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Cover: Children collecting their certificates and prizes at the Winter Warmers finale. See story pg. 9.

A Closer Look at Our People

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

My name is Charlotte Algie and my role here at Masterton District Library is Team Librarian. My main roles are support to the Children's Department, processing new items, and contributing to the Library's social media profile.

Over the last year I have been involved in the Winter Warmers and Summer Reading Program which has been a great learning experience and I can't wait for the next installment.

I come from a background in Libraries and Bookstores so I have had a lot of experience in matching books to people. In 2012 I graduated with a degree in Library Studies as well as a certificate in children's services and have been working here since 2013. My favourite thing about my job is when little people and not so little people come back to tell me how much they like the book I recommended. I look forward to your tricky hard to find books and requests.





From your Library...

Library Manager, Sandy Green

Access to Online Services Through your Masterton Library Card

Increasingly providers of Online Services are making their databases available for public access through public Libraries. Masterton District Library subscribes to some of these databases to make them available to our users.

Ancestry Library is the version of Ancestry.com for public libraries to use and make available to their users. This database is only available for use in the Library and Archive.

We also subscribe to databases to enhance our Library Catalogue for our users. LibraryThing for Libraries gives us the Similar Titles, Check Library and Book Psychic services and also the book widgets that display the books on our Website.

The Masterton District Council subscribes to the Generosity services GiveUs and GiveMe (previously known as Fundview and Breakout). This service is available online through the Masterton District Library

and Wairarapa Archive Website with a library card login. Masterton Library recently subscribed to the online video learning database Lynda.com. Lynda.com has 3,757 video courses, expert teachers, and accessibility through any device with an Internet connection and provides certification on completion of courses. Learning through Lynda.com will keep users current with a wide range of software, creative and business skills tutorials at all levels. Masterton Library has purchased 10 licenses, access will be available through a login on the Library and Archive website www.library.mstn.govt.nz and requires a Masterton District Library card number for authentication.

We hope that our library customers will take full advantage of having access to these services and look forward to making more services available in the future.

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Self Issue Machines Up and Running

After some frustrating false starts, the Self-Issue Machines at Masterton Library are now up and running and many borrowers are already taking advantage of this easy and convenient means for issuing Library items.

Masterton Library has two self-issue machines operating and these are located near the front door of the library. To use them you only need to have your library card and know your password. If you are unsure, wish to change it, or do not have a password, just ask one of the staff.

After logging in choose Issue from the buttons on the right hand side and pass the library barcode under the red laser below the screen. Be sure to use the barcode that has Masterton District Library (or one of the SMART libraries' names) printed on it. The sales barcode/ISBN on the back of the book cover does not work to issue the book.

When you have finished press Logout on the top right and your slip will be printed for you, giving a list of what has been issued and when it is due.

You can use the self-issue terminals for most library items including those from other libraries. (But not for age restricted DVDs.) If you have fines exceeding the \$10 limit you will not be able to use the terminals.

For those users who borrow rental items, we are able to add a deposit to your library record. It will allow you to pay fines and rental charges. (Lost items or charges for replacement of long overdue or damaged items, will not be deducted from deposits.)

Many borrowers have been concerned that this service is designed to replace the ability to interact with the staff or indeed to reduce the number of staff. Quite the contrary!

The self-issue terminals have been installed in order to free up staff from simple issue transactions and make the staff more available to discuss reading needs with our library users. Rather than waiting in a queue to simply issue an item, users in a hurry can issue their own books. Those wanting to talk to staff about their reading or reserve some items can do so without being concerned about those waiting behind them.

We hope you will give this service a try. Ask our staff to show you how it works.

***If you only read the books
that everyone else is reading,
you can only think what
everyone else is thinking.***

–Haruki Murakami

Masterton Library will be hosting the popular Maths Is Fun programme during the second week of the coming school holidays. Maths Is Fun is run by trained educators and teachers, and is full of games and fun activities, designed to get

participants thinking and build their mathematical skills and confidence. Feedback from previous programmes has been very encouraging with parents reporting that their children displayed more confidence and interest in maths after completing the programme.

