

News from the Friends



What we do

The Friends of Taupo Library raises funds to support the library, and the book trolley is one of our more popular incentives. We also organise events to bring different folk into the library. Currently we have more than 100 paid-up members. We hope to see you soon at one of our events.

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School Holiday Programme

April school holidays saw some neat stuff happening at both the library and the museum: a book launch, colouring competition, origami, knitting and robots. What a wonderful programme!



What's been happening

Activities at Taupo Library continue apace, with another successful Quiz Night in February, the March Book Talk, and an Anzac Day event featuring Alma Riley, Jeannie Lilburn, Dr Pam Woods, and Peter Marshall's musicians.

Meanwhile, the library continues to focus on the digital side, and has been looking at a second ebook platform, e-audio, and upgrades from Kotui, the shared library programme.

This year the Friends are contributing to the worthy Duffy Books in Homes programme by giving funds to Mangakino School to help buy books. This literacy programme has been running since 1993 and provides free books to over 100,000 New Zealand children three times a year.

Remember that we accept good quality books that you might like to donate to sell on the book trolley. This is a great source of fundraising for the Friends.

You may not be aware that every time you visit the library, your visit is counted. These figures allow the library and its funding body, the local Council, to see how well used the library is, and therefore helps with library funding. So keep visiting and enjoying your local library: you really do count.



2016 Calendar

19 May 7.30pm
AGM with guest speaker

16 June
Book Talk 11.30 - 1pm

21 July
Writing workshop for young
people with Kathy White
10.30 - 12pm

18 August 5 - 6.30pm
Taupo geothermal scene

15 September
Book Talk 11.30 - 1pm

20 October 11.30 - 12.30 pm
Gardening for all

17 November 11.30 - 1pm
Book event

15 December 5 - 6pm
Christmas Carols
with cake and bubbles

Whimsy:



Did you know that the word
abibliophobia (a noun) is the fear
of running out of things to read.

Books, snacks, and bookish activities!

The Tween Book Group has been running for nearly a year now, and is going from strength to strength. The group is currently writing a short play, which they hope to have ready to perform during the July school holidays. The play is an original work inspired by the group members' favourite books. The working title is 'What's going on at Hogwarts these days' and features a range of characters from different series, including Beast Quest and Heroes of Olympus.

The Tween Book Group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 pm and welcomes kids aged 10 to 13.

There are 21 tweens registered, and the group is divided into Readers and Writers with the Writers meeting on the second Thursday and the Readers on the third. The group is about having fun and sharing

enthusiasm for books and the written word. To join, fill out an application at the library desk and add your name to the wait list. For info contact Claire at cgriffiths@taupo.govt.nz



Bookish Fact:

There is a book cupboard outside the vet clinic at Gordonton, near Hamilton, where you can exchange a book you are reading for another.

Remember that ...

Taupo Library has some useful community services that are available for free:

A Justice of the Peace is in the library every Thursday from 12 till 2.

Senior Net in the library every Thursday from 2 till 4.

The CAB will be coming to the library every Wednesday from 11am till 2pm.

Toddler Time is a popular weekly event full of songs, stories and crafts at 10.30 on Wednesdays.