

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. We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Who we are

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Step up!

Do you have a bit of spare time? Join the Friends committee and go places. Well, okay, just to the library. But we have some fun events, and it's a good cause. Get in touch with Lorraine if you are able to help out: 021 644 666.



What's been happening

We're in the final throes of winter now, and I hope you're all keeping warm. The mountains look beautiful, and what better place to warm up than in our wonderful library.

We had a great ANZAC event with the Peter Trio and the history of song 'Blue Smoke' – New Zealand's first record. Toby Rameka spoke about family members who were in Maori Battalion, while Gilli Sutton read waiata from Monty Soutar's book about C Company of the Maori Battalion. Graeme Williams, now a local, gave an excellent talk about the Peacekeeping Force.

The AGM in May saw guest speaker Peter Crawford talking about the New Zealand Masters Games. He was a successful participant, competing in the shot put, discus and javelin.

The last book talk was another success with some great titles being reviewed. We also had a wonderful Book Sale this year, continued on by library staff, and it's been an excellent fundraiser for our efforts.

Sometime this year the library is going to be launching E-Audio. This will enable patrons to borrow talking books to use on their devices.

On a less salubrious note, yet something to be celebrated: new toilets! The library is very pleased to see the ablutions area revamped and hopefully will make a big difference to all visitors.



2017 Calendar

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 Bosham Book Box in Sussex is an old telephone box that's been turned into a book swap. It has had tiny bookshelves installed, and is full of books. Locals can take any book they want, so long as they replace it with one of their own. It is the UK's smallest lending library.



Online registration

You can now join the library via an online registration system. It's easy as. Simply log in to the Library website and fill in your registration form on line. Then come into the library within two weeks with a photo ID and proof of address. You can find this registration under 'Membership & Charges' on the website.



Learning opportunity

In coordination with REAP the library is running a computer skills programme called Stepping Up. This involves small groups working together on Tuesdays at the library to learn about computers. Topics include basic computing, Word, digital design and an introduction to spreadsheets. You must be under age 65 and have school qualifications below NCEA Level 2. And the best thing? It's free!



Funding Options

Do you know about Generosity NZ? This is a page on the Library website that offers information about public funding organisations and where to find funding for community groups. This is a free service that you can access with your Library card and pin number. There is also information about scholarships, grants and awards for individuals. Visit [this link](#) for more info.



A patron asked the librarian why Tales of Robin Hood had been withdrawn from the collection. The librarian replied, 'Too much Saxon violence.'