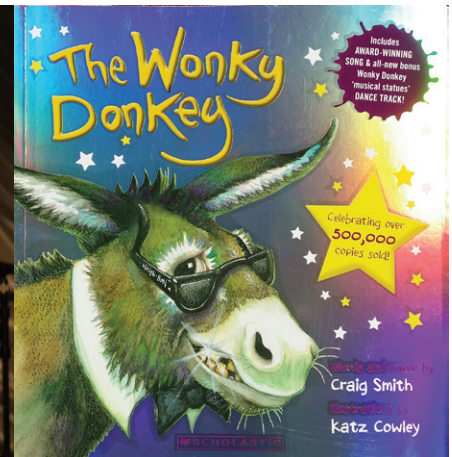
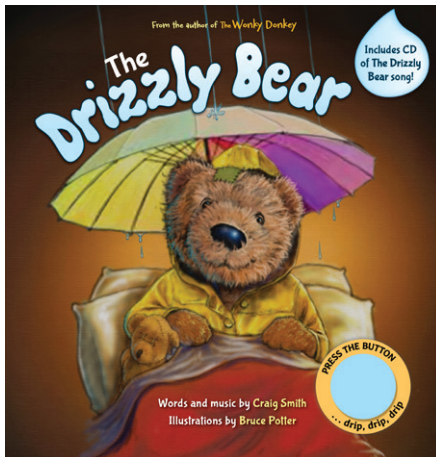


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Craig Smith

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Why Read Science Fiction

Reading science fiction has many benefits beyond pure entertainment. It examines the impact of new technologies, promotes interest in science in a world that is increasingly science and technology oriented, and explores culture and society. Sci Fi books cover topics like inequality, surveillance, selective breeding, and artificial intelligence. It takes the topics we are afraid of in reality and imagines if they were better or worse. There are great benefits of reading fiction in general, but science fiction has the most of all.

Science fiction encourages imagination and curiosity. This genre makes readers more interested in the world around them. It scrutinizes both the benefits and risks of new technology. Sci Fi also goes miles beyond other genres at giving readers an open mind. The representation in science fiction is phenomenal compared to other genres. Science fiction had women scientists long before mainstream novels. Science fiction forces us to think about the future and consider all the possibilities: technology, society, gender roles, etc. Best of all, sci fi books are cool!

-KL Moody, Science Fiction Author



From your Library...

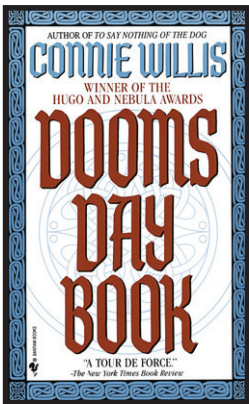
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In reading terms I describe myself as a realist rather than a fantasist and do not read books that are classed as Fantasy but I have to admit that I have enjoyed reading some Science Fiction novels, particularly those with time travel to the past.

The reason for this can probably be explained in Isaac Asimov's explanation of the difference between science fiction and fantasy 'science fiction, given its grounding in science, is possible, fantasy, which has no grounding in reality is not.'

Science fiction deals with scenarios and technology that are possible or may be possible based on science. Some science fiction such as far-future space opera or time travel stories may seem implausible, but they are still not beyond the realm of scientific theory. On the other hand, fantasy general deals with supernatural and magical occurrences that have no basis in science.



My favourite Science Fiction novel *Doomsday Book* was written in 1992 by the American author Connie Willis. The book and the others in the series are set in England.

The novel won both the Hugo and Nebula Awards, and was shortlisted for other awards. The title of the book refers to the Domesday Book of 1086; Kivrin, the main character, says that her recording is "a record of life in the Middle Ages,

which is what William the Conqueror's survey turned out to be.

