

2014 Calendar

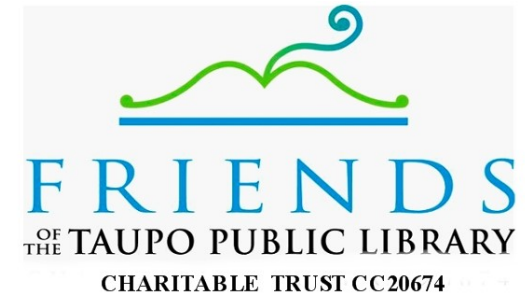
May 15	AGM and guest speaker 7pm
June 19	Celebrating National Refugee Day 12-1pm
July 17	Book Talk 12-1pm
August 21	Visiting Author 1-2pm
September 18	Book Talk 12-1pm
October 16	Hunting & fishing 5.30-6.30 pm
November 20	Book Talk – Christmas books 12-1pm
December 18	Christmas Carols 5-6pm



For more information on Friends' activities
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“I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.”
- *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen



It's been a mild autumn so far in our region, and the trees are starting to look very pretty. The first of the winter trout spawning runs start on the northern Taupo rivers during autumn, which will make many people happy.

In February the librarians joined the Run Lake Taupo event with a team called the Story Pacers (see the cover) and made good time. Eddy and Anna Bixley were there to welcome them in. It was a bit of a rush for Eddy as the team had been expected in around 4.00 but they arrived before 3.30 - under 8.5 hours - well done you librarians. But no sweat for Eddy who dropped everything he was doing and got to the finish line in good time to welcome them in.

In early March Eddy the Taniwha (aka Sylvia), our Library mascot, attended the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Riverside Park organised by Taupo Family Centre. Eddy had a wonderful time along with Shaun the Prawn and Gerald the Giraffe, greeting and meeting hundreds of Taupo children. Eddy was also doling out sweets, much to the delight of the youngsters.

To commemorate ANZAC Day the Drama and Music Departments of Tauhara College in association with the Friends of the Taupo Library presented a very poignant and moving depiction of the reality for the young men and women who lived through the turmoil of World War 1. The staff and students of the college wove together music, poetry, drama and diaries of the times, which the 15 students presented with dignity and aplomb.



Library Folk

Introducing another familiar face around the library ...

Michelle Taylor
Customer Services Officer

Michelle has worked at Taupo Library for ten years. Originally from Reporoa, she lived in Australia for 16 years before returning to the area when her husband wanted to buy a business here. She says that Taupo is a wonderful place to bring up a family and having lived in a very dry part of Australia has found the lake to be a definite asset. Michelle enjoys reading books with spiritual subjects and one of her favourite authors is Neale Donald Walsch, author of *Conversations with God*. She admits to taking home far more books from the library than she can read and says, 'It's hard to find reading time when you work full time!'



Did you know?

Melvil Dewey: Founder of the Dewey Decimal System, Melvil Dewey was born in New York in 1851. While a student at Amherst College, he worked in the school library to support his living expenses and stayed on as a librarian after graduation. After experimenting with different cataloging and organisation methods for library collections, Amherst College published his work *A Classification and Subject Index for Cataloguing and Arranging the Books and Pamphlets of a Library*. Dewey has been named the “Father of Modern Librarianship” and even helped created the American Library Association in 1876.



combines plot and pictures. They can be fiction, non-fiction, history, fantasy, or anything in-between. Graphic novels are similar to comic books in that they use sequential art to tell a story. Unlike comic books, graphic novels are generally stand-alone stories with more sophisticated plots. Usually for a mature audience, graphic novels often have serious literary themes and sophisticated artwork. The Japanese form of the graphic novel is called Manga and they are read from top to bottom and right to left in the traditional Japanese reading pattern. There are three graphic novel collections in the library - one in the junior fiction section, one in teens, while the adult section is right outside the Skype room. Graphic novels can be used to inspire reluctant readers. Here are three samples from the adult section:

Law of the Desert Born by Louis L'Amour

The first graphic novel adaptation of the work of master storyteller Louis L'Amour is a dynamic tale of the Old West that explores the borderlands of loyalty and betrayal with the emotional grittiness of a noir thriller.

Gemma Boverly by Posy Simmonds

Gemma is the pretty second wife of Charlie Boverly, the reluctant stepmother of his children, and the *bête noire* of his ex-wife. A sudden windfall and Gemma's distaste for London take them across the Channel to Normandy, where the charms of French country living soon wear off.

A Study in Scarlet by Conan Doyle

A graphic adaptation of the famous Sherlock Holmes story.



More talk about books

The next book talk is on Thursday 17 July - all welcome! For those of you who may not have attended one of the Book Talks, there are some great reading ideas from locals and staff. We have book reviews ranging from the oldest fiction to bestsellers and non-fiction. The good news about our sessions is that you don't have to be a 'literary type' to enjoy coming along. If you are interested in sharing a book you have enjoyed recently, please email Pat McKenzie: dsgn@actrix.co.nz or phone 376 8230. She'd love to hear from you. See you at 11.30am for coffee and Book Talk from 12 – 1pm.



