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World Language Collection launched by Dayanira Bakhshi, Chairperson of the Nelson Multi-Ethnic Council

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Library locations

Elma Turner Library

27 Halifax St, Nelson

Stoke Library

cnr Putaitai St & Neale Ave, Stoke

Nightingale Library Memorial

2 Beach Rd, Tahunanui

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World Language Collection

This exciting new collection of books was launched in August, in recognition of Nelson's multi-ethnic community. The collection comprises books in ten languages - Thai, Spanish, German, Dutch, Samoan, French, Japanese, Russian, Chinese and Italian. It has proved very popular with locals who appreciate being able to read something in their first language. We hope too that people learning one of these ten languages will find the collection helpful.

Summer is boom time at the Libraries

Did you know that summer is the busiest season for Nelson Public Libraries? On 5 January 2010, over 2,100 people visited the Elma Turner Library and nearly 5,000 items were issued. Stoke and Nightingale Libraries had exceptionally busy days as well, and staff at all three libraries were also busy checking in returns, shelving and helping customers with their queries. We're sure that 5 January 2011 will be just as busy.

Recreation Services

Christmas - a time to relax, catch up with family, and take time out to read a good book. The Recreation Services staff are here to help you find books you will enjoy. Come and see us at the Information Desk at the Halifax Street end of the Elma Turner Library. We can have a chat about books you have enjoyed and others you might like to read over the Christmas and New Year break.

Holiday hours

All libraries are closed on

Saturday 25 December Saturday 1 January

Sunday 26 December Sunday 2 January

Monday 27 December Monday 3 January

Tuesday 28 December Tuesday 4 January

Monday 31 January, Nelson Anniversary

Sunday 6 February, Waitangi Day

Normal opening hours apply for all other days

News & notes

Staff changes

Margot Collins - Team Leader Children's Services

I am the new Children's Services Team Leader at Nelson Libraries. My last posting was as Children's and Teen Services Librarian at Birkenhead Library on Auckland's North Shore. The way we offer services to children and teens in the library setting is always in a stage of transition. Books (for now) remain a staple but homework and learning centres, e resources, wikis and blogs will continue to change what we offer to our young customers. However the face to face service is still so valuable and there is nothing better than the question "Can you help me find a good book?"



Viv Rounce - Children's & Young Adults Librarian

Viv, a familiar face in the Children's Library has been appointed to the position of Children's & Young Adults Librarian.



Katie Sellars - Library Assistant

It's really nice to be back working in libraries after a four year break. I have spent most of my working life in libraries and bookshops here in NZ

and in the UK. We moved to Nelson in 2000 after having 12 years in Scarborough (North Yorks). We love living in Nelson, and the chance it has given us to live a less pressured lifestyle. I like all the usual things... books, gardening, movies, music, chooks, walking, and travelling within NZ. I've already met many of you at the issues desk at Elma Turner.

Librarians become space cadets

Over the next few months staff will be looking at how we can change the layout of the Elma Turner Library. In particular we will be seeing how we can move shelving and collections around to create more space for people to sit, relax, read or study. We will also be rearranging the location of our computers to have some 'noisier' areas and some quieter zones.

Library volunteers

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time but they have the heart." A big thank you to our volunteers, especially those who deliver bags of books to the homes of our housebound customers. Some customer feedback:

- "the deliverer is so reliable and kind";
- "they always have a chat";
- "they're a wonderful person";
- "they're so good to me'.

Some enduring friendships have been established between volunteer and customer.

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Staff changes continued

Maclean Barker - Library Assistant

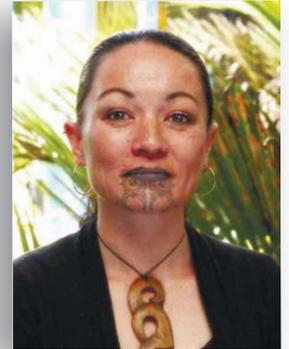
I have returned to live in Nelson after 9 years away in the North and the deep South. It's wonderful to be home, and to be working in this great library.

