

## News & notes

### www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

If you don't look at our libraries' website, you could be missing out on really useful information. The website is our fourth library and unlike our other three, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Just about everything you want to know about the libraries is on the website. In particular, check out:

- Library News which is updated frequently
  - Events calendar
  - A full A to Z of library services for a quick search
  - My Library giving access to
    - 'My account' so you can check how many items you have out, due dates, money owing, reserves waiting, etc.
    - Backcopies of Shelf Life
    - Video tutorials on how to issue your own items, how to request an item and cancel a request
- Our website is worth exploring.

### M@bile Library

Search the Library catalogue on your cell phone, anytime, anywhere. To access the library catalogue from your cellphone point your phone's browser to [www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/m](http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/m).

To find out what else you can search on your cell phone, go to the library webpage 'My Library', then 'My m@bile library'.

### We're loved!

Our busiest days of the year are immediately before and after a statutory holiday. Here are some recent staggering statistics combined for all three of our libraries:

	Door count	Issues
29/12/09	3016	5396
05/01/10	3042	5872
06/04/10	2999	5356

## A word from the Manager

### Things we often get asked

#### Why don't we contact customers before their items are due, rather than 3 days after?

- Most borrowers return their items within 3 days of the due date. The expense and staff time involved in an earlier notification would be prohibitive.
- There is an online service called Library ELF, independent of libraries, that provides an email notification before items are due. For further information and to sign up to Library ELF, please go to the library website page 'About the Libraries', select 'Information for borrowers' then 'Keeping track of your library account'.

#### Why don't we have a cafe?

- We'd love to have one, but don't have the space or the funding at present.

#### Why can't someone look up their historical record of what they've read?

- Our library software that keeps track of all items on loan does not have this option.

#### The Library is noisy

- People are now using their libraries in many different ways. Increasingly the library is becoming a community space and not just a place for books. Some of the new ways people use a library can be noisy - studying together, sharing the time around a computer, playing computer games, listening to music, talking on cell phones; people 'Skyping' (video talking to someone via a computer); people meeting up with others for a chat or a formal meeting. What this means is that libraries are no longer the quiet places they used to be. We do recognise that our customers still require quiet spaces as well and we continue to try and find a happy balance between the two.



Ian Littleworth,  
Manager Libraries

# shelf life

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Bargain hunters at  
the April book sale

## Really Good Friends

The Friends of the Nelson Library Inc. formed in March 1992 as a support and fundraising group for our three Nelson libraries. They undertake tasks and projects on behalf of the libraries, and each year give a generous donation to library funds - in January 2010 they donated \$6000. They have raised a staggering amount of grant funds on the libraries' behalf, initially for the major project of microfilming past copies of the then *Nelson Evening Mail* newspaper. This invaluable resource is available to search at the Elma Turner Library and the Nelson Provincial Museum. Also digitised from the same funding are the *Journals* of the Nelson & Marlborough Historical Societies, and these are available to read on-line on the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre website [www.nzetc.org](http://www.nzetc.org). Shortly the Friends hope to use the last bit of the original funding to digitise the *Nelson Photo News*.

The Friends sell the libraries' cancelled books at monthly book sales at the Elma Turner Library and host a series of monthly talks on Sundays during autumn and winter. The first talk for 2010 is on 18 April when Karen Warren, author of 'Rolling Stones: Nelson's Boulder Bank' talks about the history of the Boulder Bank, 1.30pm at the Elma Turner Library, \$2. The second talk is 16 May when Grant Palliser talks about sculpture in public places - For the Love of Bronze - again at 1.30pm and \$2.

It costs only \$10 for an annual subscription to the 'Friends' and you receive quarterly newsletters, vouchers allowing free borrowing of \$6 worth of CDs or DVDs or Reserve fees and a discount at Page and Blackmore Booksellers.

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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

### Contact your library

- Telephone: 546 8100
- Email: [library.info@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.info@ncc.govt.nz)
- Web: [www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)
- Private Bag 41, Nelson 7042



### Holiday hours

- All libraries are closed on
- Sunday 25 April, Anzac Day
- Monday 7 June, Queen's Birthday
- Normal opening hours apply for all other days.