Teachers Sue Goldsmith, Rowan Boley and Rachel Hand did an admirable job at organising the programme and there was a good audience, boosted by Tauhara College staff and even someone from the local radio station.



A new Education Officer has been appointed to replace Tamsin Merriman and she will be starting at the library in early May. Meanwhile, the holiday programme has been in capable hands and features Activities such as making a moa mask, checking out the museum's moa skeleton, creating a moa collage and moa story time for the little ones. Events have been held at Turangi and Taupo libraries and also featured a Lego competition, arts and crafts and a games day.

On 26 June the Friends will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary and we are all very proud to have reached this milestone. Six of the original members of the steering committee - Joan Shepherd, Helene Everest, Deb Burton, Tony Tompkins, Sylvia Kristensen and Anna Bixley - are still on the current committee and which says a lot about our community. We have seen a steady increase in members from a total of 60 members in 2004 to 103 in 2013. Events such as the Annual Debate, Quiz Night and the Christmas Carols have proved to be very popular over the years, and the Friends have supported the Library in many other ways such as financing the Summer Reading Programme and the children's area mural and cushions. We hope you'll help us celebrate this amazing anniversary.

Ka kite anō until next time.

What's New?

Long-standing member steps down

Deb Burton has been a member of the Friends of the Taupo Library committee since its inauguration in 2004. She has held all of the roles, at various times, being President or Chair as it is now known for six years, Secretary and Treasurer. In 2005 Deb approached lawyer Tony Jensen about forming a charitable trust for the Friends and she has been instrumental in its establishment. Deb has been a member of the Trust all this time and it has since become an incorporated society.



Deb cites her major achievement as being the library extension, which took three years to put into action. 'We had to push for it,' she comments modestly, 'it was a challenge.' The extension was opened by Helen Clark on 6 May 2005.

Among other initiatives, Deb also established the Library Awards in 2009, and has been active in fundraising efforts on behalf of the Friends, helping to secure grants from the Lions and the Kiwanis. 'The Friends committee is important in keeping in touch with library management,' she says, summing up her years on the committee, 'and with the community to encourage a love of books.'

Deb is stepping down to make room for other projects, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours!



Friends of the Taupo Library AGM: Thursday 15 May
Guest speaker Linda Pugh will talk about her 3063 kilometre tramp of the length of New Zealand which took 142 days. Te Araroa (The Long Pathway) is New Zealand's longest tramping route, from Cape Reinga to Bluff, and was officially opened on 3 December 2011. The AGM starts at 7pm and there will be a supper put on by the Friends.

Collecting for the Kete

Taupo District Libraries and Taupo Museum are excited to be able to tell you a little bit about Taupo Kete - our community digital library of arts, local, cultural and heritage resources and knowledge. Taupo Kete will be launched later this year and the initial focus will be on Taupo during WWI, linking with the nationwide WWI centenary celebrations and the WWI exhibition being held at the Taupo Museum in October.

To do this we are asking for support from the community, to get out their photographs, share their stories and memorabilia, so that we can learn more about our soldiers, what was happening on the home front and the effect the war had on those left behind. We will



also be asking for volunteers to help with researching and creating content.

If anyone is willing to share their WWI photos, memorabilia and stories or would like further information please contact the Library on 376-0040 or email kete@taupo.govt.nz



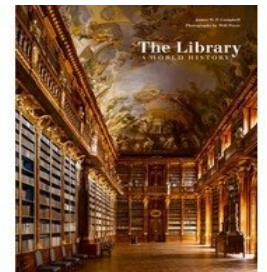
Treasures in the Library

Many of you will have heard of the John Parsons collection which is based in the library. In 1989 local author John Parsons donated the majority of his fishing books to the library - 398 of them - with publication dates from 1800 to 2004. This is a closed collection, which means that you can't take them home, but are available to read in the reference section of the library.

John Parsons is the author of many fishing books himself such as *A Taupo Season* and *A Fishing Year*. Most recently he and Christine McElwee published the *Tribute to Western Bay Lake Taupo*.

A beautiful book

If you are interested in the history of libraries and library architecture, Taupo Library has recently purchased a copy of the most beautiful book imaginable: *The Library - A World History* by James WP Campbell. With 292 illustrations, many of them of lavish historical libraries, this book is a feast for the eyes. From the great dome of the Library of Congress, to the ancient ruins of the library of Pergamum in modern Turkey, architectural historian James Campbell and photographer Will Pryce travelled the globe together, visiting and documenting over eighty libraries that exemplify the many different approaches to thinking about and designing libraries.



What are graphic novels?

Not just comic books, graphic novels are a popular genre which