Maths Is Fun is open to primary and intermediate aged children who are divided into four groups based on their school year. **Level 1** participants attend morning sessions on the **5th** and **6th** of October, and **Level 2** participants attend afternoon sessions on the same day. **Level 3** participants attend a full day session on the **7th** of October, and **Level 4** participants attend a full day session on the **8th**. This year the Level 4 kids will be involved in an exciting new initiative called 'Billy's Burgers', a problem solving exercise that will see them taking their practical maths skills out into the community



On the final night (**8th** of October) all the children can attend the Finale event at the Masterton Town Hall where they will receive a certificate of completion and take part in a maths based challenge which the whole family

can get involved in. During the course of the programme participants also receive take home packs and give away rewards. This is all thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Eastern and Central Community Trust in partnership with Wairarapa REAP and the Masterton District Library.

Maths Is Fun is free to attend and registration for all Levels will begin on the **14th of September**. As places are limited you will need to get in early to avoid disappointment. Due to the high demand (and to get the most out of the programme), we would also ask that participants commit to attending all the sessions for which they are enrolled. Look out for more Maths Is Fun information here at the Library or from your school.

**Maths Is Fun registration begins:
14 September 2015**

Top 10 Non-Fiction for August

Below are the top 10 most reserved Non-Fiction titles as placed by SMART borrowers in August - have you reserved your copy yet?

- 1. The Good Doctor: breaking the rules, making a difference.**
Lance O'Sullivan
- 2. Stolen Lives: the untold stories of the Lawson Quins.**
Paul Little
- 3. The Official NZ Road Code 2015/16.**
- 4. For the Love of Horses: the Wilson sisters' inspiring journey to save New Zealand's wild horses.**
Kelly Wilson
- 5. Maurice Gee: life and work.**
Rachel Barrowman
- 6. Wildboy: an epic trek around the coast of New Zealand.**
Brando Yelavich
- 7. The Good Life on Te Muna Road.**
Deborah Coddington
- 8. Easy Weeknight Meals: simple, healthy delicious recipes.**
Nadia Lim
- 9. Going Paleo.**
Pete Evans
- 10. I Quit Sugar For Life: your fad-free wholefood wellness code and cookbook.**
Sarah Wilson



From The Wairarapa Archive

The Wairarapa Archive, in conjunction with Aratoi, recently assembled '**Norman Prior: Doctor at War**', an exhibition that celebrates the war record of Masterton GP Norman Prior, and highlights the service of New Zealand doctors, nurses and orderlies during World War One.

In September 1915 Dr. Prior left his surgery and infant son to join the New Zealand Medical Corps for service in the Great War. He was rushed to Gallipoli a few weeks before the evacuation. After four months in Egypt Norman was posted as regimental medical officer to the 1st Otago Battalion on the Western Front where he was awarded an MC at the Somme in September 1916.

After further service in France and Belgium, Norman joined the medical staff at No. 1 N.Z. General Hospital at Brockenhurst, Hampshire, England, looking after New Zealand wounded and sick soldiers. In 1919 he resumed civilian life as a doctor in Masterton.

The exhibition, which includes rare film footage from Nga Taonga showing New Zealand soldiers at war and in the medical system, is being staged in Aratoi's window gallery until October 4th.



Above: Capt. Norman Prior by a tent; from the collection of Owen Prior.



Left: A last farewell to his mates; from the collection of Owen Prior.

**The Rimutaka Crossing
1915-1918 Memorial
Re-enactment March**

**Featherston ANZAC Hall
Sun. 27 Sep.**

What's on in the Wairarapa this September

NZ International Film Festival

Regent 3 Cinemas, Masterton
Wed. 2 Sep. - Wed. 16 Sep.