# What's happening

## Notices by email

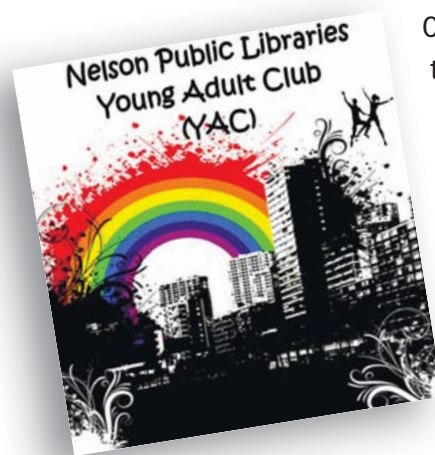
Do you have an email address? If you do, choose to get your notices by email. This is a free, easy and fast service and you will be helping to keep New Zealand clean and green and reduce the libraries' postage costs as we won't have to post as many notices out. For more information, ask next time you're in.



## Heritage Week is 18-25 April

The Elma Turner Library will offer guided tours of the Research Room's heritage collections on Monday 19 and Wednesday 20 April at 4.30pm. As well, learn how to write a story for The Prov. See the Council's website for more information on what's on: [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz).

## Young Adult Club



Our teenage YAC groups meet twice a term to discuss books and participate in book related activities. These groups are for secondary school students. There are groups at both Nelson and Stoke libraries. For more information complete the form in the Young Adult area, on our website or contact the libraries on 546 0419.

## Nelson Public Libraries now provide access to Fundview and Breakout from home

The libraries have long had access to these funding information resources, and are now able to offer access from home to library members.

Fundview is a list of community funding resources. Breakout is a list of New Zealand grants, scholarships and awards for individuals. Both databases are easy to use New Zealand resources, are comprehensive in their scope and constantly updated. To access, click onto 'Research databases' from the library's 'Online resources' webpage. Select the database by name, and enter your library barcode number. If you need assistance, contact [library.ref@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.ref@ncc.govt.nz) or phone 546 8100.

## A bouquet

We receive some very positive comments from our customers. We particularly liked this one:

"Having come from UK to visit my daughter I find this library very spacious and I am impressed with its multi users. Free use of the internet to locals as well as visitors is a boon. The way you can check out your own books has not yet come to us in the UK. Our library executives could benefit from a visit here."

## People with disabilities

The libraries have for borrowing Large Print books, recorded 'Talking Books' in both CD and cassette format.

We have available for you to use in the Libraries walker frames, small trolleys that accommodate walking sticks, a print enlarger to help you read library items or your own items from home. At Elma Turner Library we have issue desks that lower.

We also offer a Home Delivery service for Housebound customers.

## May is NZ music month

Check our website and posters in the libraries for live music performances at Elma Turner Library during May. The Nukes Ukulele Trio from Waitakere will be playing at 12.30pm on Monday 17 May. Check them out at [www.thenukes.co.nz](http://www.thenukes.co.nz).

# In the library



Small Time  
Children's programme

## Children's programmes

Nelson Public Libraries runs two preschool programmes in both Stoke Library and the Children's library at Elma Turner Library.

Our Small Time programmes are designed especially for 0-2 year olds and incorporate stories, songs, finger rhymes and movement.

Storytime programmes are designed for 2-4 year olds and incorporate; stores, rhymes, movement and songs.

The programmes in the first term of 2010 have been hugely popular and are a great way for new residents of Nelson to meet other families.

Both of these programmes run for approximately half an hour and are FREE.

For information about these programmes and when they are run see our website or ask at one of our libraries.



Storytime at Elma  
Turner Library

## Magazines at Stoke

The Library in Stoke will be having a few changes made to its magazine collection. We are adding some new exciting titles including - Cosmos (a science magazine); BBC History; and NZ Fitness (sports magazine); and cancelling some less popular titles. Please ask library staff if you require more details. All magazines are free to borrow and are issued for 4 weeks.

## Free computer training

The next series is coming up in May. Regular topics covered include: using the mouse and navigation; basic internet searching; searching the library catalogue; researching online. All classes are held on Thursday mornings 10 to 11.30am in the Library Learning Centre. Term 2 dates are: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, and 10. More may be run to suit demand.

Enquiries to the main information service desk at Elma Turner Library, phone: 546 0414.

## A staff change

Alyson Baker has been appointed to the position of Recreation Services Librarian following the retirement of Annette Monti. Five years ago this was a totally new role which Annette developed into a valuable information service for recreational readers. Alyson is keen to continue the development of this role and service.



Alyson Baker,  
Recreation Services Librarian