

shelf life

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Holiday hours:

All libraries are closed on:

- * Anzac Day (Friday 25 April)
- * Queen's Birthday (Monday 2 June)

A word from the Library Manager

Thanks for all the suggestions for this newsletter's name. \$20 worth of library vouchers are on the way to the person who suggested our chosen title: shelf life.



We welcome two new team leaders: Nicola Harwood (Information Services) and Simone Affleck (Children's Library). Nicola was formerly at the NMIT Library Learning Centre, & Simone was teaching at St Joseph's School.

Ian Littleworth

Māori collections in the Library

About to go on to a marae for the first time and not sure of the protocol?

Interested in finding out what the pattern on your greenstone pendant represents?

Want to find out more about Māori history and whakapapa?

The Māori collections in the Elma Turner Library hold the answers to these and many more questions.

The two main collections of Māori material in the Library are Māori non-fiction which you'll find to your left just past the entrance to the Children's Library and the Māori Heritage collection which is housed in the Research Room. The Children's Library also has a small number of picture books in te reo and some non-fiction material as well.

Together these provide a comprehensive coverage of published material relating to Māori culture and history with a special emphasis on information about Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui (the top of the south island).

So if you're researching your whakapapa, wanting to learn more about te Tiriti o Waitangi or interested in knowing more about the history of where you live, check out our Māori collections or ask one of our information services team members to show you around.

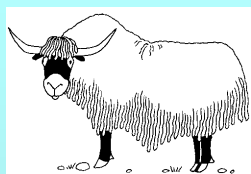
He ahakoa iti, he pounamu
(although it is small, it is priceless)

Ruth Lawley, Information Services Librarian

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Young Adults -- Be Involved!!



If you're aged between 12-19, our Young Adult Club (**YAC**) would love to meet you.

Come along on the **first Tuesday of every month** for a chance to:

- * say which new books the library buys,
- * read the newest items before they even hit the shelves
- * talk about what you're reading now, and
- * help us make plans for the library's future

Plus...

Special perks for being a regular '**YAC**' member as well as

- * Free food
- * Free drinks!

Join us at **4pm on Tuesday 6 May** or **Tuesday 3 June** in the YA Area, Elma Turner Library, Nelson

Please contact

Viv Smith, Young Adult Specialist on 546 0419 for more details

We look forward to seeing you!

Library Hours

Elma Turner Library

27 Halifax St, Nelson

Stoke Library

cnr Putaitai St & Neale Ave, Stoke

Nightingale Library Memorial

2 Beach Rd, Tahunanui

Contact details:

telephone: 546 8100

post: Private Bag 41, Nelson 7042

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Library computer classes - full for this term.

Next term starts in May, bookings welcome now, either at the Information Desk or phone 546-0414 during library open hours.

Library Trends

E-audio books

Those of us that have borrowed talking (audio) books – books recorded on tape or CD - know what a great resource they can be. While their value for our sight-impaired community is a given, their usefulness extends to the whole community. Whether it's for helping pass the time on a long trip or keeping your mind occupied while exercising or getting through the chores, audio-books let you "read" while busy doing other activities.

Now the digital age is moving audio books onto another level. Rather than borrowing the CD version, new technology means a book can be recorded in mp3 format and downloaded to your PC or a mobile mp3 player.

The benefits for library customers are significant – increased availability since potentially more than one copy of the book can be on issue at any time, no more scratched or broken CDs or cassettes, better sound quality and greater portability - mp3 players are smaller and lighter than portable CD/ cassette players and don't require changing discs or tapes to hear the next part of the story!

Some libraries load the mp3 files onto a player and lend that out. Others give you the option, using your library card for authorisation, to download remotely to your PC and load it onto your player yourself. As this technology and mobile devices continue to develop, more possibilities such as music or movie downloads will open up for library customers.

Check out how these 2 libraries are providing e-audio books.