Cindy Batt - Library Assistant

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Greetings all,

My Turangawaewae are Taranaki, Waikato and the East Coast of NZ. I was born and raised here in Nelson, in Brightwater. My partner and I have two children. Two



handsome boys aged nine years

and seven years. I also have a beautiful 19 year old daughter. My family and I have a number of hobbies and favourite things to do. Fishing, bush-walking, playing alternative instruments, martial arts, cooking etc. I also enjoy working part-time at the Nelson Provincial Museum as one of the educators and am secretary and a tutor for a Maori Language movement 'Te Ataarangi'.

I work with a great team here at the library and enjoy the diversity that my position at the library offers.

No reira, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou

Toku Reo, toku ohooho

Toku Reo, toku mapihi mauria

Toku Reo, toku whakakai maripi

Paimarire, Cindy

You can choose to pay later

Did you know that you don't have to pay off small library charges and fees immediately? For example, \$2.00 reserve fees, \$2.00 CD/DVD rentals and 30 cents-per-day extended loan charges can be left on your record until they reach a total of \$20.00 and then paid off in one go. And we don't charge any interest!

If you like issuing your own reserves, you don't need to come to the desk afterwards to pay the \$2.00 reserve fee - just let it accrue and pay later.

Once your unpaid charges reach \$20.00 an invoice is posted to you, and you are unable to borrow further items until this amount is either cleared or reduced to below \$20.00. At the issue desk we will usually give you a reminder that there is money owing on your record, but don't necessarily expect you to pay it immediately if it is under \$20.00. You can also choose to pay your library charges online via our website.

Debbie Bowden

Debbie Bowden, formerly Community Librarian based at Stoke Library, has moved to Tasman District Library as Customer Services Librarian.

What's happening

Your display

Community groups are able to book space at Elma Turner Library. Facilities include a range of display boards and tables and a choice of two or three areas in the Library. There are also lockable glass cabinets available especially for secure display of valuable items and those you do not wish to have handled. Usually displays are booked for a maximum of two weeks on a 'first in' basis. To book space contact Andrea King, phone 546 8100.

TV promotion

Next time you're in the Elma Turner Library, take a look at our new promotional presentation on the wall-mounted TV. Through colourful slides and a video clip we are advertising our services, events and facilities.

Clean hands

All three libraries have wall-mounted dispensers of hand sanitiser for customers to use at any time.

Happy holidays

Nelson Public Libraries staff wish all of our customers, borrowers and visitors a safe and happy festive season filled with lots of reading, eating and relaxing.



The Library will be 170 years old soon

In May 1841, on board the immigrant ship *Whitby*, the first formal meeting of the Nelson



The original premises of the Nelson Institute, shown here in 1892 when it was a dressmaker's. (Nelson Provisional Museum)

Literary and Scientific Institute was held. This organisation, which is still in existence, was the parent of both Nelson Public Library and Nelson Provincial Museum. The first building occupied by the Library (known as Nelson Institute) was in upper Trafalgar Street from September 1842.

Nelson Public Libraries are planning in 2011 and 2012 some celebrations of our being one of the very oldest public libraries in New Zealand. We'll let you know more information over the next few months.

Waitangi Day celebrations

We are planning several days of events to celebrate Waitangi Day 2011, including a weaving and poi workshop, making and playing koauau, hearing from a Waka Ama group and a children's event featuring Māori storytellers. More information on events will be available in January on our website and from our libraries.

A competition is now open for entries from children and adults, with the theme 'What does the Treaty mean to you?' Categories include written and art/craft and the deadline for entries is 23 January 2011. There are great prizes to win, including book, meal and music vouchers and winning entries will be displayed in the Elma Turner Library. Further information is available on the library website and from the Information Services Desk at Elma Turner Library.