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Library locations

Elma Turner Library

27 Halifax St, Nelson

Stoke Library

cnr Putaitai St & Neale Ave, Stoke

Nightingale Library Memorial

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Nelson Public Libraries
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New Library Website

In line with changes to the wider Nelson City Council website, Nelson Public Libraries' website has had a makeover.

Exciting new features include book reviews, special sections for kids and teens, an events calendar, quick access widgets, RSS feeds, instant access to the catalogue, recent news and promotions, and online payment facilities.

There's so much you can do on our website, we consider it our 4th library. In our Strategic Plan we aim to have Nelson Public Libraries Online 'accessible anytime from anywhere' and 'with quality information immediately at hand, the desktop library makes the search for information easy, convenient and fast'.

Take a look for yourself on www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.

We welcome your feedback and comment - use the 'Library webpages feedback' link on the homepage.

A word from the Library Manager

Nowadays we are constantly hearing of new trends in technology, from emails and texting to MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. The way society communicates and interacts keeps evolving. The challenge for libraries is to continually be thinking about how we engage with our customers in these new environments which are quite different from where libraries have traditionally operated. This doesn't take away from the more traditional services the library continues to provide, but is rather an expansion of how libraries operate and deliver services and resources. The re-developed Nelson Public Libraries website provides information, resources and services in new and different ways to meet the evolving demands of the Nelson community. Like technology, the website will grow and evolve as the library strives to ensure it remains an important and relevant part of the local community.



*Ian Littleworth,
Manager Libraries*

What's happening

Library Week 10-16 August 2009

Escape, Explore, Discover - Ki te whai ao, ki te ao mārama

Our programme for the week includes:

Lunchtime speakers at Elma Turner Library (12noon, free entry, tea & coffee)

- Monday 10 - 'Discover a day in the life of a newspaper editor' - Bill Moore of The Nelson Mail
- Tuesday 11 - 'Escape to Iran and explore the world of Persian Rugs' - Hoss Kouhestani of Kiwi Persian Oriental Rug Gallery
- Thursday 13 - 'Nelsoniana - a sedentary womble around our city' with Christopher Vine
- Friday 14 - Nelson's 'Heritage Inventory Project' - Heritage Consultant John Wilson

NZ's biggest Storytime - on Wednesday 12, 2pm at both Children's Library and Stoke Library. *Ititi's gift* will be read as part of a mass reading in libraries across New Zealand.

Literary Ramble - take a guided **Literary Ramble** through locations around the CBD relevant to our literary heritage. Tours start from the Elma Turner Library at these times:

- Tuesday 11th 1pm
- Wednesday 12th 12noon
- Sunday 16th 2pm

Library Week Quiz - be in to win a \$50 book token donated by Altrusa International Inc. of Nelson. Pick up a Children's or Adult's quiz sheet available from your local library or from the website from 10 August.

'Never-ending Story' at Stoke Library - call in and make a story contribution.

'Living Heritage Day' Thursday 13 - tour the **Research Room** at Elma Turner Library and discover its heritage treasures. Tour times 11.30am to 12noon and 1.15pm to 1.45pm.

Contribute to the **'I love my library'** whiteboard at the **Stoke Library** on Friday 14.



Starlight Storytime Poem

The library at night time is a magical space
There is mystery and mayhem all over the place
But the Nelson Public Libraries are special
you see
The magic in here, well you can times it by three

At night time the characters all come to life
They dance round the place and wreak havoc and strife
They jump all around and they sing and they run
They play all the night long till the dawn of the sun

The pirates come to life and great battles are fought
The fairies create spells of the magical sort
And Hairy Maclary and all of the gang
Run round and crash into things with a bang

In the Library



Working hard at the drawing workshop

July School Holiday Activities in the Children's Library

The Children's Library during July School Holidays was a combination of excitement and mayhem. The area was a constant buzz with people everywhere and lots going on.

Simply Stories held each weekday morning attracted people from far and near with story reading and activities.

Special events included a chalk pastel drawing workshop with Jo Tyson where 8 to 10 year olds created some phenomenal artwork which then went on display in the library. We also hosted a juggling workshop where Jack Honeywell taught children the skills of juggling in two 30 minute sessions after which the children made their own juggling balls to take home.

A highlight of the holidays was the night time Starlight Storytimes held at Elma Turner and Stoke libraries: The children (and some parents) came dressed in their pyjamas, clutching a torch and pillow to watch the magic unfold. The stories included *The Gruffalo's Child*, *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Night Pirates* and included musical interludes. A guest Pirate, a Wild Thing treasure hunt, marshmallows and milo helped the stories come to life. Both Storytimes were extremely well attended and fun was had by PJ-dressed staff and children alike.



Fashionable slippers seen at Starlight Storytime

But then as the night turns into day
The animals and critters scurry away
Back into the pages of the books they all
scarper
So we can all read our stories happily ever
after

Tonight we have told them that children are
here
But keep your eyes peeled as they still may
play near
Watch out for a hat or a shadow or shoe
As they try to keep hidden from me and
from you

The Nelson Public Libraries are special you
see
The magic in here, well you can times it by
three

by Katie Preston

News & notes

Odds and Ends

SOME VITAL STATISTICS

We've just collated the statistics from our three libraries for the year ended 30 June 2009.

- 880,513 items were issued
- 541,447 people came through the doors
- 35,081 reserves were placed
- People accessed our online catalogue 471,427 times

TWO NEW RECREATIONAL READING LISTS

Newly available - one on biographical fiction and the other listing New Zealand authors who write historical, mystery or adventure novels. A couple more lists are at the planning stage. Most of our reading lists have been developed following suggestions from you, our readers. Your further suggestions of lists you would like to see are always welcome.

NEW RELAXING FURNITURE

We have some new green and navy comfortable seating and small tables bought with our laptop customers



in mind ('lapstations'?) but any library customer is welcome to use these. This is part of our

on-going commitment to making the Library environment more people-friendly and inviting.

LibraryThing

What is LibraryThing? It is a site for book lovers. It helps you create and store your own catalogue of books. You add your own book reviews, give star ratings, tags, lists of recommended reads and 'if you liked that you might like this' type lists. LibraryThing connects people all around the world based on the books they share. As at March 2009 LibraryThing had 650,000 users world-wide and 37 million books catalogued. Check out LibraryThing for yourself on www.librarything.com.

At Nelson Public Libraries we have matched our catalogue records to LibraryThing. We were the first public library in New Zealand to do this. Customers now have access to book reviews, ratings, tag clouds, reading lists and all the other features people world-wide have added to Librarything. You don't have to join LibraryThing to access these features. Just look up a book title or author on our catalogue and click 'Reviews'.

The books talked about at each month's Bookchat in Elma Turner Library are added to their own individual list. Here's the link to this: <http://www.nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/popular-reading/>. If you follow this same link and click on 'Check the most recent book reviews' you will see reviews added by our own library customers.

Since 1 May 2009, when LibraryThing was enabled on our library catalogue, you have looked at 2550 reviews, submitted 29 reviews, browsed 1125 recommendations and browsed 226 tags. We believe these features will make your 'visit' to our catalogue a more enriching experience.

