

# 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.

## Who we are

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## A community 'library' in Thames

The feature photo is possibly the smallest library ever. It's inside a bus shelter on the Thames Coast, and books are shared with the neighbouring streets.



## What's been happening

The Library has held another successful school holiday programme, and the decorating of the library is now complete. A big thank you to the public for your understanding and patience while the collections were being moved around and areas blocked off at times for decorating.

We were fortunate to have writer (and Waikato Regional Councillor) Kathy White give a writing session in July which went really well. Kathy has an amazing way of interacting with children and the group produced some excellent stories at the end of it all. All 23 of the kids seemed completely involved and would have learned a huge amount. The parents afterwards were very grateful too.

Meanwhile, the Friends committee is looking healthy with the addition of three new members. More hands, as they say, make the work lighter.

## Taupo's geothermal scene

The August event is going to be hot (sorry). Paul Bixley has kindly offered to speak about the development of geothermal energy in New Zealand over the last 70 years. Paul has 40 years experience working with the exploration, development



## 2016 Calendar

**18 August 7.30 - 8.30pm**  
Paul's Power from the Earth

**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



## Honouring a New Zealand writer:

An iron sculpture inscribed with a quote from Patricia Grace's 1986 novel, *Potiki*, has been unveiled in Titahi Bay, Porirua. The sculpture is part of the Porirua Writers Walk and honours the award winning author, who calls Porirua home.

and operation of many geothermal resources in New Zealand and other countries, and he'll be discussing the early work at Wairakei. This is a free event, with wine and nibbles.

## Upskill at the Library

As you'll already know, the JP & SeniorNet meet at the library on Thursdays, while the genealogists offer assistance to people who need it on Mondays 1 – 3pm and Thursdays 10am – 12. Now a new incentive sees one day courses for those who need to learn how to create a CV, run by REAP, who will be at the library every Wednesday. Please contact the library about whether you can attend one of these sessions.

## Book Talk Alot

Did you know that the Friends of the Taupo Library have been holding Book Talk sessions for five years now? We've reviewed 227 books so far and had 45 wonderful reviewers sharing their choice of favourites. We're an informal group who meet upstairs in the library for tea and coffee, followed by an hour of reviews and chat about a wide range of books – serious, funny, fiction and non-fiction. A list of titles reviewed is always available on the Friends' table near the Issues Desk in the Library a few days after the event. Everyone's welcome to our next session on Thursday 15 September from 11.30 to 1pm, and if you'd like to share something you've enjoyed reading, please contact H el ene Everest at 377 2958, or email [kronan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kronan@xtra.co.nz) - we'd love to hear from you!

### Bookish Fact:

Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* was banned in China in 1931, as General Ho Chien thought it was offensive to depict animals talking as if they were people.

## Have you taken out an ebook recently?

Ebook usage at the library is increasing all the time, and is a great way to borrow a book. Here are a few new ebook titles you might find of interest:

*A Many Coated Man* by Owen Marshall (NZ)

*Illegal Action* by Stella Rimington (crime)

*Red Queen* by Christina Henry (fantasy)

*The Lost Landscape* by Joyce Carol Oates (memoir)

*Kiwis at War 1939-40 & Earlier - Part One - Navy and Merchant Marine* (history)