. Tuesday 5th January was our highest issue day with 2,323 items issued which is approximately two and a half times our regular daily issues - with half the staff available! It is all very well for us to talk about the books you took out but equally as important for our workload are the books you returned to the library, 2,268 of them on 5th January, all needing to be returned to the shelves.

Books, magazines, DVDs etc. are our core services to you and of equal importance are the other services that we offer. Newspapers, access to the Internet and software services, the special programmes that we offer as well as the Summer Reading Programme – Maths is Fun and Winter Warmers - the regular programmes – preschool, Book Club and Seniors Celebrate and the one off events. The staff at the Wairarapa Archive are also involved in many projects in the community including the fantastic Featherston Military Camp exhibit currently being staged at Aratoi. For more on this see the article on page 7.

We have just started working on two one off events for this year. **Yarns In Barns** will be taking place in late May, we are working with Hedley's to prepare the programme and will be involved with the marketing plan. On Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm in the Library, Paper Plus and your library will be bringing Julie Thomas the New Zealand author of **The Keeper of Secrets** who will be talking about her sequel **Rachel's Secret**. Watch out for the advertising for these events and be there to support cultural and literary activities in Masterton.

There will be some changes to our student staff as Andrew will be leaving us to pursue his university studies in Wellington and Shanti will be joining us as a student shelver, after working for us for the Summer Reading. Just to remind you that this is your library and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please discuss these with the staff or use the online form on the catalogue or the Library Home Page.

Summer Reading Success

The 2015/16 Summer Reading Programme, 'Get Carried Away With Books' finished last month and was a fantastic success with 100s of children taking part. Of the 375 participants who signed up to take part in the programme, 328 completed, earning themselves a book prize and certificate, and eligibility to attend our Finale event on the 22nd of January. In addition 6 children completed the Te Reo version of the programme and 22 took part in the iRead programme for Intermediate aged readers.

Children who signed up for the programme in late November made visits to the Library over a seven week period during December and January. Here they would talk to staff members about the books they have been reading and (depending on their age and reading level) either read or have read to them, passages from their books. Reading programmes have been shown to have a great benefit for fostering a love of reading and developing a familiarity with the resources and services offered by the library. The Summer Reading Programme has proved to be particularly useful for preventing the 'Summer Slide', an occurrence noticed in some children when their reading level slides backwards over the Summer holidays after the gains made during the school year.

The Summer Reading Programme is not just about reading and reporting-in however. Over the course of the programme we also ran movie nights,

craft activities, a quiz night, and played host to visiting performers. This year we were delighted to host shows by Zappo the Magician, the Stringbean Puppets, and storyteller Mary Kippenberger. The Finale is designed to be a celebration of the children's achievement and along with the prizegiving we also had free food and entertainment including a face painter and balloon artist.

The Summer Reading Programme represents a significant undertaking by the library in terms of staff time, but it is also a very rewarding activity and offers an unparalleled opportunity to foster children's enthusiasm for reading, and enhance their reading ability. The programme is offered completely free thanks to the Eastern and Central Community Trust who fund the programme at all public libraries in the Eastern and Central region. We also received very valuable support from Mainfreight, Trust House, Wairarapa Building Society, Breadcraft, Beehive Premier Bacon and Ham, Burger King, McDonald's, Pizza Hutt, Hell Pizza, The 10 O'Clock Cookie Company and Food for Thought and it would not be possible to run the programme without their backing. For those who just can't wait for next year, look out for the Winter Warmers reading programme that will be run at the library this coming Winter.

Opposite are photos taken during the course of the programme - congratulations to everyone who took part.

Summer Reading Success



Top Fiction for January

With the start of a New Year it is interesting to see what new Fiction books and authors are being reserved by our borrowers. Below are the top 10 most reserved Fiction titles for January 2016. A few of the popular titles from 2015 are still performing strongly but there are also a few new contenders including New Zealand author Deborah Challinor whose novel **A Tattooed Heart** is proving very popular with readers. English author Jojo Moyes is enjoying a great deal of popularity at the moment and as well as **Me Before You** being the third most reserved book for January, her book **After You** was the 15th most reserved title for the month. For more on Jojo Moyes read this month's Featured Author profile on page 9.

