

News from the Friends



What we do

The Friends of Taupo Library raise funds to support the library, and the book trolley is one of our more popular incentives (book donations in good condition are always welcome). We also organise events to bring different folk into the library. Currently we have 100 paid-up members. We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Who we are

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Volunteers needed

Do you have a bit of spare time? Monte Vista would love to hear from people willing to read to their residents for an hour or so each week. If interested, contact Ann Robertson on 378 0182 or email mtvmgr@terranova.net.nz



What's been happening

Kia ora koutou. As 2016 starts to slip away, the Friends are already planning for 2017, and next year's calendar of events is now available.

Lots of things have been going on in the meantime, and it's all about being involved in our local community. The committee helped out at this year's Wellbeing Senior Expo. This is an excellent opportunity for the Friends to promote what we do, and what services are available through the Library. The garden talk by Anya Schaar from Taupo Community Gardens was very successful. The garden is situated behind KidiCorp on Richmond Ave and is open to visitors and volunteers. You can check out their Facebook page: 'Taupo Community Gardens'.

Our annual Library Awards has seen three awards given to young people who have been recognised for their services to their school libraries.

FOL will be sponsoring the successful Holiday Reading Programme at the Library this summer. And yes, it's that time of year again when suddenly Christmas is appearing on the near horizon. In fine tradition, the Friends are hosting a Carols event on 15 December from 5pm to 6pm with cake and bubbles and hopefully some joyous singing to get you in the mood for the festive season. The Taupo Concert Band will be performing.



2017 Calendar

16 February
Quiz Night 7.30pm
 with wine & nibbles

20 April
ANZAC Event
 10.30 - 11.30am

18 May
AGM with guest speaker
 7.30pm - supper provided

20 July
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am
 Tea & coffee from 10.15am

21 September
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am
 Tea & coffee from 10.15am

16 November
Book Talk 10.30 - 11.30am
 Tea & coffee from 10.15am

14 December 5 - 6pm
Carols at the Library
 with cake, bubbles
 and music

History:

The al-Qarawiyyin Library in Fez, founded in 859, is the oldest working library in the world, holding ancient manuscripts that date as far back as 12 centuries. The Library was created by a woman: Fatima El-Fihriya. After years of neglect, the library reopened in May 2016.

Books in Homes

This year the Friends are contributing to the Duffy Books in Homes programme by donating funds to supply kids from Mangakino School with books they can take home. The committee had a fun day visiting Mangakino Library and School, while Laraine attended the Duffy assembly.



The Books in Homes literacy programme has been running since 1993 and provides free books to over 100,000 New Zealand children each year. The scheme is aimed at decile 1, 2 and 3 schools and children can choose books twice a year to take home and keep.

Taupo art awards on display

Since 2008 six Karen Aim Memorial Art Scholarships have been awarded to top art students at either Tauhara or Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. The \$2000 scholarships assist the art students with their tertiary studies. Once they have graduated each art scholarship winner creates a Karen Aim memorial artwork which they then gift either to the Taupo or Orkney Islands community. The artworks on display in the Taupo Library are the final two and have been gifted to Tauhara College. The recipients are Maria Chan (artwork below) and Kate Battersby (her flower portrait is above). A third recipient is Alex McDougal from Taupo-nui-a-Tia.

