



MATARIKI RISES

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Winter Warmers and more...

As the days get shorter and colder there are lots of activities at the Library where it is warm and bright.

It's time again for **Winter Warmers**, a fun, six week reading programme for children. Register from 11th June. See page 10.

Maths is fun is coming! This school holiday programme for primary and intermediate aged children runs from 9th to 12th July. Register from 25th June. See page 10.

Karina Gough will be doing **Chair yoga** on the 26th June. Chair yoga is done while seated on a chair or using a chair as a prop. Anyone can try it and it may be ideal for those who are new to yoga or have limited mobility and want a more gentle class. Great for improving posture, balance, mobility, flexibility and strength while boosting the mind-body connection. *Karina does regular yoga sessions around Masterton - check her out online. See back page.*

We will be celebrating **Matariki** on **Thursday 5 July at 5.30pm** this year with more storytelling, crafts, entertainment and light refreshments.

Check out page 11 for all the weekly and monthly programmes that are happening at your library.



From your Library...

Masterton Library - Year of reading & literacy 2018

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

As librarians we record our statistics for each year. We do this within two time frames. We report to Masterton District Council using the financial year of 1 July to 30 June the following year and we use the calendar year 1 January to 30 December to report to Public Libraries of New Zealand and other governing bodies.



Matariki, the Maori New Year which begins on 15 June 2018, is very similar to the financial year that we report to Masterton District Council. Last financial year we reported the statistics for your use of the library as below.

From July 2016 to June 2017:

You borrowed **275,016** items from your library

The items from the **Picture Book, Adult Fiction and Hot Picks** collections were issued the most times per item.

SMART borrowers placed over **30,000** free reservations on Masterton District Library items

You increased your use of the **Epukapuka e-books** and audio books from 6,046 in 2015/2016 to **7,642** in 2016/2017.

You made over **180,000** visits to your library during the year.

8,160 new items were added to the collections for your use.

These statistics record the year of activity for you as borrowers and for us as staff so we know that we are providing enough books in the right areas and that we are providing services that meet your needs. We compare our statistics

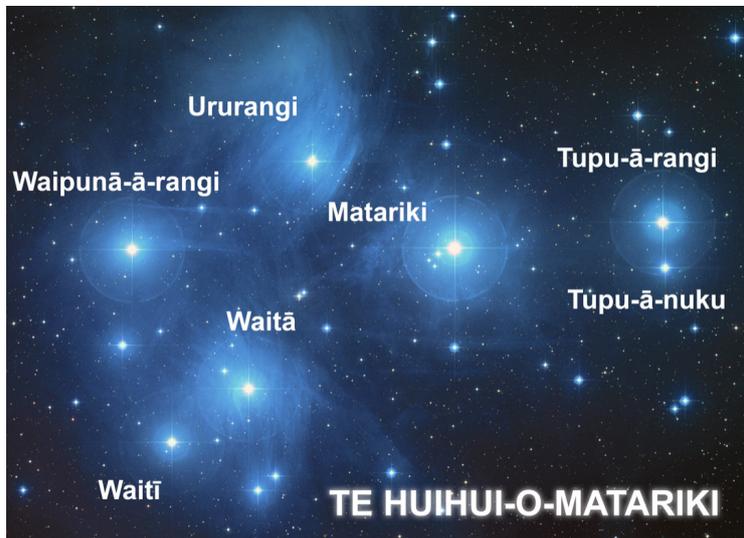
year on year and evaluate them to ensure we are allocating our staffing and resources in the right areas so you as our customers are able to find what you want to read and access the services you need from your library.

Matariki will herald a New Year for us with the collation of our statistics for the 2017/2018 year, reporting to Council on our statistics and what they mean for our service delivery and reassessing our services for the New Year 2018/2019. **Library Manager, Sandy Green**

MATARIKI 2018



Celebrate Matariki!



The Matariki star cluster is visible from virtually everywhere on earth where humans live, and each culture has its own name and stories associated with it.

In New Zealand it comes into view low on the north-eastern horizon, appearing in the tail of the Milky Way, and is officially marked on June 15th in 2018.

Matariki, meaning 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki), is linked to the winter solstice and marks the beginning of a new year.

It is often celebrated with family gatherings, feasts and singing, and is a time to reflect on the past, give thanks for the present and plan for the future.