The novel is the first in a series about the Oxford time-traveling historians, which includes *To Say Nothing of the Dog*

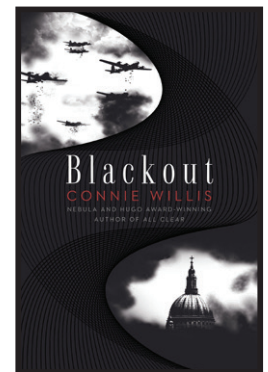
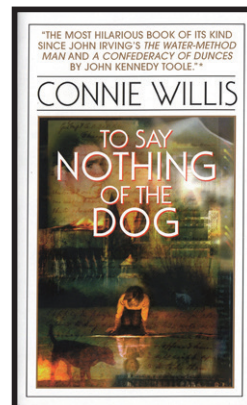
(1998) and *Blackout/All Clear* (2010).

When I read the goodreads reviews it was interesting to note that although the book is rated four and a half stars some of the reviews rated it very lowly. What this potentially means is that you are either a science fiction reader or you are not. As librarians observing our customers we know that every possible genre has a readership and equally has those who would not read the genre under any circumstances.

Science Fiction/Fantasy genre follows Romance/Erotica, Crime/Mystery and Religious/Inspirational in the earnings stakes, earning \$590.2 million compared to \$1.44 billion for Romance/Erotica. Research into the readers of Science Fiction shows that slightly more women than men read the genre and the average reader age is the early forties.

Reading a science fiction novel "That branch of literature which deals with the response of human beings to changes in science and technology." (Isaac Asimov) could 'realistically' fit with the rapidly changing technological world we live in.

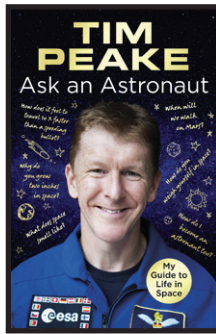
Sandy Green, Library Manager



Space Reads

Ask an astronaut by Tim Peake

Based on his historic mission to the International Space Station, *Ask an Astronaut* is Tim Peake's guide to life in space, filled with answers to the best of the thousands of questions he's been asked by people all over the world since his return to Earth. ANF 629.45 PEA



Astronomy lab for kids: 52 family-friendly activities by Michelle Nichols, M.Ed.

Introduces readers to the basics of space in lessons that can be done with everyday items from around your house. JNF 520.78 NIC



The planets: photographs from the archives of NASA by Nirmala Nataraj

The Planets features more than 200 stunning photographs of our solar system from the archives of NASA, each paired with a detailed caption. The content is

organized by distance from the Sun—beginning with Mercury and moving outward through Neptune and the planetary objects beyond. ANF 523.4 NAT

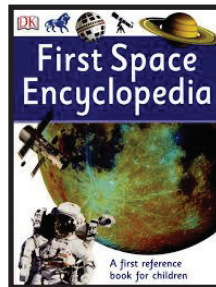


Astronaut by Lucy M. George & Ando Twin

Follow Jenny the astronaut as she and her colleague Lei launch into space! What problems will they encounter? Discover the array of problems an astrophysicist encounters as Jenny attempts to fix the broken space station. PB GEO

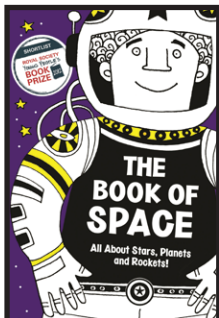
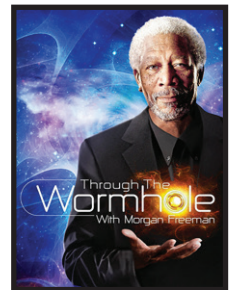
First space encyclopedia

Introduces the universe, visiting all the planets of our solar system and their moons, as well as the Sun and other stars, black holes, asteroids, comets and other galaxies. JNF 520 FIR



Through the wormhole [videorecording] with Morgan Freeman

Explores the deepest mysteries of existence. Are we alone? How did this begin? What happened before that? Bringing together the brightest minds and best ideas from the very edges of Science - Astrophysics, Astrobiology, Quantum Mechanics, String Theory and more - this visually stunning series reveals the extraordinary truth of our universe. DVD 7109 Documentary