Carterton Daffodil Festival

Carterton Events Centre
Sun. 13 Sep. 9:00 -

Yarning in the Library - Knitting, Crochet, Embroiding etc.

Masterton District Library
Mon. 21 Sep., 1:00pm

Seniors Celebrate: Christina McTaggart-Tie Survival in a WWII resettlement camp

Masterton District Library
Tue. 22 Sep.

Masterton District Library Book Club

Masterton District Library
28 September, 2:00pm

Check the Library Noticeboard for more Wairarapa events

30 Day September Read It Challenge



Take the 30 Day September Read-It Challenge

Read to your children for at least 10 minutes each day and be in to win great prizes!

Each day there will be a facebook post for you to comment on. You can comment with the book title, an author, feedback, a pic, or anything acknowledging your participation.

Follow us on facebook now - www.facebook.com/mstnlibrary

To register and join in the fun just comment on our first 30 day Challenge post on 1st September!

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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.



Winter Warmers

On the 6th of August Masterton Library hosted the finale of the Winter Warmers reading programme, a celebration of the wonderful achievement of Masterton's keen young readers in completing the programme. The night featured nibbles, a very entertaining performance by local storyteller Gaye Sutton, and the awarding of



Storyteller Gaye Sutton and Children's Librarian Jane Horsham at the Winter Warmers Finale

certificates and book prizes to the children. Of the original 150 who registered for the programme, 140 managed to complete it, a fantastic effort, especially considering that so many families have been struck down by winter illnesses during the course of the programme.

The Winter Warmers programme ran for six weeks and children who signed up read library books and then wrote reviews or drew pictures about these in an especially themed booklet. They would then bring their booklets to the library to discuss their work with library staff, and have their progress tracked. Those who completed six of the ten review pages received a prize and an invitation to the Finale. Children who managed to fill in all ten pages also received a small bonus prize.

Winter Warmers is designed to encourage reading amongst young people and provide some fun indoor activities during the middle of Winter. It is offered free of charge thanks to the sponsorship and support of the Eastern and Central Community Trust. The programme also features a visiting performer and this year's performance by Wellington Puppeteer String Bean Puppets was a highlight for many of the participants.

A highlight for Library staff is the opportunity the programme allows for them to interact with our young borrowers, and also seeing the fantastic effort many of them put into their booklets. The feedback we've received suggest that the participants had a great time too. Fortunately Summer is on the way (although it may not have felt that way recently), and with it comes the annual Summer Reading Programme. The 2015/16 programme is titled 'Get Carried Away With Books' and has a hot air ballooning theme that were sure will see reading 'taking off' at the library this summer. Look out for registration information towards the end of November.

