From Your Library

To follow last month’s From Your Library we would like to suggest ways that you can access the books you want to read. We call this ‘targeted reading’ compared to ‘shelf browsing’ which is also popular.

Many of us are time poor and want to spend the reading time we do have reading items that really appeal to us. We have lists of authors that are popular or like very popular authors and create lists of the most reserved items for the year etc. If you see an item reviewed in a publication or online take note and ask us to reserve it for you, remember if we don’t hold a copy we will request for purchase and place a reserve for you when we order a copy, or reserve it from SMART.

You can also manage this yourself using our online services. If you are on the Internet and see a book you would like to read, to check if we have it there is a widget on our home page that you can drag to your toolbar and click to check our catalogue, without leaving your search. If we have the item you can place a reserve using your card number and a password, see staff if you do not have a password.

You can login to your library account and search for the item in our catalogue then switch to the SMART catalogue to check then place a reserve across the SMART network to ensure that you are in the queue and will receive the next available copy when it is your turn, regardless of which library it belongs to.

If you are not currently accessing these services and would like assistance we have guides for reserving and the staff are happy to spend time to ensure that you are able to use our online services and get the best out of them. We really want you to have access to the services you need for your reading and are here to help you. We appreciate any suggestions you might have for improvements. Please talk to our service desk staff, they like having the opportunity to use their professional knowledge and skills

Sandy Green
Library Manager
A Closer Look at Our People

Each month we will feature a few of our librarians and let you know what they do and which areas they specialise in and how their expertise can help enhance your overall library experience.

Jane Horsham is our Children and Youth Librarian. She is a member of the EC READ’N Committee who help deliver the very popular Summer Reading and Winter Warmers Reading Programmes in libraries to over 3500 children throughout NZ.

Jane feels that these very worthwhile programmes are so important for setting great foundations for children’s literacy and increasing children’s self-esteem.

As well as being a qualified librarian Jane also holds diplomas in teaching and horticulture. Jane loves the variety in her job - working with young and old, buying books ranging from baby board books through to high quality garden design books.

If you need advice these holidays with your child’s reading needs, or would like to know more about our parenting collection, come in and talk to Jane, Georgia-May, Cindy or Charlotte.

Name: Paul Greville
Job description: Digital Services Manager (in charge of anything with a plug)
Extra duties: Buyer of comics for pretend grown-ups, conveyor of unpleasant truths to the tech-shy, and Grand Poobah of the library Twitter account.
Likes: That people will pay me to do what I would happily do for free
Dislikes: Internet Explorer – proof of Lucifer’s influence on earth
Personal philosophy: Please stop yelling, I didn’t break your email.

If you need help setting up your e reader, want to know how to connect up to e-pukapuka and browse and download from the thousands of titles available at no cost, come in and ask to see Paul or Angela.

“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better.”

U.S. President Barack Obama
Top 10 SMART reserves for June - Have You Reserved Your Copy Yet?

The Girl on the Train
Paula Hawkins
“...an emotionally immersive, Hitchcockian thriller and an electrifying debut.”

Chappy
Patricia Grace
Set against the backdrop of a changing New Zealand, Chappy is a touching portrayal of family life.

Grey
E.L. James
A fresh perspective on the love story that has enthralled millions of readers.

The Throwaway Children
Diney Costeloe
A gritty, heartrending story of two sisters sent to orphanages in England and then Australia in the aftermath of WW2.

Without a Trace
Lesley Pearce
A compelling story of courage, friendship and love, set in post-war London.

A Match for Marcus Cynster
Stephane Laurens
A dramatic tale of desire and devotion in Laurens’ much loved Cynster series.

A God in Ruins
Kate Atkinson
The companion novel to ‘Life After Life’ by one of the finest novelist of our age.

All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr
The beautiful, stunningly ambitious bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France during WW2.

The Heat of Betrayal
Douglas Kennedy
“...takes the reader on a roller-coaster journey into a heart of darkness that asks the question: what would you do if your life depended on it?”

The Little Paris Bookshop
Nina George
Monsieur Perdu can prescribe the perfect book for a broken heart. But can he fix his own?
LIANZA Essay Competition

**Topic: “Libraries Matter”** At LIANZA we are passionate about libraries – it’s incredible to us in this material age that we have an entire profession built around the principle of open access to information.

But working for LIANZA – an organisation with “Library” in it’s name – you’d expect us to be passionate.

So we want to hear from you! Why are libraries important? Tell us your stories – what do libraries and librarians mean to you? The purpose of this competition is to encourage all New Zealanders to think aloud about why libraries matter to our society, whether they work in the Library and Information sector or not.