The book of space: all about stars, planets and rockets! by Clive Gifford

The Book of Space is jam-packed with everything children need to know about space - from facts and statistics to real-life adventures. Boys and girls can find their way around the Solar System, learn if aliens really could exist and discover the origins of the Universe. JNF 629.4 GIF



Fly Guy presents space by Tedd Arnold

During a visit to a space museum, Fly Guy and Buzz learn all about planets, space crafts and space suits. ER ARN

Science Fiction

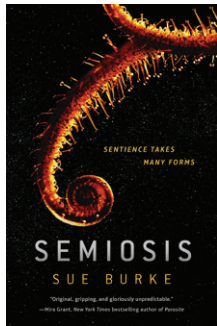
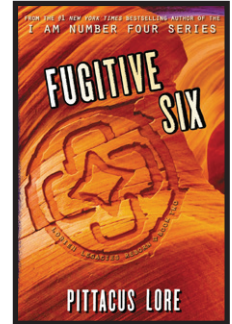
Assassination classroom. 14, Time for a teacher's exam by Yusei Matsui

As Lowly Class E and elite Class A compete for customers at their school festival booths, a parade of familiar faces, some welcome and some not, drop by Class E's booth with surprising consequences. YG MAT



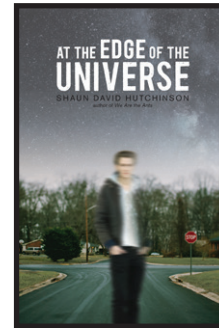
Fugitive six by Pittacus Lore

After her friends from the Human Garde Academy saved her from mysterious abductors, Taylor uncovers a mole from a secret organization within the school that is orchestrating the disappearance of other teens with special abilities. YA LOR



Semiosis by Sue Burke

Colonists from Earth wanted the perfect home, but they'll have to survive on the one they found. They don't realize another life form watches...and waits...Only mutual communication can forge an alliance with the planet's sentient species and prove that humans are more than tools. FN BURK

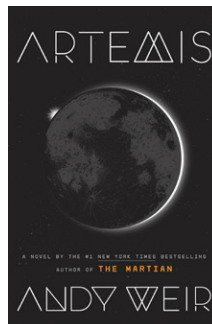


At the edge of the universe by Shaun David Hutchinson

When his best friend-turned-boyfriend goes missing and seems to be remembered by nobody else, Ozzie begins to believe that the universe is shrinking and forges ties with a new friend while struggling to figure out what is happening. YA HUT

Artemis: a novel by Andy Weir

Augmenting her limited income by smuggling contraband to survive on the Moon's wealthy city of Artemis, Jazz agrees to commit what seems to be a perfect, lucrative crime, only to find herself embroiled in a conspiracy for control of the city. FN WEIR



Grey Sister by Mark Lawrence

The Convent of Sweet Mercy has trained young girls to hone their skills for centuries. In Mystic Class, Novice Nona Grey has begun to learn the secrets of the universe. But before she leaves the convent, Nona must choose which order to dedicate herself to— and whether her path will lead to a life of prayer and service or one of the blade and the fist. All that stands between her and these choices are the pride of a thwarted assassin, the designs of a would-be empress wielding the Inquisition like a knife, and the vengeance of the empire's richest lord. Only one thing is certain: there will be blood. FN LAWR