1. All the Light We Cannot See / Anthony Doerr

2. The Girl on the Train / Paula Hawkins

3. Me Before You / Jojo Moyes

4. The Lake House / Kate Morton

5. Legacy of Hunters Ridge / Sarah Barrie

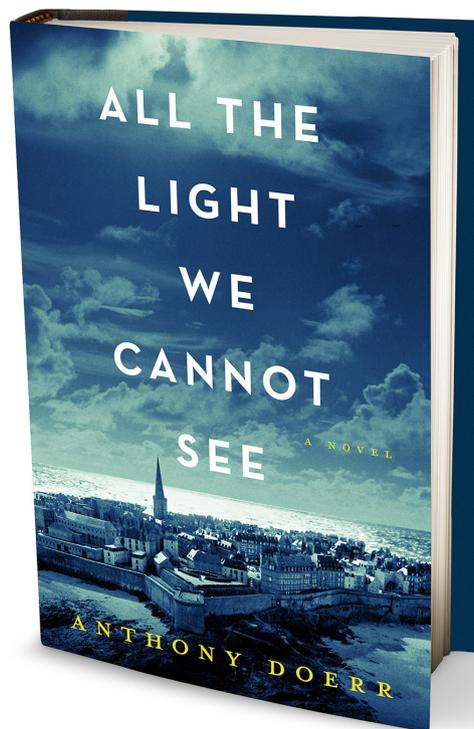
6. A Tattooed Heart / Deborah Challinor

7. The Widow / Fiona Barton

8. Cherry Season / Trish Morey

9. I Am Pilgrim / Terry Hayes

10. Career of Evil / Robert Galbraith



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction.

From The Wairarapa Archive...

Featherston Military Camp exhibition at Aratoi

One of the major occupations for Wairarapa Archive staff in the last months of 2015 was to assist Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History in staging the major exhibition *Featherston Military Training Camp : the record of a remarkable achievement*. This exhibit runs at Aratoi from the 23rd of January to the 31st of July. Many of the images came from the Archive and many of the displayed artefacts have been lent by local families and Archive staff have been able to provide a historical background for these.

In the exhibition, several Wairarapa men featured amongst the panels which tell the soldier's stories. Norman Shepherd from Carterton and James Welsh who was working at Putara, Eketahuna, are two of the local stories. Although many photos show men at Featherston Camp and the other South Wairarapa camps, it was not the habit of photographers to name individuals. Often a family knows that a family member is in a soldier group but no other photo of the man exists to correctly identify him.

Wairarapa Archive shows over 500 Featherston Camp photos online (available through the Picture Wairarapa link from the Library's website), along with others of the Papawai and Tauherenikau camps. We are still receiving photos and records about Wairarapa WW1 soldiers and places and we are delighted to receive something new. Many people are researching ancestors who fought in the Great War and we are usually able to help them interpret military records.



What's on in the Library

(and the wider Wairarapa)

Rotary Martinborough Fair
Martinborough Square
Saturday 6th February, 8:00am -

Interislander Summer Festival Races
Tauherenikau Racecourse
Monday 8th February, 10:00am

Story-Go-Round (stories and crafts for pre-schoolers)
Masterton District Library
10th, 17th, and 24th February, 10:30am

Info Day
UCOL Masterton Campus
Wednesday 10th February, 11:00am

Masterton Trust House A&P Show
Solway Showgrounds, Masterton
Saturday 20th February, 8:30am -

Masterton Library Book Club
Masterton Library
Monday 22nd February, 1:00pm

Seniors Celebrate - Bob Francis
Masterton District Library
Tuesday 23rd February, 1:00pm

Wairarapa Balloon Festival
Various venues
Thursday 25th - Monday 29th February

Our Wonderful Wildlife with Ruud Kleinpaste and Nicola Toki
Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre
Friday 26th February 7:00pm

The Vintage Aviator Flying Weekend
Hood Aerodrome, Masterton
Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th February, 10:00am -

Check the Library Noticeboard for more Wairarapa events.



