

2014 Calendar

Here are our events for the rest of the year:

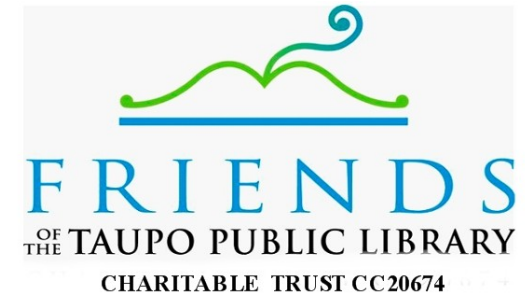
August 21	Visiting Author 1-2pm
September 18	Book Talk 12-1pm
October 16	Hunting & fishing 5.30-6.30 pm
November 20	Book Talk – Christmas books 12-1pm
December 18	Christmas Carols 5-6pm



For more information on Friends' activities
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Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill. They are engines of change, windows on the world, "lighthouses erected in the sea of time."
Barbara W. Tuchman

Kia ora and welcome to another edition of the Friends of Taupo Library newsletter. This year has been a momentous one for our committee as we celebrated 10 years of the Friends with a beautiful cake made by Jane Gamble of Calamity Cakes, and a visit from Mayor David Trewavas. Luisa Haines - Library and Museum Manager - spoke eloquently about the good work the committee has done over this time, reminding us all that quite a lot has actually been achieved.

Meanwhile, the Friends currently have 70 members and the committee continues to put on regular events to support the library. In May, we held the Friends of Taupo Library AGM and were privileged to have Linda Pugh as guest speaker. Linda walked Te Araroa (The Long Pathway), New Zealand's longest tramping route - 3063 kilometres from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

In June, we hosted a mid-winter lunchtime event to mark World Refugee Day called 'The Changing Face of Taupo', and the four speakers gave us an excellent idea of what it is like to set up life in a new place. Kate from Canada, Nenden from Indonesia, Helga from Croatia, and Joyce from England all spoke glowingly of Taupo and how they came to live here. The event also featured four marvellous homemade soups from Lorraine, Barbara, H el ene and Janice Lonsdale. Aren't we lucky to have such good cooks on the committee.



July saw our usual Book Talk, which was well attended. This regular event could be called the Library Book Club, as it brings together like-minded people who share what they have been reading. It's a place to get some good reading ideas, and the list of discussed books is available from the Friends' table in the library. If you are interested in sharing a book you have enjoyed recently, please call H el ene on 377 2958.

Library Folk

Introducing a new member of staff ...

Claire Griffiths
Library and Museum Education Officer



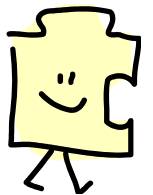
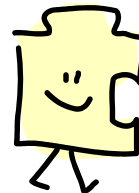
"I have dual citizenship for New Zealand and Australia and grew up in a bunch of different places in Australia. My interests could be loosely grouped as water-related, writing-related and textile-related.

I have a BA in Linguistics and Archaeology (the photo is from a field school I did as part of my study), and a Grad Cert in Museum Studies. I've travelled a bit, worked a bit, and generally resisted all attempts to force me into the classroom (knowing full well I'd get addicted to teaching and never have any time to write, sew or dive). My favourite authors are Diana Wynne Jones, Georgette Heyer, & Saki (H.H. Munro).

This is pretty much my dream job: Education Officer for the museum and library with an emphasis on literacy, cultural heritage and new technology. The New Zealand part is an added bonus, and the only real drawback is the cold. If I thought they'd let me have the sauna as a residential rental, I would move in straightaway."

Puzzle and Big Book Sale

Here's your chance to score a winter diversion - we're having a sale of jigsaw puzzles and outsize books at the library. Get in early on Tuesday, 12th August 11am -1pm.



Can you help?

We're hoping that someone can help to 'freshen up' the cushions in the children's area of the library. Former committee member Alison Nixon originally designed and made them and they've been looked after by Mary Bird since Alison went to live in Melbourne. Sadly, Mary recently passed away and the cushions are missing out on their usual TLC. We're hoping that one of our members with sewing or patchworking experience and just a little time to spare will call H  l  ne on 377 2958 to offer assistance. We'd be so grateful if you can.