Astronomy Books at the Library

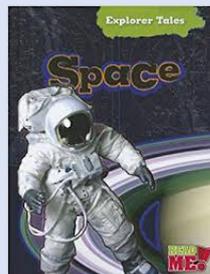
Early Reader

Looking Up! : the Science of Stargazing, by Joe Rao



Junior non-fiction

Space, by Nick Hunter

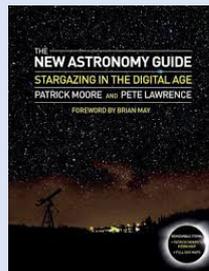


The Book of Space: all about stars, planets and rockets! by Clive Gifford



Adult non-fiction

The New Astronomy Guide: stargazing in the digital age, by Patrick Moore and Pete Lawrence



15 Million Degrees: a journey to the centre of the Sun by Lucie Green



Matariki Quiz



1. What does the reappearance of Matariki in mid-winter mark?
 - a) Easter
 - b) The Māori New Year
 - c) Christmas
2. What is Matariki?
 - a) A star constellation
 - b) A single star
 - c) A star cluster
3. How is Matariki generally celebrated?
 - a) Entertainment
 - b) Eating
 - c) Remembering ancestors
 - d) All of the above
4. What month in winter does Matariki reappear in New Zealand's sky?
 - a) May
 - b) June
 - c) July
 - d) All of the above
5. What's the Māori name for winter?
 - a) Hōtoke
 - b) Koanga
 - c) Raumati
 - d) Ngāhuru
6. The star cluster Matariki is 440 light years away. If you were to drive there in a car at 100km an hour, how long would it take you?
 - a) 10 years
 - b) 100 years
 - c) 4.8 billion years
7. Matariki marks the beginning of the Māori New Year, but what is the whole lunar calendar called?
 - a) Rangi
 - b) Maramataka
 - c) Rātaka
 - d) Pō
8. Traditionally, what was the Maramataka used for?
 - a) To guide fishing and gardening
 - b) To guide when to run a hui/event
 - c) To seek ancestral guidance
 - d) All of the above
9. Which of these names appears in the Maramataka?
 - a) Iwi
 - b) Rākaunui
 - c) Waka
 - d) Whenua
10. Which of these is not another name for Matariki?
 - a) Subaru
 - b) Makahiki
 - c) Tangaroa
 - d) Pleiades

Matariki quiz answers on page 10

From the Wairarapa Archive

The observation of the stars is a very human concern. Almost all cultures have evolved a methodology for describing and explaining the origin and behaviour of the celestial bodies we can observe.

For Maori it served a number of purposes, but the recognition of the annual appearance of star clusters allowed them to structure their horticultural calendar. Europeans had similar interests in the heavens - Captain Cook's journey to the South Seas had an astronomical purpose - the transit of the planet Venus.

There is a strong Wairarapa connection with astronomy too. The Wellington Observatory was partially funded by, and named after the Wairarapa settler and namer of Carterton, *Charles Carter*. Just



Less well-known is New Zealand's oldest scientific observatory, established on his farm just south of Featherston by *Stephen Carkeek* in about 1867. Welsh-born. Carkeek settled in New Zealand in 1841, serving in a number of official positions in Wellington before turning his hand to farming in the Wairarapa in the mid-1860s. He also built an observatory on the farm, housing two different telescopes. Although Carkeek is known to have made extensive observations, he never published any in his lifetime, and his astronomical records have never been found. Although knowledge of his observatory was lost, and the old building was used as a storage shed for farm implements, being partly demolished in the process. It is an incredibly and valuable important piece of New Zealand's astronomical and scientific heritage.

- Gareth Winter



to the east of Carterton is the remarkable Aotearoa Stonehenge, an observatory of a different kind.

Book Review - Young Adult

By Aroha Witinitara

One Of Us Is Lying By Karen McManus

The selection of students in detention on Monday afternoon is a colourful bunch. They're the quintessential characters of a typical high school drama:

Bronwyn: The Nerd
Cooper: The Jock
Addy: The Princess
Nate: The Criminal
Simon: The Outcast

Five students enter the classroom, but only four leave. By the time detention is over Simon is dead, and investigators don't believe it was an accident. The four remaining students have a motive, which makes them major suspects in the investigation. They claim to be innocent but one of them has to be lying... don't they?

