

Book Reserves

Going on holiday?



.....and don't want to miss out on your reserves while you're away?

Not only can you place your own reserves on items, both on a Library computer and at home or work, but you can also 'suspend' your reserves.

If you're worried about your reserved books becoming available all at once, or while you are on holiday, you can defer your place in the reserve queue.

You need to allocate a date when you are again ready to receive your reserves, or to have your reserves 'active' again. Simply log onto your account on-line and click on the 'My reserve requests' tab. Select the reserve you wish to suspend, click on 'Suspend until', nominate the date you wish to restart your reserve and finally click on 'Change status'. If you don't have access to a computer or all this sounds a bit complicated, please ask any staff member for assistance.

A word from the Manager

Award for The Prow

The Prow was recently awarded second place in the Library and Information Association of New Zealand's 3M Awards for Innovation in Libraries.

The website (www.theprow.org.nz) features historical and cultural stories from the Top of the South Island - an area known by Maori as te tau ihu o te waka a Maui, or the prow of Maui's waka. The project is a collaborative venture between

the Nelson City, Tasman and Marlborough District Libraries, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology and The Nelson Provincial Museum.

The site, which was launched in February of this year, features commissioned stories from across the region; it also welcomes story contributions

and comments from the community. There are now well over 100 stories being read by people across the world.

Your gift makes the difference

You may wish to consider making a lasting contribution to the Library through a financial donation or perhaps a bequest in your will.

The Libraries have been the fortunate beneficiaries of bequests in the past and these have helped achieve some special project, or build up a special collection. If this is of interest to you, please discuss with me, Ian Littleworth, Manager Libraries.

Finally, I wish all our members and customers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



Ian Littleworth,
Manager Libraries



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Self-service reserves

Reserves at Elma Turner Library can now be 'self-issued' - you can collect and issue your own reserves. These are shelved near the self-service issue machine to provide you with a fast, convenient option for checking out your chosen items.

Children's reserve items can be collected from the Children's Library.

For your privacy, reserve slips are printed with the first four letters of your surname and last four digits of your library card. No-one else can check out your reserves. Reserve fees are simply added to your account for payment later, to a maximum of \$20.

You can still bring your items to the issue desk to check out if you wish - the choice is yours! Please ask staff for assistance if needed - we're here to help.

The exceptions to what can be self-issued are DVDs and Interloans which are kept at the main issues desk for staff to check out for you.

The self-service issue machines are working better than ever. To avoid queues at the issue desk, do try them out.

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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

Web: www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Private Bag 41, Nelson 7042



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Holiday hours

All libraries are closed on

Friday 25 December	Friday 1 January
Saturday 26 December	Saturday 2 January
Sunday 27 December	Sunday 3 January
Monday 28 December	Monday 4 January

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

All libraries will also be closed on Saturday 6 February, Waitangi Day.

News & notes

Computer bookings

Computers available for booking at Elma Turner Library are now all listed on one booking sheet showing the applications available on each computer so you can choose the right one for you. You will find the booking sheet directly ahead of you when you come in the main entrance.

Computers are numbered from 1-20. There is a one-hour limit per customer per day on weekdays, and 30 minutes at weekends.