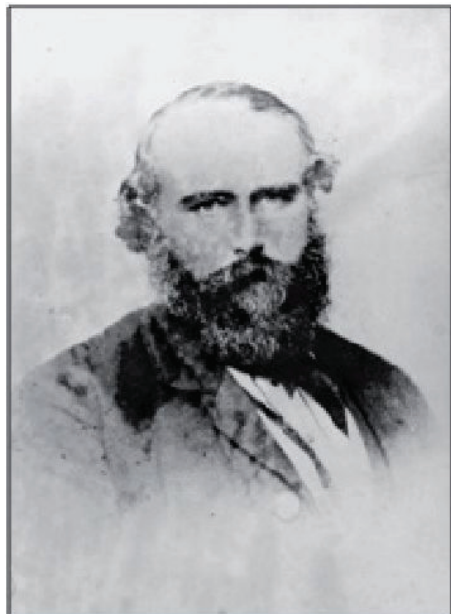


The invisible planet by Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo discovers a planet on the radar that mysteriously appears and disappears. MouseStar 1 lands to investigate and they discover mysterious aliens who hide a secret! JF STI

From the Wairarapa Archive

The Oldest Pakeha Astronomical Observatory



Among the many unknown treasures of the Wairarapa is a small wooden building, now in a parlous state, on a farm south of Featherston.

It is the remains of the country's oldest pakeha astronomical observatory, established by Welsh-born Stephen James Carkeek, who settled in New Zealand in 1841 and worked in Customs. In 1866 he retired from his Wellington position and moved north to settle at 'Torohanga', on the outskirts of Featherston. The following year he built the observatory, the first in New Zealand.

It was built of rough sawn totara, and housed two telescopes. He used his transit telescope to accurately work out the exact geographical location of the observatory, and to check against known stars in order to rate his chronometer.

It is unclear what he used his refracting telescope for, as no known records have survived, but when he died in 1878, the Wairarapa Standard noted that he had "accumulated astronomical observations."

Time has not been kind to the old observatory. For a long time it was used as a farm storage shed, the observatory dome and other fittings being removed to allow this, and it is now in a derelict state.

A recently formed group of South Wairarapa enthusiasts, including members of the Martinborough Dark Sky Society, are hoping to preserve the remains of the original observatory and build a replica so visitors can see how it would have worked.

Wairarapa connections to astronomy are long-lived. As well as this facility, the Carter Observatory in Wellington was funded by Charles Rooking Carter (of Carterton fame), and Aotearoa Stonehenge sits on hills above the Ruamahanga River, near Carterton.

- Gareth Winter, District Archivist

Feature Author - Shirley Corlett

Shirley Corlett is a fiction writer who has published books for adults and children. Her first novel, *The Hanging Sky* (1990), is a wide-ranging historical story. Her second book, *The Stolen* (2000), is a fantasy journey for young readers. It won the Tom Fitzgibbon Award for a best first novel for children in 1999. She was joint Writer in Residence at Dunedin College of Education in 2005.

Join author Shirley Corlett for the launch of her newest book, *A Catastrophe of Gigantic*

Proportions. Hear an excerpt from the book, have Shirley sign a copy and indulge in nibbles and refreshments.

Reserve your seat at www.library.mstn.govt.nz by 22 October.

Books will be available to purchase.

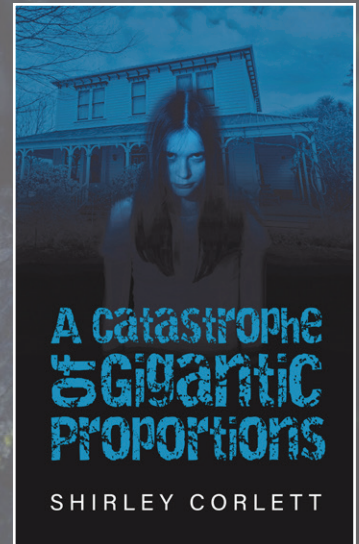
**Thursday 25 October
5:30-7:00pm**

When Angie Danwoolly hears that her loving but strange family intend to sell 115 year old Danwoolly House, she is devastated.

For Hildred Danwoolly, the 12 year old ghost who has haunted the shadowed passageways for 103 years, it is a catastrophe. Can they join forces and save their home?