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Follow us on facebook and WIN!!! 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: Jojo Moyes

Jojo Moyes is a British writer who has published 12 novels and sold more than 9 million books worldwide. Moyes was born in London in 1969 and worked as a journalist for ten years before becoming a full time novelist in 2002 with the publication of her first book ***Sheltering Rain***. Alongside her fiction writing Moyes has continued to write for newspapers including The Guardian and The Telegraph and now lives on a farm in Essex with her husband Charles Arthur (also a journalist) and their three children.

Moyes' writing is often referred to as 'Romance' and she has twice been awarded the Romantic Novel of the Year Award by the Romantic Novelists' Association, in 2004 for ***Foreign Fruit***, and in 2011 for ***The Last Letter from Your Lover***. Her writing, however, often features characters who are somehow marginalised and she doesn't shy away from tackling societal issues.

As she told The Guardian in a 2015 interview "If I can make people think while also being accessible, and possibly make them laugh and cry a bit at the same time, then, frankly, I don't care what they call me. I'd like to be the Puccini of fiction. I'm unembarrassed by the joy of making people feel something."

Her latest novel, ***After You***, is a sequel to ***Me Before You*** which is scheduled to be released as a film this year and which Moyes also wrote the screenplay for. ***Me Before You*** (first published in 2012) was Moyes' breakthrough novel, selling more than 5 million copies and reviving interest in her back catalogue. The book received very positive reviews with the New York Times reviewer stating "When I finished this novel, I didn't want to review it; I wanted to reread it." The movie will star Emilia Clarke from Game of Thrones, and Jenna Coleman who was Doctor Who's most recent assistant.



Jump on the Story-Go-Round

Masterton Library's much loved pre-school programme 'Story-Go-Round' is back for 2016 with the first session being held on the 10th of February at 10:30am. Masterton Library has been operating a free, weekly pre-school programme for approximately 24 years, and we regularly see past participants coming into the library as older children, teenagers and adults. For a while we even had a former participant working here as a member of staff.

Story-Go-Round takes place every Wednesday during term time. The sessions start at 10:30am, generally with a 20-25 minute period of storytelling and songs, followed by a craft activity. The craft activities are designed to encourage basic skills like cutting, colouring and pasting and result in some wonderful creations. Our preschool programme is particularly popular with those aged 2-3 years, but all preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome. There is no charge to attend the sessions and all the craft materials are provided for free.

Story-Go-Round sessions often have a theme which is relayed through the stories and activities. This can be something going on in the local community (past examples being events such as Golden Shears and Balloons Over Wairarapa) or wider events such as the changing seasons, safety, and special days like Mother's Day and Christmas. Occasionally we also have special visitors to talk to the children such as the Fire Brigade and Dog Safety.

Our weekly pre-school session has been one of the great success stories at the library. Pre-school programmes are a great way of introducing children to books, reading and the library, and this has huge benefits for their future learning. The sessions are also valuable for making connections between families and library staff, and there are social benefits for both children and their caregivers in attending the weekly sessions. All are welcome and we will revive our Puanga Kohanga Te Reo Pre School programme when Georgia-May returns from maternity leave later in the year.



Pen Names

A Pen Name, or *nom de plume* is a pseudonym adopted by an author. The reasons for adopting a pen name are varied: some authors want a more distinctive name for their books, or may think their name doesn't suit the genre they write in. **Zane Grey** for example, dropped his first name Pearl because he didn't think it a good fit with the Westerns he was writing. Female authors have written under male pen names to ensure that their works are accepted by publishers and the public. Hopefully this is becoming less necessary, but in the 19th century when women writers were making inroads into literature they were not always taken seriously and authors such as **Louisa May Alcott** and the **Brontes** wrote under male pseudonyms.

Authors sometimes choose a pen name if they share their given name with an existing author or well-known person and occasionally successful authors will write under a different name to distance the work from his or her other writing. They may, for varying reasons, want to conceal their identity, and a books' author may in fact be a collective of several writers. The **Warriors** series by **Erin Hunter** for example, is actually a combined effort by **Kate Cary**, **Cherith Baldry** and **Victoria Holmes**.

Below are the pen names and actual names of ten well-known writers. Can you match the writer to his or her real name? Answers on Pg.12.