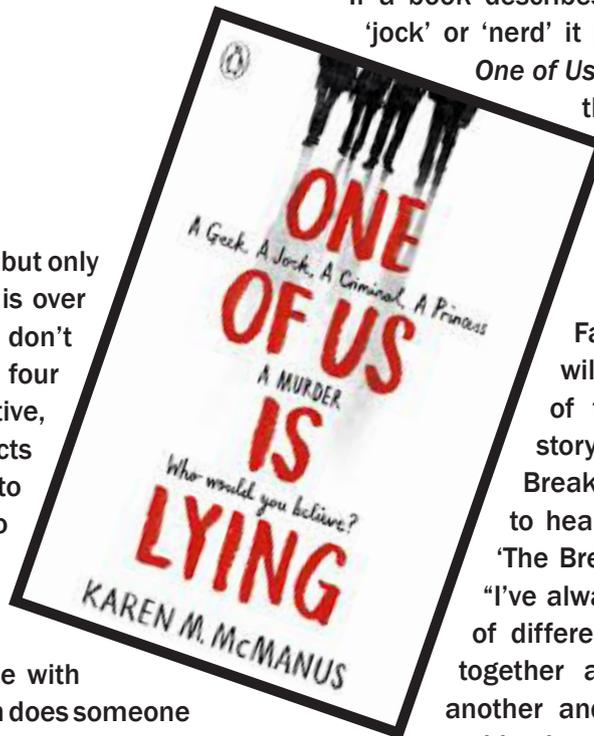
This book caught my attention because reading the blurb left me with one burning question: How on earth does someone get away with killing another person in detention?

Finding out the answer presented more questions and the further the story progressed the more complex the plot became. Adult crime novels are dead serious, whereas Young Adult reads tend to be lighter. The upside of reading *One of Us Is Lying* is that the

characters are always trying to brighten the mood. As a result we have quotes like:

"These murder club meetings are becoming a regular thing. We need a new name, though."

If a book describes its characters using clichés like 'jock' or 'nerd' it raises a red flag. So, coming into *One of Us Is Lying* I was cautious. Thankfully, the characters didn't succumb to the stereotypes associated with their given label. They were more than carbon copies of characters from other novels.



Fans of *Pretty Little Liars* or *Riverdale* will be familiar with the atmosphere of this story. A few pages in the story began to feel reminiscent of *The Breakfast Club*. So I wasn't surprised to hear the author describe her work as 'The Breakfast Club with a criminal twist.' "I've always been interested in the concept of different types of people being brought together and having to interact with one another and thought that adding a mystery would raise the stakes in an interesting way" McManus said.

If that sounds like something that piques your interest, you should definitely pick up this book. Younger readers can also enjoy the story - although there is violence involved, it isn't graphic.

Our Librarians ...

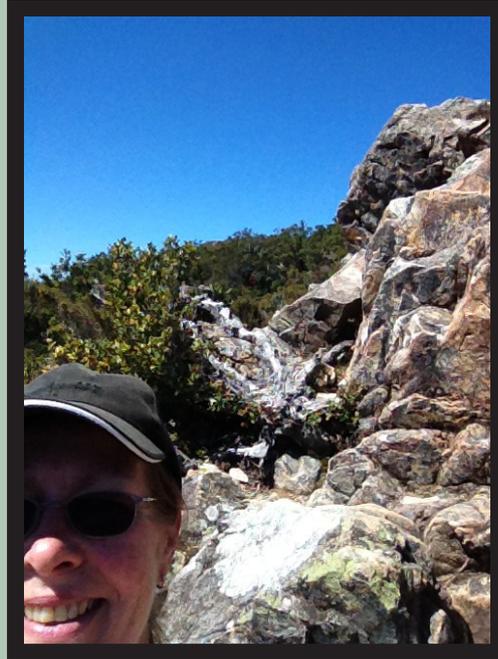
This year we've been taking a closer look at some of our staff, focusing on the skills, understanding and talents they bring to their job through their experiences in other areas of their lives, be it through their hobbies/former jobs/voluntary work or travel adventures!

In this issue Thea tells us about the Masterton Tramping Club.

Tramping in the Tararuas



The Tararua Ranges are a great outdoors playground, and Masterton is only twenty minutes away from the Holdsworth roadend, the gateway to the Tararuas.



The beauty of the scenery, the freshness of the air and the pristine quality of the rivers, all make for a wonderful place to exercise or relax, wander or power walk, spend a few hours or tramp overnight.

Masterton Tramping Club provides safe and organised walks and tramps most Sundays or



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overnight on weekends. The Club meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, at the Community Centre in Perry Street.

The depth of knowledge and experience of the Club members makes for really interesting, informative and, of course, safe walks and meetings. This also means we can explore parts of New Zealand



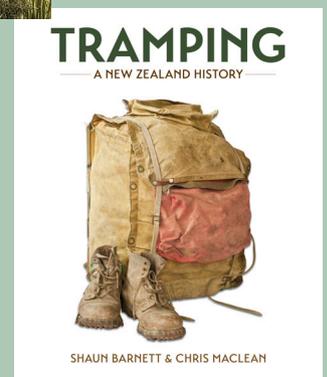
that we wouldn't necessarily explore on our own. We can get out of our comfort zone and attempt higher or steeper or longer walks!

Masterton District Library has a great collection of books for finding background information, historical facts and photos, or for just doing some armchair tramping.