**Prizes:** We have a brand new KOBO Glo HD 6” E-Reader with a gorgeous Belkin Tab Folio to offer the winner of the best essay (as decided by our team of judges). We’ll also have books and other goodies to award to anyone whose essay pulls at our heartstring, or who writes so well we can’t pass them by without an honourable mention.

You’ll also be published! The best essays will be compiled into an awesome book about our libraries.

**The Rules:** By entering you agree that:

- Essays will be independent works and no more than 3000 words long. Written about the topic of “Libraries Matter”.
- Writers will be NZ citizens or permanent NZ residents of any age. One entry per person. Your name should NOT appear on the essay itself. A panel of judges will assess the merits of the essays to arrive at the winner. LIANZA reserves the right to not award any prize should the calibre of entries be of a low standard. The judges’ decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. LIANZA reserves the right to publish all entries at the editor’s discretion. It is a condition of the competition that the winning writers names and photographs may be used by LIANZA for publicity purposes.
- **How to Enter:** Essays should be emailed to Ines@lianza.org.nz Please contact Ines with any questions.

  Emailed entries need to include the essay as an rtf, MS Word or text-only file, and a separate cover letter with your name, address, email and phone number.

  The closing date for receipt of entries is 5pm 30 September.

  The winning entry will be published on our website, in our monthly magazine, and in a “Libraries Matter” publication.

  [www.lianza.org.nz](http://www.lianza.org.nz)

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**Yarning in the Library**

The craft section of library gets a lot of use so we know there are a lot of crafty library users out there!

We are keen to bring together a group of people who work with fibre to share their passion and have their latest work admired.

Yarning in the Library is a winter activity. We will meet once a month to share ideas and enthusiasm and hear about the resources that the library has or can lead us to online.

A couple of crafty Librarians will facilitate the group and all knitters, crochet exponents, quilt-makers, lace-makers, tatters, embroiderers, weavers and stitchers of all kinds and skill levels, who work with yarn, are encouraged to join in the fun. Yarning in the Library is on August 17 & September 21 at 1pm.
Want to be able to master your computer at home, or to use the computer at the library more skilfully? Then Stepping Up is for you. Our tutor will gently take you through from not being so confident to being a confident user, in lots of small achievable steps.

Each course is broken into five 2 hour modules and will run in the library. Stepping Up Certificates will be given to those who complete the course.

The modules for the first course will include:
1. Computer Basics
2. Google and the Internet
3. Internet Safety and Security
4. Online Trading
5. Digital Design

Start Date: Tuesday 18th August
Finish Date: Tuesday 15th September
Times: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Masterton District Library
Tutor: Darren Poona
Cost: Donation/koha towards tea/coffee biscuits.

Registration is essential and can be done at either the Masterton Public Library or at REAP. Call 0800 WAI REAP (0800 924 7327) or 377 1379 for more details.
Exciting times for historians and researchers

Students of Wairarapa history are excited over the latest additions to the National Library’s PapersPast website http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/.

Masterton newspaper coverage has been extended with the addition of the Wairarapa Age to the already available Wairarapa Daily Times. The Times covers the period 1879-1919, while the Age covers 1900-1920.

The region’s first paper, the Wairarapa Standard from Greytown, is now available and covers the period from 1867-1887, offering a look back into a period of our past that had not previously been visible online.

One feature of the site is the search facility, meaning researchers can look for families or events.

The latest addition is the Maori language newspaper Te Puke ki Hikurangi, published in Greytown from 1897-1913. This was produced under the guidance of Tamahau Mahupuku and was the official newspaper of the Paremata Maori o te Kotahitanga, the Maori Parliament. Importantly for those interested in Wairarapa history, it also recorded a lot of knowledge about Wairarapa whakapapa, and researchers are already delightedly searching through it.

All the titles are available for searching at the Library’s e-centre and the Archives’ computer suite.
What’s on in the Wairarapa and beyond

**Storytelling Guided Tours**
Stonehenge Aotearoa, 51 Ahiaruhe Rd Carterton
Saturdays & Sundays, 11:00am - 12:30pm
Tickets: 0800 BUY TIX (289 849)

**Wairarapa Farmers’ Market**
4 Queen Street Masterton
Saturdays 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Carterton Farmers’ Market**
Next to Memorial Square, Carterton
Sundays 9:00am - 12:30pm

**Wairarapa Green Dollar Market**
St John’s Hall, Greytown
Saturday 25 July 9:30am - 12:30pm
To book a stall call Keith Sawyer (06) 377 0717

**Seniors Celebrate: Madeline Slavik**
Masterton District Library
Tuesday 28 July, 2:00pm

**Janis Freegard - Poet & Novelist**
Carterton Events Centre
Sunday 2nd August, 3:00pm

**Winter Warmers Grand Finale**
Masterton District Library
Thursday 6th August, 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Once on Chunuk Bair**
Carterton Events Centre
Saturday 8th August - Wednesday 15th August, 8:00pm;
Matinée, Sunday 9th August, 2pm