Anne Perry
Barbara Vine
George Elliot
George Orwell
James Herriot
John le Carre
Lewis Carroll
Sidney Sheldon
Mary Westmacott
Lee Child

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
Jim Grant
Ruth Rendell
Sidney Schechtel
Agatha Christie
Juliet Marion Hume
Eric Arthur Blair
David John Moore Cornwell
James Alfred Wright
Mary Ann Evans

Seniors Celebrate

Masterton District Library

Tuesday 23rd of February

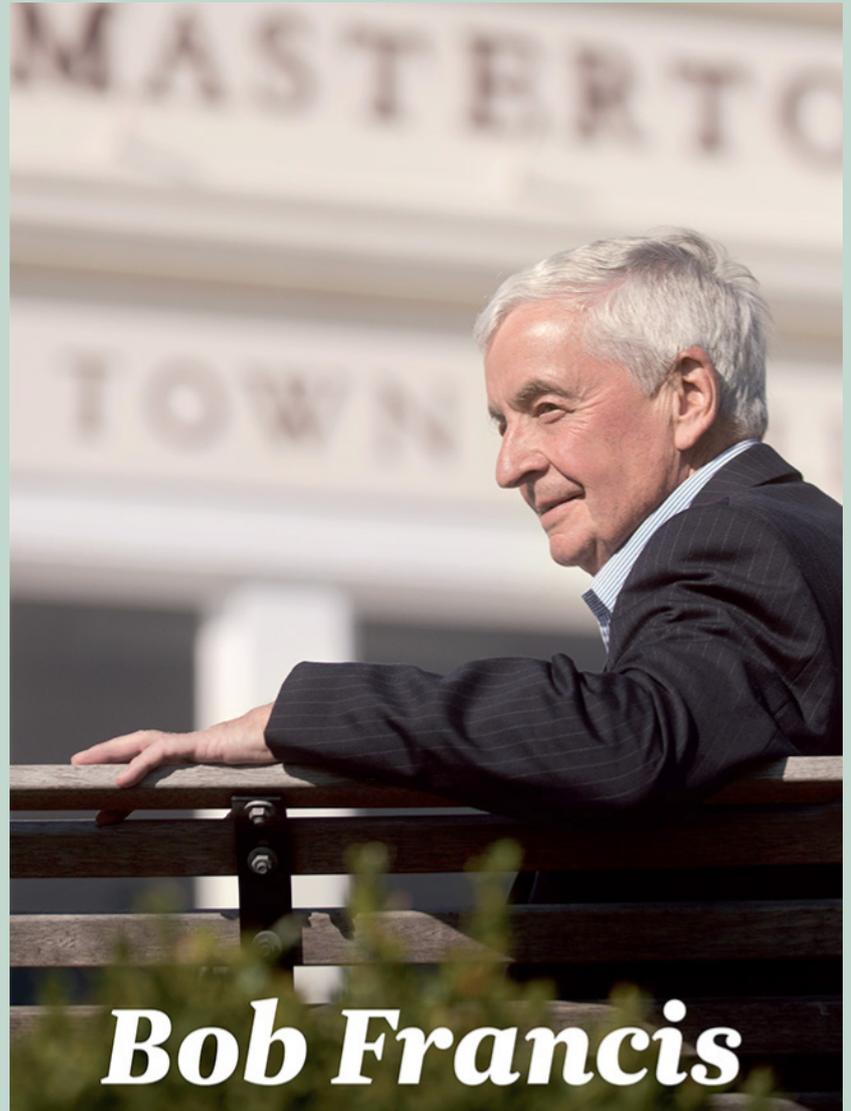
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Former Mayor of Masterton

Bob Francis

All welcome.

**Tea, coffee and biscuits
will be served at the
conclusion.**



Pen Names answers: Anne Perry - Juliet Marion Hume; Barbara Vine - Ruth Rendell; George Elliot - Mary Ann Evans; George Orwell - Eric Arthur Blair; James Herriot - James Alfred Wright; John le Carre - David John Moore Cornwell; Lewis Carroll - Charles Lutwidge Dodgson; Sidney Sheldon - Sidney Schechtel; Mary Westmacott - Agatha Christie; Lee Child - Jim Grant.

Special mention should go to J.K. Rowling who not only wrote under the pen name Robert Galbraith, but who's real name is Joanne Rowling, the 'K' is an addition and she adopted 'J.K.' when writing the Harry Potter books because it was gender neutral.