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/downloads/index.html>

<http://www.mhl.org/catalog/collections/eaudio/faqs.htm?section=7.6.2#replace>

Ruth Lawley

reviews

Sione's Wedding starring Oscar Kightley and Robbie Magasiva - DVD available at Elma Turner Library



Sione is getting married and his brother Michael expects to be the best man. But Michael and his three mates Albert, Stanley and Sefa have caused chaos at countless weddings with their drunken and irresponsible behaviour. The Samoan community has had enough. Sione and the minister give the four friends an ultimatum, they are each to find a genuine girlfriend to take to the wedding or they are banned. Sefa is the only one with a girlfriend but she is fed up with his immaturity and ready to break up.

This is a 'coming of age' movie and the plot is fairly predictable. However the clumsy efforts of these four guys to each find a girlfriend are funny, the family relationships are heart-warming, the acting is solid and the sound

track, featuring some New Zealand artists, is good.

I recommend this movie, I enjoyed the down to earth humour, the likable characters and the familiarity of a movie set in urban New Zealand. If you want to check out some more reviews of Sione's Wedding visit the website www.rottentomatoes.com/

reviewed by Mary Menzies



The last oil shock: a survival guide to the imminent extinction of petroleum man by David Strahan. Publ. John Murray, 2007. Elma Turner Library (333.8232 STR)

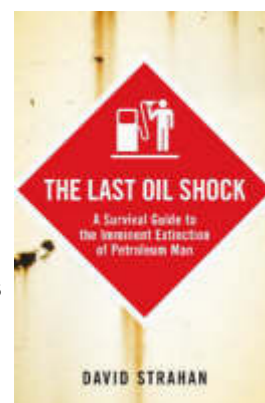
David Strahan is a British journalist with an extensive background in investigative television journalism. In this book Strahan turns his attention to the looming global fuel crisis. He examines Hubbert's peak oil theory, dismissed as irrelevant by oil companies, and matches his predictions with the reality of oil supply over the past 40 years. He looks at the most commonly proposed alternatives to fossil fuels such as hydrogen and biofuels and outlines the issues inherent in their viability as major energy supplies. Throughout the book he delves into the reasons behind the silence of governments, oil companies and environmentalists on the vital issue of fuel production and supply. Written in a very accessible style, this book provides an excellent expose of the many factors involved in rapidly diminishing energy resources and their impact on our way of life.

If you're interested in this topic you might also like to read :

"Half gone: oil, gas, hot air and the global energy crisis" by Jeremy Leggett (333.79 LEG)

"The end of oil: on the edge of a perilous new world" by Paul Roberts (333.79 ROB)

Reviewed by Ruth Lawley



Mandala at Elma Turner Library



This wonderful 3-D artwork has been created at the September 2007 Big Day Out by local children tutored by artist Karen Mitchell of Motueka. It's been installed on the wall in the activity room and it's here long term.

Called Our Paradise, the mandala honours and respects our environment for future generations. It represents all the special places we're surrounded by in this unique part of NZ.

Big Day Out is a holiday programme event run by NCC and TDC, offering a range of activities including arts and crafts, entertainment and recreation for children of all ages and abilities.

(A mandala is a circular design in Hindu & Buddhist art which symbolises the universe.)

Feel like having a cuppa while you're in the library?

Elma Turner Library has a hot drinks vending machine located in the non-fiction area, near the entry to Children's Library. \$2 per cup will buy you espresso, flat white, cappuccino, hot chocolate, or chicken soup. Initially it's here 'on trial' to gauge its popularity, and we're hoping it will become a permanent fixture.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Nelson Library Inc generously donated \$5,000 to libraries late last year. This money has been raised at their popular monthly Book Sales and will be spent on purchasing new Talking Book CDs. Thank you Friends!

During the autumn and winter months the Friends are planning monthly Sunday afternoon events with guest speakers:

- * Sunday 4 May "May Madness" - Christopher Vine talks about Edward Lear.
- * Sunday 15 June "Laughter is the Best Medicine!" - everyone please turn up with a favourite humorous reading!

Time: 1:30 - 3pm, all welcome. \$2 entry, members of Friends of the Library free.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Friends and how they support the library, please 'phone the chairperson, Barbara Rhodes on 545 1646.

