

2014 Calendar

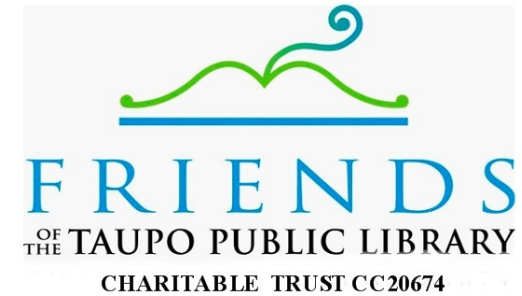
February 20	Quiz Night
March 20	Book Talk
April 17	Poems & Music from the wars
May 15	AGM and guest speaker
June 19	Celebrating National Refugee Day
July 17	Book Talk –children included
August 21	Visiting Author
September 18	Book Talk
October 16	Hunting/fishing
November 20	Book Talk – Christmas/holiday books
December 18	Christmas Carols

For more information on Friends' activities and to view latest photos visit the Taupo Library website:
www.taupo.govt.nz/library/



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Doctor Who: You want weapons? We're in a library. Books are the best weapon in the world. This room's the greatest arsenal we could have. Arm yourself!

-from 'Tooth and Claw', Series 2



Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters!

2014 is the Chinese Year of the Horse, which is picked to be a time of fast victories, unexpected adventure, and surprising romance. It is an excellent year for travel - the more far away and off the beaten path the better. Energy is high and production is rewarded. Decisive action, not procrastination, brings victory. Could be a good year to spring clean the cupboards and get out the backpack.

We ended 2013 with an upbeat Christmas event organised by the Friends of the Library team. Around 80 people were entertained by Donovan Bixley, Camryn Nel and Ana Palmer who strummed guitars, while vocal group, the Short & Sweet Ensemble, regaled us with carols. Thanks also to Mike Wiltshire and Shirley Dodds for their keyboard expertise.

The end of year school prize-givings saw our annual Library Award given out to selected students at the two Colleges and two Area Schools. Anna attended the Taupo Nui-a-Tia event, where Morag Engel-Humphries won the Library Award; Deb went to Tauhara College where six students received Service to the Library certificates and Joseph Carson gained our



Introducing another familiar face around the Library ...

Robyn Tinsley

Customer Services Co-ordinator

Robyn has lived in Taupo since 1971 and came to the Taupo Library in 2005 after working in retail. She was at Whitcoulls when a friend strongly encouraged her to apply for a job that was going at the time, and she hasn't looked back. An avid reader, Robyn is the 'go-to' person at the library for all of those tricky enquiries such as, 'I'm looking for a book but I don't know the title ...' She would make a great quiz night team member. As well as reading pretty much anything (except Sci-Fi and Fantasy), Robyn takes care of the stray cats that live in the car park behind the library. Just before Christmas, she had two cats spayed, and she feeds the cats every morning, even on Sunday. And her reading advice for the New Year?

'Life's too short to read bad books ... there are too many good books out there waiting to be read!'

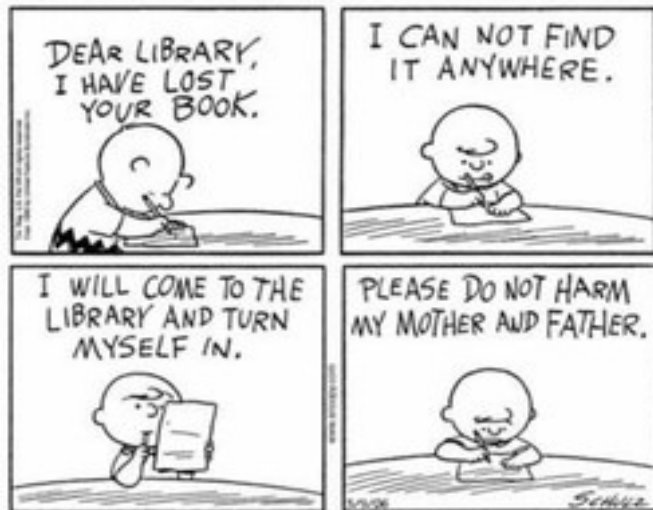


Quiz Night

Our annual Quiz Night in February looks set to be another good one. You can make up a team of four, or simply turn up and we'll pop you into a group. It's a free event, with wine and nibbles included and prizes of DVD vouchers from the Library, two book prizes and lan-yards.