A mysterious stranger turns up claiming to be a Danwoolly descendant. Is he genuine or a dangerous liar? He seems to be searching for something. Is it something that could save Danwoolly House? Angie must dig deep for courage in her search for the truth.

A Catastrophe of Gigantic Proportions - A book to make you laugh out loud, and make your toes curl under in fright.



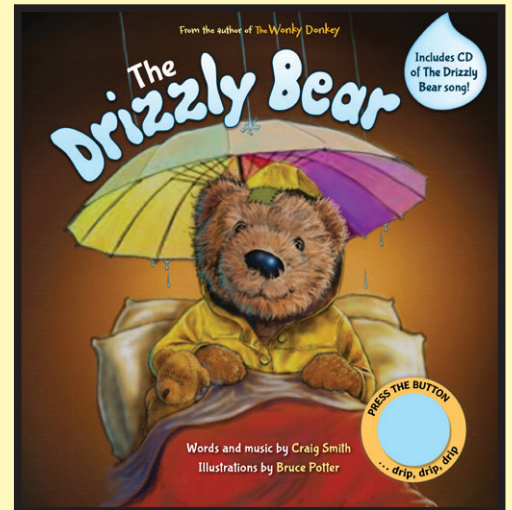
HOLIDAY FUN

WEEK 1

Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
<p>MINECRAFT 10am-noon</p> <p>Enter our Minecraft world and compete in the week's challenge.</p> <p>Register online.</p>	<p>LEGO CLUB 1pm-3pm</p> <p>What can you build with Lego? Come on out to the library and show us what you can create.</p>	<p>SARAH DILL - An interactive musical experience 3pm-4pm</p> <p>A fun, interactive hour of music, stories and fun.</p>	<p>SCRATCH CODING 10am-noon</p> <p>Creating animation and computer games for beginners.</p> <p>Register online.</p>	<p>LEGO CLUB 10am-noon</p> <p>What can you build with Lego? Come on out to the library and show us what you can create.</p>

WEEK 2

Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
<p>MINECRAFT 10am-noon</p> <p>Enter our Minecraft world and compete in the week's challenge.</p> <p>Register online.</p>	<p>LEGO CLUB 1pm-3pm</p> <p>What can you build with Lego? Come on out to the library and show us what you can create.</p>	<p>THE WONKY DONKEY SHOW 2pm-3:30pm</p> <p>CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP with CRAIG SMITH 3:30pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Craig will help you explore your creative side, get a base for your story and then create a song. Ages 9 and older. Bring writing/note taking material.</p> <p>Register online.</p>	<p>SCRATCH CODING 10am-noon</p> <p>Creating animation and computer games for beginners.</p> <p>Register online.</p>	<p>LEGO CLUB 10am-noon</p> <p>What can you build with Lego? Come on out to the library and show us what you can create.</p>



EVENTS & READING CHALLENGES



20 October 10am-2pm

The Wonky Donkey SHOW

Come and enjoy the fun, laughter, singing, dancing, books and songs with the author and songwriter Craig Smith 'Mr Wonky Donkey'

SQUARE EYES
All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
Kaha the Kea
My Daddy Ate an Apple
Willie the Worm
EATING

APRA Award Winning Childrens Song 'The Wonky Donkey'
NZ Post Children's Choice Book Award

Ages 2-9

10 October - 2:00 pm

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1st October - 10th November

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Read 7 books between 1st October – 10th November 2018. Fill in the booklet and when finished, bring the booklet to Masterton District Library and talk to a Librarian about the books you have read. Then you will receive your Pizza Wheel to take along to Hell's Pizza. Get Reading.



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Fortnights Wednesday
10:30-11:30am

Next Dates: 17 October, 31 October

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Zane Saba - Chef on Demand

Tuesday 23 October
2-3pm

A series of talks, performances and presentations covering a diverse cross section of interests within the community. We are always happy to receive suggestions and ideas for future Spotlight talks.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

No registration required.

What's on in the library...

