

# News from the Friends



## What we do

The Friends of Taupo Library raise funds to support the library, and the book trolley is one of our more popular incentives (book donations in good condition are always welcome). We also organise events to bring different folk into the library. Currently we have 100 paid-up members. We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

## Who we are

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## Volunteers needed

Do you have a bit of spare time? Monte Vista would love to hear from people willing to read to their residents for an hour or so each week. If interested, contact Ann Robertson on 378 0182 or email [mtvmgr@terranova.net.nz](mailto:mtvmgr@terranova.net.nz)



## What's been happening

We're well into 2017 now and the Friends have already nailed the first of their library events. Quiz Night was a great success with 36 participants and nine teams competing. First place went to The Raincoats. Cerebrally challenging questions covered a range of subjects. This has proved to be one of our most popular annual events.

The library is planning on having a survey regarding library use for the district. If all goes to plan, this will be launched in March. There will be both an online and a paper version. The aim is to try to find out how people engage with the library and what works for them. The public will be asked what changes (if any) they would like to see, and it will be well advertised when it's ready to go.

Meanwhile, Easter Sunday falls on 16 April this year, and we hope you'll visit your local library at Taupo, Mangakino or Turangi to stock up on some enlightening reading.

## By the way ...

SeniorNet have experienced tutors on hand to help seniors at Taupo Library with any computer queries. Bring along your mobile devices, laptops, tablets or smartphones and the team will show you how to use them. Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. For more information contact [greatlakeseniornet@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakeseniornet@gmail.com), phone Irene on 07 378 7769 or Dot on 07 377 1525.



## 2017 Calendar

**20 April**  
ANZAC Event  
10.30 - 11.30am

**18 May**  
AGM with guest speaker  
7.30pm - supper provided

**20 July**  
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am  
Tea & coffee from 10.15am

**21 September**  
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am  
Tea & coffee from 10.15am

**16 November**  
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am  
Tea & coffee from 10.15am

**14 December 5 - 6pm**  
Carols at the Library  
with cake, bubbles  
and music

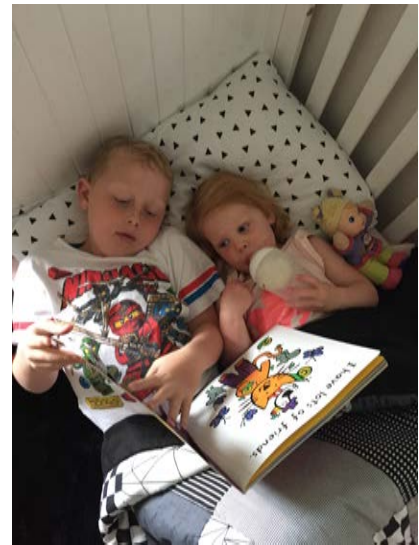
### *Bookish fact:*

The Spotty Dog, Beer & Ale near the Hudson River in New York is inside a 1800s fire station. It sells thousands of books as well serving hand-crafted ale from local brewers, with rows of bar stools where the fire engines once lined up.



## Summer Reading Programme

Once again, a very successful Summer Reading Programme over the summer, sponsored by the Friends, with 95% completion at Taupo Library. Feedback shows that this programme succeeds in maintaining and in many cases improving children's literacy over the summer period. This year, well over half the registered participants were struggling readers, many of whom may have undiagnosed dyslexia, vision problems, or anxiety, and the feedback shows that the programme was particularly valuable to this group.



*"Awesome programme, both my children really enjoyed it, thanks very much for making this possible!"*



### *Book Sale!*

This popular event is on at the library on 7 April from 10 to 2pm, so mark it in your diary. Come in and pick up some bargains for the home or bach. This is a major fundraising for the Friends of Taupo Library. All proceeds go back into the library. Get in early to select a book for Easter reading!