

## Library Summer Holiday Programmes 2007-2008

### For Children

Our programme is designed to help children continue their reading enjoyment over the school holidays and to help them have lots of fun along the way.

'**Hairy Maclary's Readers**' is for younger children who are still developing their reading skills. Parents undertake to read to their child for 20 minutes each day over 30 days, and their child will receive a prize, a certificate and an invitation to a celebratory party.

For older children, we have the exclusive '**NPL Readers Club**' for you to join. Children make a promise that they will read independently for at least 20 minutes each day. They can then join the club and receive a membership card and a record book to chart their progress. There are stickers and other goodies to be claimed along the way, and at the end of the programme they will also get a prize, a certificate and a party invitation.

The Party will take place at 4pm on Friday 1 February 2008 and is only open to those who have **completed** either of the programmes. Your Reading Club record book will be your Party Pass!

### For Young Adults

An exciting Competition - we invite you to create your own Graphic Novel! It can be drawn, painted, photographed, collaged - you decide the medium and the subject! All entrants will each receive a 'Wave Rave' Pool pass and an invitation to a very special event - a local graphic artist will share his hints and tips to make your drawing even more effective. We will also publish the winning entries in a special book that will become part of the YA collection here at the library and the winners will receive movie vouchers.

For more details on all holiday programmes please contact: Viv Smith, Children's and Youth Specialist, Nelson Public Libraries, on phone 546 0419

## Computer classes in the Library

Every year from late February to November, the main library in Nelson City runs free computer classes for beginners through to experienced users wanting help with their searching skills.

There are five sessions lasting between 1 - 1½ hours held on both Wednesday afternoons at 2pm and Thursday mornings at 10.30am. Bookings are essential.

Five sessions are currently offered

### Mouse skills training

for beginners who have little or no experience with a computer mouse

### Library catalogue

how to access and use the catalogue from both home and in the library

### Basic Internet training

introduction to the Internet

**Internet sites and the Library's subject gateway** overview of the subject directory on the Library's homepage

### Databases and Research on the Internet

looks at the range of research databases provided by the Library to use both from home via our website and in the library. How to access newspaper, magazine articles, encyclopaedias, scholarly articles and more.

To register for our classes or discuss the options that would best suit you, contact the team at the Information Desk, Elma Turner Library, email: [library.ref@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.ref@ncc.govt.nz) or phone 546 8414.

## What's on

- ◇ Friends of the Library monthly booksales on Saturday 5 January & Saturday 2 February 10am-12.45pm @ Elma Turner Library
- ◇ Bookchat Tuesday 12 February @ Elma Turner Library - 10.30am. An informal gathering to talk about books you've recently read and enjoy a tea or coffee. All welcome.
- ◇ Small Time in Elma Turner Library - Wednesdays @ 10.30-11am during term time
- ◇ Story Time in Elma Turner Library - Fridays @ 10.30-11am during term time
- ◇ Story Time in Stoke Library - Wednesdays @ 2-2.30pm during term time

# library newsletter

## summer 2007/8

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### Christmas & New Year hours:

All libraries are closed on

- Tuesday 25 December
- Wednesday 26 December
- Tuesday 1 January
- Wednesday 2 January

Elma Turner Library will close early at 6pm on Friday 28 December.

Normal opening hours apply on all other days over this period.

### A word from the Library Manager:

Welcome to the first issue of Nelson Public Libraries' customer newsletter. We plan four issues per year.

**As this newsletter is for you, our customers, we're giving you an opportunity to name it. So please come up with a winning name and receive \$20 worth of library vouchers to spend on CDs, DVDs and reserves. Send us your suggestion by phone (546 8100), on a *Have your say* form at any library or e-mail us at [library.info@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.info@ncc.govt.nz) by 1 February 2008.**

Do tell us what you would like to see included in future issues, and how we could develop our newsletter. Use a *Have your say* form or e-mail us.

If you would like it emailed to you at home or work, let us know at [library.info@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library.info@ncc.govt.nz)

Thanks to the Friends of the Nelson Library Inc. for their generous donation of a magnificent perennial Christmas tree.

Seasons Greetings to you all.

*Ian Littleworth*

## LibraryThing

What's on your bookshelf?

[LibraryThing](#) is the home of Nelson Public Libraries' Bookchat web presence.

This web page is devoted to the books discussed at Bookchat. For most books you will find the *tags* (labels) that have been assigned by the readers as well as a rating for the book. We've included the Dewey number so you can find the book in our library. If you've read the book you can add a review if you wish. You can also read other readers' reviews and get suggestions based on your

reading interests.

To easily find [LibraryThing](#): go to [www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz) and from here choose the tab at the top that says: New Titles and Display books. On the far right column select [LibraryThing](#), then click "[use it](#)" to see full information about the books.

Have fun exploring the [LibraryThing](#) site. You might like to start your own [LibraryThing](#). This is free and a great way to keep track of books you've read.

Want to know more? Ask at the Information Services Desk in Elma Turner Library.

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### Contact details:

**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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[www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz)

## Library trends

In each issue of this newsletter we'll take a look at new technologies and how libraries around the world are using or adapting them to add new services or enhance existing services for their customers.

**This month we're looking at del.icio.us, a Web 2.0 tool.**

### Web 2.0

Many of you may be familiar with the term Web 2.0. Web 2.0 is about online collaboration, participation, social interaction and information sharing between users. Prior to Web 2.0 the creator of a website or page controlled the content – users might be able to feedback via email but could not alter or add to the page.

Web 2.0 technologies allow users to create content together. Web 2.0 tools include such things as blogs, wikis, MySpace, flickr (photo-sharing), You Tube, Bebo and a host of other applications.

