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Elma Turner Library

27 Halifax St, Nelson

Stoke Library

cnr Putaitai St & Neale Ave, Stoke

Nightingale Library Memorial

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The Prow

The Top of the South website 'The Prow ngā kōrero o te tau ihu' will be launched on Sunday 15 February at Founder's Fun - Nelson's 150th anniversary celebrations at Founders' Park.

This website, which aims to collect and digitally preserve the heritage of the Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman regions, is a joint project between libraries and museums in the top of the South Island and has been funded through the Government's Digital Strategy.

The Prow will feature stories covering a broad cross section of subjects from the Top of the South. For people who wish to research further, the website will contain links and references to additional resources such as newspaper articles, websites, images and books.

The name 'The Prow' reflects the Māori name for the region. The Top of the South Island is the prow of Maui's waka (te tau ihu o te waka a Maui) from which he fished up the North Island. "This waka is a container for our stories," says project manager Nicola Harwood, Information Services Team Leader at Nelson Public Libraries.

Work has been underway on the design and development of the website since August.

All of the work is being carried out locally, with library and museum staff creating bibliographies, story checking, editing and providing research materials and photographs. Research, writing and web development is being undertaken by local journalists, web designers and marketing consultants. *(continued on back page)*

Holiday hours

All libraries are closed on

Thursday 25 December

Thursday 1 January

Friday 26 December

Friday 2 January

Normal opening hours apply for all other days over this period, including weekends.

News & notes

Anime Movie Night

A Young Adults club has been running at Elma Turner Library for some time, and now one has started at Stoke Library. Both groups met recently for a combined anime movie night, and watched 's-CRY-ed', set in a future environmentally-troubled Tokyo. (Anime is the Japanese word for animation. In the west, a feature is considered to be anime if it originated in Japan. However, more recently this term has been used for films that follow Japanese anime styles and storylines, regardless of where they originated.)

It was a lot of fun and we hope to do it again soon.

For information about the Young Adult Club, contact Simone or me, Nicki.



Anime Movie Night

Just for Kids

The Children's Library is 'a buzz' this summer with the Superheroes Reading Programme. Catering for 5-12 year olds and for 2-4 year olds, the programme is designed to encourage children to maintain regular reading habits, something that can drop at this time of year.

The programmes run from 8th December to 30th January, during which children try to read at least 20 minutes a day and make regular visits to the library to chat with a librarian about what they have been reading. There are incentives to keep going and on completion each child receives a book prize and certificate. We are grateful for sponsorship by Port Nelson Ltd which has enabled this exciting programme to be offered to children in Nelson this summer.



For those unable to participate in the Superheroes Reading Programme and for all children visiting Stoke Library there is a simplified programme available which

we hope will help motivate children to read through the summer holidays.

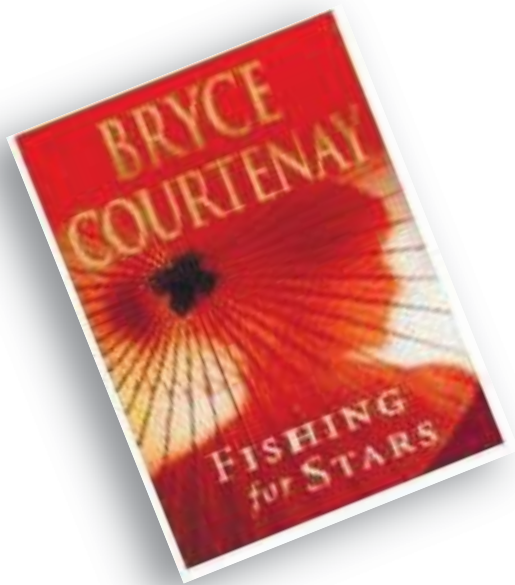
Self-Service issuing

New self-service issue machines are coming soon to Elma Turner Library. We know the current ones can sometimes be challenging for customers and we are hopeful the new ones will be easier and a pleasure to use.

Reciprocal borrowing

This 12 month trial between the Nelson and Tasman libraries started in August 2008. Lots of residents in each district have taken the opportunity to join the other district's libraries. So far over 700 Tasman residents have joined Nelson and almost 400 Nelson residents have joined Tasman. Take advantage of this opportunity when holidaying in Golden Bay over the summer. You'll need personal identification and proof of your Nelson home address.