Books such as Craig Potton's, "Great walks of New Zealand" (919.3 POT)

and "Tramping: a New Zealand history" (796.51 BAR) by Shaun Barnett and Chris Maclean are really useful reads with fantastic photos.



So, come and enjoy our great outdoors, just up the road (end).

Thea Prenzler

Librarian – Homebound & Interloans

Winter Warmers and Maths is Fun

Winter Warmers is a free and fun incentive-based reading programme for children aged from 3 years to intermediate, and runs over a six week period.

Children enrolled in the programme receive a booklet in which they write reviews, draw pictures and design covers for the books they've read.

Climb Into Reading

The 2018 Winter Warmers Reading Programme runs from **25th June to 3rd August**.

Registration opens on **11th June 2018**.

Places are limited so make sure to **register** (online or at the library) to avoid disappointment.

Participation in the Winter Warmers Reading Programme is thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Eastern and Central Community Trust.



Maths is Fun is a holiday programme for primary and intermediate age children aimed at improving numeracy and showing them how to have fun with basic numeracy skills and accept them as part of their daily lives.

The programme has been developed by the Masterton District Library and Wairarapa REAP, with the backing of the Eastern and Central Community Trust. The 2018 programme is available at Masterton Library from the **9th to 12th July**.

Maths is Fun is not a remedial or extension programme but is aimed at all children and designed to demonstrate that maths can be not only relevant to their lives but enjoyable as well.

Registration opens on **25th June**.

Matariki quiz answers

1. The Māori New Year
2. A star cluster
3. All of the above
4. All of the above
5. Hōtoke
6. 4.8 billion years
7. Maramataka
8. All of the above
9. Rākaunui
10. Tangaroa

What's on in the library

Pop in for one of our popular weekly or monthly programmes!

Device Advice

Every **Monday at 11am**. Sit with each other and our staff experts and get the tutoring you need to get the most out of your device!

Story-Go-Round Pre-School Programme

Every **Wednesday** during term time, 10.30 - 11.30am
Fun with stories, singing and crafts.

Sit, Knit and Yarn (knitting & craft group)

Every **Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm**.

Spark Jump Workshops

Spark Jump Workshop for families with children who do not have an internet connection in their homes. \$10 for 30GB, pre-pay service with no fixed contract. Free wifi modem.

Thursday 7th June, 6-8pm at the Library

Tuesday 19th June, 10-12am at the Archive

Thursday 28th June, 6-8pm at the Library

– Please **register** by following the link on our website, by phoning us, or talk to staff at the desk.

Book Bugs Book Club (ages 10 - 13)

Wednesday 6 June, 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Fun for all with crafts, speakers, activities & books.
First Wednesday of each month.

Puanga Kohanga Te Reo Pre-School Programme

Thursday 7th June 10.30 - 11.30am.

This programme is delivered in Te Reo Māori but is open to all.

Write On Masterton, with Catherine Cooper

Thursday 7 June, 6.30 - 8.00pm. A writers get-together to explore creativity through the written word. Free and open to anyone who loves - or longs - to write. *First Thursday of each month.*

BookEnds Book Club

Monday 25 June, 1pm

Members choose their own titles to discuss on the *fourth Monday of each month.*

Spotlight On... Karina Gough (Chair Yoga)

Tuesday 26 June, 2pm

Monthly speaker session with light refreshments to follow, 2-3pm *fourth Tuesday of each month.*

'Last Thursday' Evening Book Club

Thursday 28 June, 7pm. Members read the same book and meet to discuss it and exchange views.

Matariki will be celebrated on **Thursday 5 July** at 5.30pm this year, with more storytelling, crafts, entertainment and light refreshments.

If required, you can **register** for our events at <https://masterton.spydus.co.nz/events>
You can find this link at the home page of the library website.



Spotlight On

Karina Gough

Yoga Teacher

karinaflowyoga.com



Chair yoga

Masterton District Library

Tuesday 26 June 2pm

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at the conclusion

'Spotlight On...' Library talks for 2018:

27 February - Age Concern
Services for You

27 March - Sarah Dill
An interactive musical
experience

24 April - Neil Frances
Remembering the Belgians

22 May - Gareth Winter
100 years, 100 lives

26 June - Karina Gough
Chair yoga

24 July - Mayor Lyn
Patterson
Keeping current

28 August - Maria Travers,
Wairarapa Quilters
A quilting journey

25 September - Te
Wharekura o Wairarapa
Waiata-a-ringā action songs

23 October - Zane Saba
Chef on demand

27 November - Hadlow
Choir
Carols & cake

Fourth Tuesday of the month,
2-3pm, followed by coffee, tea
& biscuits.