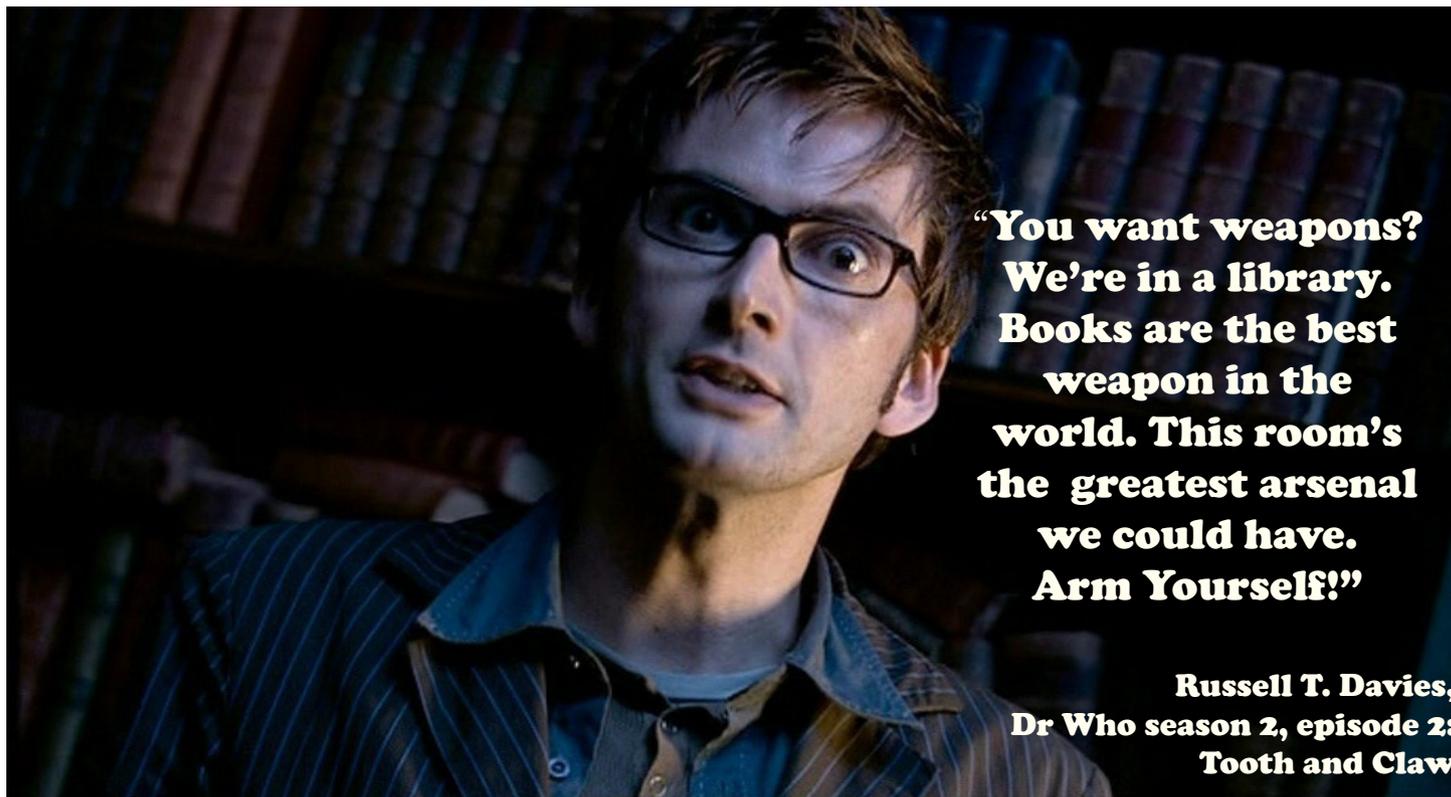
"I really had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot."

~ Bill Gates

The Doctor is in the House

This month sees the return of Dr Who with actor Peter Capaldi resuming his role as the latest incarnation of the Time Lord. As yet PRIME TV have not confirmed when season 9 of the iconic British SciFi series will be broadcast, but it will screen on September the 19th in the UK, and hopefully we won't be too far behind. For dedicated Whovians who cant bear the wait, or just cant get enough *Who* in their lives, there are plenty of Dr Who related books and DVDs available from the Library.

There are hundreds of Dr Who adventures available from Masterton and the other SMART Libraries featuring characters from the 50 plus years of Who. These include books, audio books, and DVDs of the programmes themselves. One personal highlight is **Assimilation2**, a graphic novel mash-up featuring Matt Smith's eleventh Doctor, and Star Trek's Captain Jean Luc Picard and the crew of the Enterprise, battling a common enemy. Dr Who! Star Trek! The Borg! Cybermen! What more could you want?