We asked Mary McCarty, Editor of the *Taupo Times*, to tell us about her three favourite books.:

The works of Banjo (AJ) Paterson
My father introduced me to this one. He came across Banjo Paterson thanks to an Australian jockey who was once apprenticed to my grandfather and who used to delight in reciting 'The Old Timer's Steeplechase' to my Dad and his brothers when they were youngsters.

The Collected Dorothy Parker

I just love her wit and ability to skewer a subject with words. This collection includes short stories, poems and assorted magazine articles. I'm hugely envious of her ability, and I never get tired of this collection.

The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness, by Simon Wiesenthal

This book was required reading for an ethics paper I did at university. The main story is achingly painful to read while the second half of the book presents arguments for and against forgiveness from a diverse range of people. Extremely powerful.



Our August event on the 21st brings author Joan Rosier-Jones to Taupo. Joan has published books for both children and adults, as well as being an inspiring tutor of creative writing. Her non-fiction includes *So You Want to Write?* and *Writing Your Own Family History* - particularly appropriate as August is Family History Month. This year saw the publication of her novel *Waiting for Elizabeth* set in Ireland 1565. 'Old English' Thomas Butler, Earl of Ormond, affectionately known as 'Black Tom' due to his swarthy looks, is waiting for his Queen, Elizabeth.



Recently, somebody enquired as to which of us puts together the Friends newsletter ... that's myself, Tina Shaw, who is pictured here with Anna and Barbara as we were preparing the last issue of the newsletter. If there is something you would like to hear about in the newsletter, please do drop me a line: shaw.tina@gmail.com

What's New?

Whanau Ora gets on board

The Friends are hoping to encourage more and more young families to join the library. Plunket is already helping us to do this by handing out invitation cards which offer free lanyards and no joining fee to parents if they enrol their babies and toddlers through our Eddy scheme. Now Whanau Ora has also joined the scheme and during home visits will be explaining to their clients just what the library has to offer them and how they can help their young children to learn and grow through books. With their help we're hoping to see plenty more little people in our children's corner finding out that the library is fun for everyone .





More about the Kete

Material about WW1 is already being listed on the Taupo Kete - your online knowledge basket of topics, images, audio, video, web links, documents and discussion which are collected and described by you, the Taupo District community. You can access the Kete via the library website.

The Lake Taupo Genealogy group are undertaking a large research project tracing soldiers with links to the Taupo District who fought in World War 1 and telling their stories. There is also a 'basket' on the site featuring topics, images and memories of the Taupo District from 1914 to 1918.



Are you interested in family history?

There are some good genealogy resources in the library if you are interested in researching your family history or whakapapa. Ancestry.com, for instance, can be accessed for free in the library. This is the world's largest online resource for family history and offers access to New Zealand, Maori Voter and Electoral Rolls, among many other things. Another excellent resource is the microfiche which is available on a key system any time the library is open. Its resources include New Zealand births, death, marriages and cemeteries; international genealogical index; and the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*. The Library also holds copies of *Family Tree Magazine*, *Practical Family History*, *The New Zealand Genealogist* and *New Zealand Memories* magazine.

Branch meetings of the Taupo NZ Genealogy Society are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, February to November, at the Library, 7.30pm in the Michael King room. For enquiries, email: laketaupogenealogy@gmail.com

LIANZA promotion in the library

It has been announced that Hell Pizza is the principal sponsor of the 2014 LIANZA Children's Book Awards. The Library & Information Association President Laurinda Thomas is excited by the opportunity. "A partnership with Hell Pizza will allow us to bring increased recognition to the high quality children's writing being produced in New Zealand." Although the link between pizza and good kids' writing may seem a bit dubious, there is a tasty incentive to encourage more children to read – a free pizza for each child who reads eight books from the library. Loyalty cards are available from the front desk.

Meanwhile, the winners of the LIANZA Book Awards will be announced on 11 August 2014. Here are the finalists for the Young Adult section:



Recon Team Angel, Book 3: Ice War by Brian Falkner, (Walker Books)

Dear Vincent by Mandy Hager, (Random House)

When We Wake by Karen Healey, (Allen & Unwin)

Bugs by Whiti Hereaka, (Huia)

Mortal Fire by Elizabeth Knox, (Gecko Press)

Cattra's Legacy by Anna Mackenzie (Random House)



Teen section gets revamp

Still on the subject of young adults, the teen section has been moved to a cosy corner of the library. It's getting a revamp with paint, posters and new seating. It's going to look great.

