

# shelf life

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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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## E-Books

Getting an e-book reader for Christmas? If so, we have a present for you.

You can now download ebooks and audio books from Nelson Public Libraries. The Libraries have joined a number of other public Libraries, as the South Island Downloadable Zone, to provide access to Overdrive – a free digital media platform for library members. The South Island Downloadable Zone currently has a selection of adult fiction e-books and audio titles and this collection will expand after Christmas to include non-fiction and a greater range of titles. You will always find some classic titles available for download – look for the “always available” logo. The collection is free to use for library members – and there are no reservation or extended loan charges. Follow the link on the library website, go to ‘Getting started’, download the software you need for your particular hardware, choose your titles and off you go.

Access the South Island Downloadable zone at:

<http://southisland.lib.overdrive.com/>

If you need help, drop into the library and talk to us, or contact [library.ref@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.ref@ncc.govt.nz). Look out for training session on accessing our ebooks. We also have an ebook roadshow planned for February – we will keep you posted.



## Holiday hours

All libraries are closed on

Sunday 25 December

Monday 26 December

Tuesday 27 December

Normal opening hours apply for all other days

Sunday 1 January

Monday 2 January

Tuesday 3 January

# What's happening

## Further changes to Library layout

We've taken another step or two down the road of making the Elma Turner Library more comfortable for our customers. We have grouped the council-owned computers in the Learning Centre and the government-provided APNK computers near the exit, with printers adjacent to each. This will help create more of a "social hub" in the central area of the Library which tends to be the noisiest area, and hopefully leave the extreme ends of the Library as quieter zones. Nearby staff can more easily give assistance to both groups of computer-users. The Reserved items awaiting pickup are now close to the issue desks and the self-service machines. We plan to have more comfortable seating in front of the red wall, an area straight ahead when you enter the Library. This is a good place to sit and get your bearings, meet and chat with others, or just have a browse of nearby display items. Do let us know what you think of the changes so far, and any suggestions you have for further changes.



*Spacious Nightingale Library.*

## Community Libraries News

Stoke Library customers and staff are loving the changes made to their library and its more spacious feel. Nightingale Library customers are also enjoying some

changes to their library's layout and shelving, with a few more changes to come over the next month or so. Well done to the Nightingale team who have achieved a lot within restrictive space.

## BookChat

Two BookChat sessions per month are held – Stoke Library on the first Thursday, and Elma Turner Library on the second Tuesday. Sessions for 2012 start in February. All sessions are at 10.30am and start with a cup of tea or coffee. BookChats are informal reading discussion groups open to everyone. Just listen, or join the discussion, or talk about a book you've recently read – it doesn't have to be something you really enjoyed – items you didn't enjoy can lead to great discussions!

Your ideas are always welcome on how we could improve BookChat, or if there are other discussion groups we could start?



# What's new

## Discovery searching

Nelson Public Libraries' new online catalogue, Discovery Search, is one of the most exciting innovations the libraries have embraced in recent years and gives the public the ability to "Discover" a huge range of resources from right across library collections. In fact, it can seem a little overwhelming at first. A simple search for a book title might bring up hundreds of results because the Discovery Search will search across physical resources as well as databases, and through journal articles, book reviews and so on.

Follow this link for search guidelines <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/search-and-discover/>

Talk to library staff if you'd like further help, email [library.ref@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.ref@ncc.govt.nz) or telephone 546 8100 and ask for extension 8414.

## From the Children's Library

Enrolments for our 'Be a Legend' Summer Reading Programme have now closed. All places have been filled.

Preschoolers are still welcome to join our 'Little Legends' programme at the Elma Turner Library. Please ask at the Children's Library next time you visit.

The last Storytime and Smalltime sessions for 2011 have already taken place, with sessions starting again the first week of February 2012. The Preschool programmes at Nelson Public Libraries are free to attend and are held during the school term. As well as helping to prepare children for reading, they are a fun social opportunity for children, parents, grandparents and caregivers alike.

Visit the Elma Turner Library for **Summer Storytime!** Wednesdays 10.30am from 4 – 25 January 2012. For ages 4 - 10.

For information about our school holiday programme and our 2012 pre-school programmes go to <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/what-s-on-for-kidz/>

## Nelson Growables held 13 November 2011

Nelson Public Libraries had a stand at this fair, much to the surprise of attendees who browsed and borrowed from the mini-library we took along. We were very pleased with the number of people who completed our written survey forms and received some great feedback. Some common themes were: our collections are good; we need more comfortable seating; our staff are friendly/helpful/knowledgeable; how good it would be if we had some longer opening hours in evenings or at weekend, and a café. All completed survey forms went into a lucky draw with Anne Amber the winner of the \$50 book voucher.



Anne Amber, winner of \$50 book token.

# News & notes

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## Christmas bonus

You may have noticed that items you've borrowed since early December were issued for 6 weeks instead of the usual 4 weeks. This is something we like to do at this time of the year to allow for your extra holiday reading.

## 2012 events

We are currently planning our displays and programmes for these celebrations next year:

- Waitangi Day - February
- Nelson Market Day - 4 February
- NZ Book Month - March
- Heritage Week - 15 April
- Matariki - June
- Maori Language Week - July
- Our Libraries' 170th birthday - September

Details for each event will be in Live Nelson and the Libraries



## A word from the Library Manager

2011 has been a very busy year. Until recently I've been a fulltime co-ordinator for Rugby World Cup in Nelson; we've implemented a sophisticated new computer system; we've had the usual range of events and programmes, many of these with the tremendous support of our Friends of the Nelson Library Inc. E-books are now available via our website. Stoke Library had a makeover, Nightingale Library has had some layout improvements with more to come.

At the Elma Turner Library we've been talking for a while now about making some changes to the internal layout. We've heard your feedback about wanting some quieter zones, comfortable seating, and more 'people spaces'. After pulling together your ideas and our own, we're now in a position to implement our plans which we'll be doing over the coming year.

We embrace change – we know we need to grow and evolve. It can be a challenge to do this while still providing traditional core services for our many customers who value these. We keep alert to what's happening in libraries around New Zealand and beyond and are excited about what's ahead for public libraries which will see the level of change not only continue but also pick up speed. Our challenge is to make sure we grow and develop successfully and take you all with us. I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

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## Happy holidays

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

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