**Wairarapa Wedding Expo**
Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Solway Park, Masterton
Sunday 16 August, 10:00am

**Darren Watson (Blues)**
King Street Live, Masterton
Saturday 22nd August, 7:00pm

**Te Wiki o te Reo Maori**
Maori Language Week 2015
Whangaihia te reo Māori ki ngā Mātua -
Nurture the language in parents so that it may grow.
27 Hōngongoi - 2 Here-turi-kōkā (27 July - 2 August).
National Poetry Day

Friday the 28th of August is National Poetry Day and more than 60 registered events are being held around the country to celebrate New Zealand Poetry and Poets. These include ‘Poetry in the Vines’ in Kerikeri; Kapiti Coast Libraries’ ‘Laughing Out Loud’ Poetry Competition; and an online virtual poetry walk around Auckland’s CBD. Here in the Wairarapa local poets are running ‘When Poetry Comes to Town - 24 Hours of Poetry Across the Wairarapa’ with events being held at Mt. Bruce, Featherston, Greytown, Carterton, Masterton, Martinborough and the West Taratahi Hall! Visit the When Poetry Comes to Town Facebook page for more information.
Top Tips from the Librarians

Ask our helpful staff about any of these tips and tricks and how to use them.

If you are looking for information sometimes it can be difficult to know which words to use to search. Books are catalogued according to international rules and sometimes the topics are not easy to pin down. When you find a book that is about the topic you are looking for, click on the title to open the record for that item in full. A list of the subjects applied to that book is a little way down the page and listed in blue because they are hyperlinks. If you click a link it will take you to a list of subject headings with a number in brackets beside each of them. This represents other books with the same subject in them. Click on the heading and you will see a list of books about your subject. This is a great way to uncover what is available in a subject area.

If you’re looking at a book on a website there’s an easy way to check if the library has it – go to Masterton Library’s homepage (http://www.library.mstn.govt.nz/) and drag the ‘Check Library’ button up to your toolbar. Then next time you see something you like online, click the button and a box will drop down to let you know if there’s a copy you can borrow. If there is, click the copy you want and you’ll go straight to the ‘reserve’ page. Simple as that!

Find yourself always browsing the ‘Returned Today’ and ABCs when you are selecting books! Try starting at the XYZs and working your way back to uncover all the wonderful authors that you never usually get to.

P.S. This will also help us to manage the distribution of books on the shelves as the ABCs are often empty and the XYZs full.

Early readers. The books in this area are graded, unfortunately not consistently. My tip to you would be to try your children on a middle level and move up or down from there to suit the individuals’ reading level.

Look for Staff Pick or Reader Pick labels on the corner of our library books. These are books that Library staff and borrowers have read, enjoyed, and recommended for others to read. In some cases they have even written reviews of the books which can be read on our online catalogue. Ask library staff if you would like to learn how to place reviews on books you have enjoyed and would recommend to others.
Our book club is called “Book Bugs”, it was chosen after voting for the favourite name, we meet the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm, we spend time talking about what books we have been reading based on a theme that has been picked at the previous meeting. If somebody stands and does a review of their book to the group then they get to choose something from “the tray”. We spend time talking about new books and showing how to reserve these items, as well as other library based activities. New members between the ages of 10 and 13 are welcome all the time!

Book bugs recommend:
Brotherhood of thieves – The Wardens by Stuart Daly
Little house in the big woods – by Laura Wilder
The girl who wasn’t there – by Karen McCombie
Phantom of Terawhiti – by Des Hunt
The fault in our stars – by John Green
Kiki: my stylish life – by Kyla May

Here are a few Book Bug Book Reviews:

Lily Alone
by Jacqueline Wilson
I gave it 5 stars because it was my first Jacqueline Wilson book, and without it I wouldn’t move on from G. Stilton.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
by J. K. Rowling
I gave it 4 stars because the sad parts are really sad but the actual book is epic! Especially for action lovers.

Looking Glass Girl
by Cathy Cassidy
I gave it 4 stars. Well it was really great, but it was probably for people a bit older than me I am 10.

The Crystal Heart
by Sophie Masson
I gave it 5 stars. It is a romantic novel about how 2 people will fight to stay together.

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat
by Chris Riddell
I gave it 4 stars because it’s an adventure book but a fantasy book at the same time.
We added the image on the right to our Facebook page a few weeks ago and it quickly became one of our most liked postings. We certainly agree with the sentiment expressed, and it’s great to see that so many of our Facebook friends feel the same.

Another series of posts that have been popular are the ‘book nooks’ that we have been featuring every few days. We would all love to have dedicated reading spaces like this - and the time to enjoy them!

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.