In the library



Book sale

Stoke Library is planning a New Year book sale starting on 5 January. Start your sale-book browsing with a tea or coffee in the library (from 10 – 11am) to help everyone ease into the new year. Bargains are promised in both adult and children's titles.

The Friends of the Library are not having a book sale in January. The next sale will be Saturday 1 February 2009, starting 10am at Elma Turner Library.

Wireless internet access

You can bring your laptop to any of our libraries and access email and internet free-of-charge via our wireless service.

Recommended Reading

Here's a tiny selection of our best new books:

Fiction:

Maeve Binchy - Heart and soul

Dr Clara Casey establishes a heart clinic that saves lives, and heals her soul

Bryce Courtenay - Fishing for stars (sequel to The persimmon tree)

Another complex story, involving post-traumatic stress disorder, set in Indonesia & Australia

Colleen McCullough - The Independence of Miss Mary Bennett

Elizabeth married Mr Darcy, Jane married Mr Bingley - but what became of Mary? - here's the fictional answer!

Stella Rimington - Dead line (a Liz Carlyle thriller)

The future of the Middle East is at stake unless Liz can thwart a terrible plot

Danielle Steel - A good woman

From glittering ballrooms to the Titanic tragedy & World War I trenches - a story of war, loss, history, and one woman's unbreakable spirit

Non-Fiction:

Iain Sharp : Heaphy

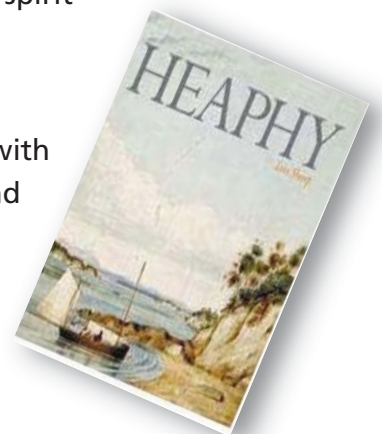
Heaphy's life - from exploring with Brunner to winning the VC - and his art - explained here in the context of his life & times

Joe Bennett : Laugh? I could have cried

Thoughts on dogs, games, language, travel, the idiocy of belief, & the trivia that shape our lives despite our best intentions

Paul Little : Willie Apiata VC - the reluctant hero

The story of NZ's first VC winner in 60 years



Aotearoa people's network

Aotearoa People's Network (or APN) has arrived at our three libraries – Nelson city, Stoke and Tahunanui.

APN is a government initiative that is providing free access to broadband internet services in public libraries throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The intention is that all New Zealanders can benefit from creating, accessing and experiencing digital content.

The wide range of programmes and services now available on the APN computers includes full internet access, word processing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, sending and receiving email, fast internet, using a webcam to 'video call' someone (via Skype), downloading and editing your own photos, watching DVDs, saving to CD, plus more. As well wireless access is available in all three libraries. You can continue to access the Council website, libraries' catalogue and the many information databases available. Staff are available to assist anyone using the APN computers.

APN is proving very popular so it is essential that you book a computer at a service desk.

APN is funded by the Community Partnership Fund of New Zealand's Digital Strategy and by other government funding through the National Library of New Zealand.

A word from the Library Manager

On behalf of the Library staff, I wish all our regular customers and the many visitors through our doors at this time of the year, an enjoyable festive season and relaxing and safe holidays.



*Ian Littleworth ,
Manager Libraries*

Bookchat 2009

The first Bookchat for 2009 will be at Elma Turner Library on Tuesday 10 February at 10.30am in the Activity Room. Tea and coffee available. All welcome.

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"There are some wonderful resources in the Top of the South from the photograph collections at The Nelson Provincial Museum and the Marlborough Museum, to collections of local history books in the libraries.

"It is great that we have been able to find all of the resources, skills and experience we need locally, and that we are able to use local people to present the regions' stories," says Ian Littleworth, Nelson Public Libraries Manager.

He says one of the most exciting aspects of the project is that people will be able to add their own stories to the website. "This project will be a starting point for a resource which will connect all kinds of local stories."

It is expected that The Prow will be of wide interest to anybody with ties to the Top of the South and will be used by many groups, including schools, historians and genealogists.