KIDS ZONE

Story Go Round Pre-School Programme 10:30-11:30am

Fun with stories, singing and crafts. Every Wednesday during school term. No registration required.

Puanga Kohanga Te Reo Pre-School Programme 10:30-11:30am

Delivered in Te Reo but is open to all. Every Thursday during school term. No registration required.

Code Club (registration required) 3:30-4:30pm

Visit our website for more information.



Lego Club (registration required) 3:30-4:30pm

Visit our website for more information.

AOTEAROA



Minecraft (registration required) 3:30-4:30pm

Visit our website for more information.

Makercrate drop in sessions 3:15-5:15pm

Monday, Tuesday & Friday. Visit our website for more information.

Book Bugs Book Club (ages 10-13) 5:30-6:30pm

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

ADULTS

Book Ends Book Club 1-2pm

Come join us for an enjoyable hour of sharing books and authors. Members choose their own titles to share and discuss. Fourth Monday of each month.

Device Advice 11am-noon

Sit with each other and our staff experts and get the tutoring you need to get the most from your device and solve your tech problems. Every Monday. No registration required.

Last Thursdays Evening Book Club 7-8pm

Members read the same book and meet to discuss it and exchange views. Last Thursday of each month.

ADULTS

Health and Disability Advocate 10:30-11:30am

If you want to know more about your rights when using health or disability services, get questions answered, or make a complaint, The Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service will be at the library Wednesdays every fortnight. See calendar for scheduled dates. Registration is suggested to allocate sufficient time.

Justice of the Peace 10am-noon

JP available to witness signatures, verify documents and more. Every Saturday. No registration required.

Sit, Knit & Yarn 10am-noon

Sit, Knit & Yarn is an opportunity for crafty people to share their ideas and skills and assist each other with their knitty problems. Members knit for donation, most notably for newborns at Masterton Maternity, as well as working on their own projects for family and friends. This is a free activity and everyone is welcome! Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. Every Friday. No registration required.

Spark Jump Workshops (registration required)

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.

Tuesday 2nd October 10am-noon at the Archives

Thursday 18th October 6-8pm at the Library

Spotlight On...Zane Saba - Chef on Demand 2-3pm

A series of talks, performances and presentations covering a diverse cross section of interests within the community. We are always happy to receive suggestions and ideas for future Spotlight talks. This is a free event and everyone is welcome! Tea, coffee and biscuits are served at the end of the programme. Fourth Tuesday of each month. No registration is required.

Write on Masterton with Catherine Cooper 6:30-8pm

A writer's 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. No registration required.

If required, please register by visiting the library's website, phoning the library, talk to the staff at the front desk or visit:
<https://masterton.spydus.co.nz/events>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HELL READING CHALLENGE 1st October - 10th November	1 10am: Minecraft* 11am: Device Advice	2 10am: Spark Jump* 1pm: Lego Club	3 3:00pm: Sarah Dill Interactive Music Experience	4 10am: Scratch Coding* 6:30pm: Write on Masterton	5 10am: Sit, Knit & Yarn 10am: Lego Club	6 10am: Justice of the Peace
7 Mental Health Awareness Week 8-14 October Let nature in, strengthen your wellbeing - Mā te taiao, kia whakapakari tōu oranga!	8 10am: Minecraft* 11am: Device Advice	9 1pm: Lego Club	10 2:00pm: Wonky Donkey Show 3:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop with Craig Smith*	11 10am: Scratch Coding*	12 10am: Sit, Knit & Yarn 10am: Lego Club	13 10am: Justice of the Peace
14 MakerCrate drop in sessions: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 3:15-5:15pm	15 11am: Device Advice 1pm: Book Ends Book Club	16	17 10:30am: Story Go Round 10:30am: Health & Disability Advocate	18 10:30am: Puanga Kohanga Te Reo Storytime 6pm: Spark Jump*	19 10am: Sit, Knit & Yarn	20 10am: Justice of the Peace 10am-2pm: BLOCK PARTY
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