### del.icio.us

del.icio.us is a social bookmarking tool. It's a way of sharing websites you've found on a particular topic with other people who also have an interest in that topic.

Go to the del.icio.us homepage <http://del.icio.us/> to learn more about how you might use this tool.

### What makes saving something to del.icio.us different to saving it to your favourites?

When you save to del.icio.us you create one or

more **tags** (like a keyword) to describe the site you're saving.

This means that you and other people in the del.icio.us community can search for a particular topic and find the site you saved plus sites other people have saved on the same topic.

You can also see how many other people have saved the same site as you.

### del.icio.us and libraries

This is obviously quite a cool thing for a library to do. Being able to access topics in del.icio.us along with the library's books, magazines and online resources means the pool of information available to you, the library customer, is so much bigger. Hundreds of libraries around the world are using del.icio.us.

A couple of examples are MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) libraries who use it as part of their virtual reference page <http://libraries.mit.edu/help/virtualref/> and Holdrege Public Libraries (Nebraska, USA) [http://www.holdregelib.org/delicious\\_links.html](http://www.holdregelib.org/delicious_links.html) who use it as a "links we love" page.

If you'd like to have a play with del.icio.us and would like some help to get started ask the staff at the Information Services desk next time you're in the library.

- Ruth Lawley, Information Services Librarian

## Debt recovery

Being sent to a debt collection agency can be a very unpleasant experience, and the libraries use this approach only as a last resort if an account over \$20 remains unpaid after a number of invoices have been sent.

From Monday 3 December, all actual costs associated with sending a library customer's new debt to a debt collection agency will be paid by the customer. This will reduce the cost of recovering unpaid debts sent, a cost which has previously been met by the library. Actual costs incurred will vary depending on the amount owed and the level of recovery effort required by the debt collection agency staff.

If you have been sent to a collection agency before 3 December, the new policy does not apply.

## Book titles you won't find at our libraries!

"The Art of Archery" by Beau N Arrow

"Desert Crossing" by I Rhoda Camel

"The Lion Attacked" by Claude Yarmoff

"How to Write Large Books" by Warren Peace

"Irish Heart Surgery" by Angie O'Plasty

"Songs for Children" by Barbara Blacksheep

"School Truancy" by Marcus Absent

"Shhhh!" by Danielle Soloud

"Stop Arguing" by Xavier Breath

"Raising Mosquitoes" by I Itch

"I Lost My Balance" by Eileen Dover & Phil Down

"Mountain Climbing" by Hugo First

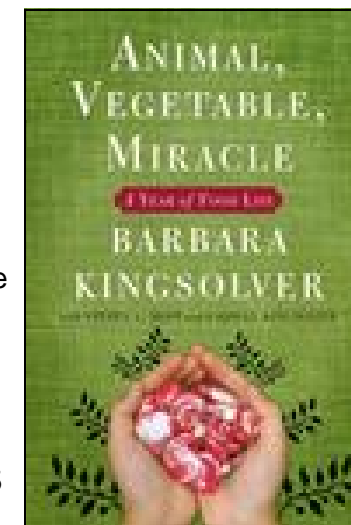
## Book reviews - by library staff

**Animal, vegetable, miracle; a year of food life by Barbara Kingsolver. Harper Collins 2007. 641 KIN**

Renowned novelist Barbara Kingsolver turns to non-fiction in this book: a "story of a year in which we made every attempt to feed ourselves animals and vegetables whose provenance we really knew".

She and her family set out to eat only food which they have grown or which can be sourced very locally. Based in the US where agri-business has had an enormous negative impact on the quality and variety of foodstuffs available and where political lobbying groups have insidiously affected legislation on agriculture in innumerable ways, this book is nonetheless relevant and interesting as she addresses issues like genetic modification and food miles, obesity and diabetes.

Thought provoking and entertaining Animal, vegetable, miracle has been given an average rating of 4.28 out of a possible 5 on Librarything, by the 785 people who have rated it. Most popular tags for this title are: Food, farming, agriculture, environment, sustainability, cooking - Lisa Oldham



**Drybread by Owen Marshall. Vintage, 2007. Adult fiction**

Penny, a NZ woman married to a wealthy American businessman, hides out in Drybread, Central Otago with her three year old son when the father is given custody of the child. The story is told from the point of view of Theo, an investigative newspaper journalist who gains Penny's trust and gains professional standing with the resulting exclusives he is able to write for his newspaper. His marriage recently ended, Theo is a lonely and rather desperate man who eyes the vulnerable Penny as a possible sexual conquest. However, much to his surprise, he falls in love with Penny and starts entertaining the idea of a ready-made family once the messy custody issue is settled.

I found much in this book comfortingly familiar, identifiable and real. I particularly enjoyed Marshall's fresh and original descriptions, eg the dry landscape where "...the rabbits would appear in silence like target pop-ups on a fairground range."

I felt compelled to keep reading to find out how the story ended.

- Andrea King

**Breathe: a ghost story by Cliff McNish. Orion Children's, 2007. Young adult fiction.**

This is a pure, traditional ghost story – and a deliciously spine-chilling one at that. Jack and his mother Sarah move into an old farm house, ready to make a fresh start. Jack suffers from severe asthma, so bad that it has almost killed him in the past. But his new home reveals a danger he's never faced before – the spirits of the dead lurk there. They can't breathe, but they *can* hide. They can scream -- and they can chase.

**Breathe** is a multi-layered story which is scary, disturbing and intense. The theme of breathing is developed with increasing intensity through an acutely well-drawn representation of Jack's chronic asthma. McNish knows how to keep his reader dangling and you'll be hard pressed to put this down once you've started. Terrifyingly well-written and brilliantly inventive, **Breathe** will haunt the reader for many nights. - Viv Smith