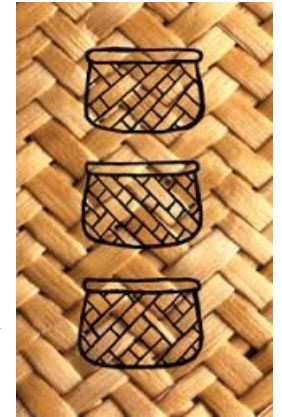
More talk about books

The next book talk is on 20 March - all welcome! If you are interested in sharing a book you have recently enjoyed, please call Hélène on 377 2958.



Award as well; Jessica Arnold from Lake Taupo Christian School received the Library Award, as did a student from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori Ki Tuwharetoa in Waikato Street.

Meanwhile, our Library is in good health, with plenty of customers coming through the doors. An exciting and decisive project, involving the Library and Taupo Museum, will be 'The Kete' - a collection of historical archival material which will be accessible online. There will be more about this in the next newsletter.



Friends of the Library will be celebrating our 10th anniversary in June. Now that's something worth rewarding!



What's New?

Summer event series at the Library

Taupo Library is running a series of free activities throughout summer to keep you and your family entertained. Activities will be held every Thursday from 6pm and Saturdays from 11am. Check out the 'News and Events' page on the Library website to find out what's on. Here are a few listings in the meantime:

Thursday, 23 January	6pm	Surprise - Ask at the Library
Thursday, 30 January	6pm	Craft - A craft for a sunny day
Thursday, 13 February	6pm	Story - A Summer read and reading recommendations
Thursday, 20 February	6pm	Surprise - Ask at the Library
Thursday, 27 February	6pm	Craft - An outside craft

Summer Reading Programme

This is an excellent programme to keep kids reading over the summer. Last year, 74 children participated. The theme for this year, involving around 90 kids, has been 'The Summer Beach Read'.



Tamsin Merriman, who is leaving the library at the end of January to travel, ran the Summer Reading Programme which saw the children's area transformed into a beach-style report-in area, complete with fake sand, inflatable toys and deck chairs for lazily dreaming the day away. As part of The Summer Beach Read, over 90 children have read to their hearts content, checking into the library to tell us about their amazing summer stories.

On completion of four report-ins, each child was handed a treasure map invitation to entice

them to a finale party at the Top 10 Holiday Resort.

Tamsin says, 'Yet another successful summer for the Reading Programme has seen a flurry of children reading for fun, learning as they go and making friends with the library team. A sincere thank you to the Friends of the Library for their on-going financial support, without which this programme would fail to thrive.'



Research shows that involvement in your child's reading and learning is more important than anything else in helping them to fulfil their potential. If your child reads a few books during the school holidays their reading level will actually go up. Here are a few ideas to help raise your child's reading level:

- * read aloud daily to your child
- * make DEAR time - Drop Everything And Read
- * have books accessible at home
- * set aside a specific time each day for reading
- * a child becomes a better reader by regularly reading books that are at their appropriate level
- * have *fun* reading
- * visit your Library!



Book withdrawals

An important source of revenue for the Friends is the book trolley, which you'll find in the Library foyer, and proceeds from sales are channelled back into the Library. Last year, for instance, the Friends bought iPods and e-readers for the Library. And that funky mural in the kids' section? That was also paid for by sales from the trolley.

Books are withdrawn from the Library shelves for various reasons - they might be old, or haven't been taken out for some time, or there are simply multiple copies. Libraries are constantly updating their collections so that new books can be ordered, which is how perfectly good books end up on the trolley. Thanks to H el ene, Barbara and Sylvia, the Friends committee provides an on-going selection of withdrawn books.

Donated books sometimes end up on the trolley. This month there are heaps of mysteries and crime novels which have been donated. If you have books which you think the Library could use, contact Moira: mpereira@taupo.govt.nz