Wear and tear on library items

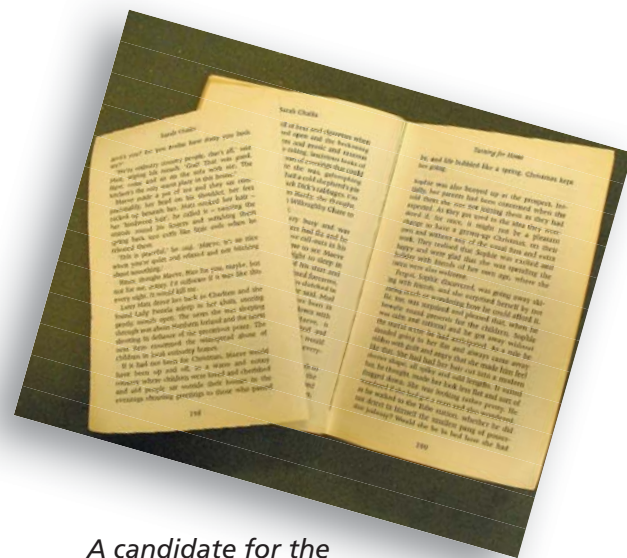
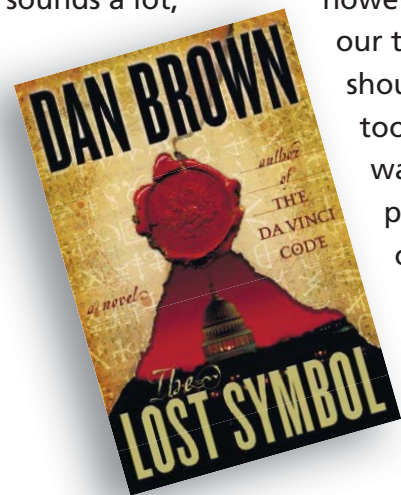
Books can fall apart, or be otherwise damaged, and can go unnoticed by library staff. If you borrow such an item, please do not attempt to mend it yourself. Simply draw our attention to the damage when you return the item, so that our specialist staff who have expertise in mending can make the books as new again.

DVDs at Stoke

DVDs are now available from Stoke Library where they have their own new collection. There is also a small collection at Nightingale Library Memorial, which is changed on a regular basis.

Reading frenzy

The popularity of Dan Brown's latest novel "The lost symbol" has gone through the roof - the number of reserves reached a peak of 125. That sounds a lot, however with 18 copies in our three libraries, people shouldn't have to wait too long. A free reserve was given to the 100th person to place a hold on the book.



A candidate for the Library's mending expert

Aotearoa People's Network

On 4th December, Nelson Public Libraries became the first in the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa (APNK) to be rolled out with customised Regional pages.

This revamped regional portal allows local librarians to make changes to some content, including clearer links to local resources. It also integrates FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) within the site, and features updated links to useful sites and information.

Nelson Public Libraries staff piloted the customisation of their regional pages, on behalf of other public libraries. The APNK homepages now accessible in the library have a definite Nelson flavour. Let us know if there is a local image you would like to see featured in the future on the homepage banner.

In the library



Anime evening

As our Young Adult Club Finale for 2009 we held an Anime (a Japanese style/genre of animation) Evening on 29 October. We had 23 teens attend the evening and most were dressed as their favourite character. The evening began with a book quiz and a few games. Then, after a meal of pizza and much excited discussion, we watched an Anime style film. The event was a wonderful success and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Our YAC group meets twice a term to discuss books and participate in book related activities. The groups are held at both Nelson and Stoke Libraries. For more information please contact: Katie Preston, Children's & Young Adult Librarian.



New Nelsonians

We are starting to look at services we could offer to 'new Nelsonians'. We are always looking for ways to connect with the community, and during 2010 we will be liaising with groups of migrants, refugees and new settlers in our community who don't have English as their first language. We'll be exploring ways we can make the Libraries more relevant to these new Nelsonians. If you have suggestions and ideas on this, or would like further information, please contact Andrea King, Customer Services Librarian.

Booksales

The next Saturday morning Friends of the Library booksale at Elma Turner Library will be Saturday 30 January 2010, 10am to 12.45pm. Traditionally there's been no book sale in January, however the first Saturday in February is Waitangi Day, when the Library will be closed.

'Dive into Books' this Summer

130 children have taken the plunge by enrolling for the 'Dive into Books' Summer Reading Programme. They are setting out to try and read every day and will pop in regularly to chat with library staff in the Children's Library and Stoke Library. At these visits librarians enjoy hearing about what participants have read and are able to provide assistance in selecting books. There is no doubt that the incentives the participants receive when they visit help to keep them reading throughout the long holiday break.