Author Profile: David Walliams

Charlotte Algie

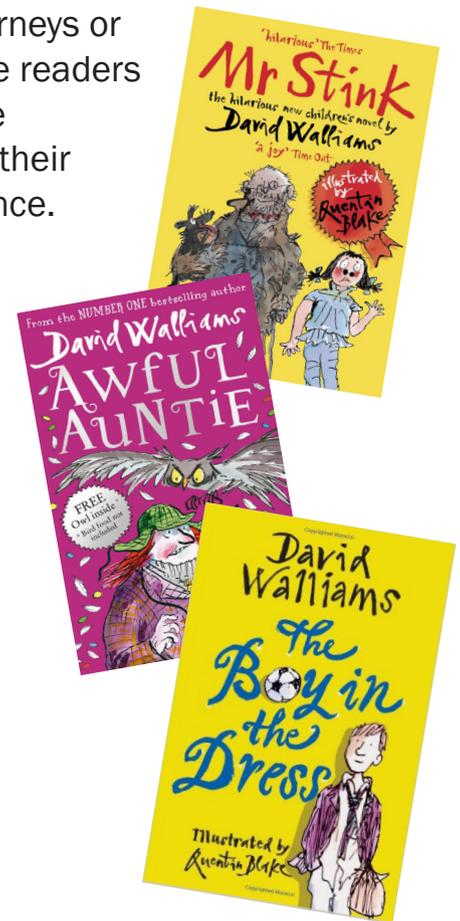
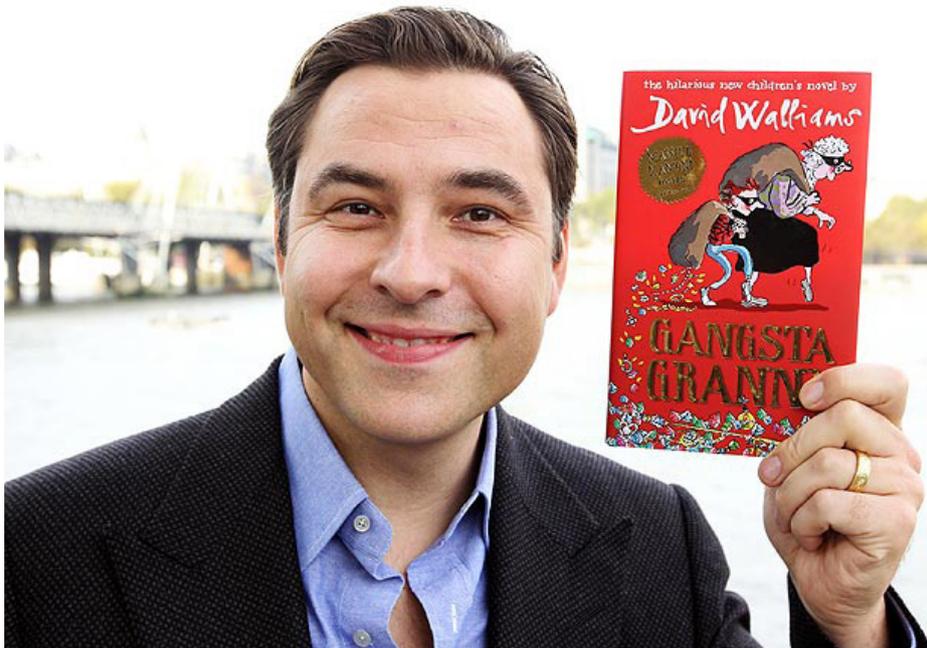
Children's author David Walliams is perhaps best known to adults as one half of the hugely successful TV duo from Little Britain. But these days he is better known to children as the author of eight junior fiction novels and three picture books.

As a huge fan of Little Britain in its prime I was more than happy to read these books. However I was not prepared for how laugh out loud funny they were! Many people have labelled Walliams as this generations Roald Dahl and the title is well deserved.

These books are great for boys and girls, anyone

who likes good old fashioned silly humour and there are plenty of little jokes for the adults in there as well! The library has all of Walliams books but you may need to place a reserve on some of the newer titles as they can go as quick as hot cakes in a hot cake shop!

And don't forget we have all the titles on audio disc as well. These are great for car journeys or for helping those readers who need a little assistance with their reading confidence.



2015 SHORT STORY COMPETITION

NZ Society of Authors Central Districts

Entry form and guidelines available from the Library.

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