

2015 Calendar

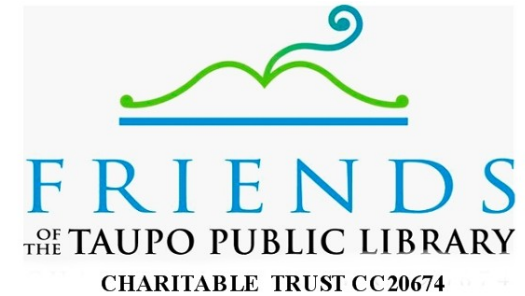
19 February	Quiz Night	Evening: 7pm
19 March	Book Talk	Lunchtime: 11.30 – 1pm
16 April	ANZAC event	Lunchtime: 11.30 -12.30pm
1 May	AGM	Evening: 7pm
18 June	Vintage Cars	Lunchtime: 11.30 - 1pm
16 July	Author visit	Evening: 4 – 5pm
20 August	Book Talk	Lunchtime: 11.30 – 1pm
17 September	Let's Talk about Cancer	Lunchtime: 11.30 – 1pm
15 October	Antiques and Treasures	Evening: 5.30 – 6.30pm
19 November	Book Talk	Lunchtime: 11.30 – 1pm
17 December	Christmas Carols	Evening: 5 – 6pm



For more information on Friends' activities
and to view latest photos
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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero, *Letters to His Friends, Vol 2*

Greetings!

Here we are already, well into the New Year, and hopefully 2015 will shape up to be a good one. Our town is pretty busy during summer and we've seen cyclists, triathletes, swimmers, powerboats, rodeo, horse races, fireworks, reggae music, rock stars, mass yoga, and the recent welcome visitor: Rain! And by the way, water restrictions have now been lifted in the Taupo District.



The library itself has welcomed plenty of visitors and locals alike with the single busiest day in December seeing well over 12,000 people through the door. And in case you are wondering, currently the average number is a bit over 900 per day.

The Friends finished off the old year with Christmas carols, and Hannah Mischewski, our Christmas fairy, gave out sweets to the children. Many thanks to the Tauhara College choir, Short and Sweet, and Mike Wiltshire on the keyboard. It was a lovely event to mark the season and was well attended.

The Friends have got a year of interesting events lined up, starting with our famous Annual Quiz Night which is usually hotly contested. All of our events are free, as we encourage new faces and old to visit Taupo Library. Fundraising continues throughout the year with the trolley of withdrawn books, and these funds are channeled back into the library in various ways. This year, for instance, the Friends are purchasing a laptop for staff use.

Loads of changes have been happening with the library staff: Tammy Meredith is back from her OE, and replaces Ana Palmer, who went to Canada. Meanwhile, Tracey Mischewski goes to five days a week, and a new Digital Services Officer – Ann Worth – started in January.



Finally, the committee is very pleased to welcome aboard Laraine Lash ... An extra pair of hands will make all the difference.

From Slate.com comes this list of 'Weird things people asked librarians before the Internet' with some equally weird answers ...

Q: Has the gun with which Oswald shot President Kennedy been returned to the family?

A: No. It's at the National Archives and Records Administration building in College Park, Maryland.

Q: I just saw a mouse in the kitchen. Is DDT OK to use?

A: No.

Q: Do mice throw up?

A: They do if you spray them with DDT.

Q: Is it possible to keep an octopus in a private home?

A: Yes, but make sure your medicine and liquor cabinets are extra childproofed.

Q: What percentage of all bathtubs in the world are in the U.S.?

A: 28 percent. Is this about the octopus?

Q: Where can I rent a beagle for hunting?

A: Victorian England.

Q: Did Jules Verne write *Alice in Wonderland*?

A: No, Madam, Jules Verne did not write *Alice in Wonderland*.





What's UP?

Library Awards

Every year the Friends of Taupo Library give a Services to the Library Award (along with a \$50 book voucher) to each of the colleges in Taupo, to reward students who have helped in their school library during the year.

Congratulations to the 2014 recipients who were:

- Nicola Gebauer, Taupo Nui-a-Tia College
- Eparaima Maniapoto, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori Ki Tuwharetoa
- Vincent de Silva, Tauhara College
- Alexandra Denny, Lake Taupo Christian College

Summer Reading Programme

Claire Griffiths ran another successful school holiday programme, which ended with a party at the Top Ten Holiday Park. 97 kids registered, and 74 completed the whole programme .



Activities included building a Christmas tree out of books & learning how to put books back on the shelf; making tortoises to go with the Roald Dahl classic *Esio Trot*; making paper people to go with *One More of Me*; making buzzy bee finger puppets to go with *The Great Honey Hunt*; writing poems with the Live Poets group; making crazy hats to go with a character described in *The 13 Clocks* as having an 'indescribable hat'; writing revolting recipes to go with 'George's Marvellous Medicine'; drawing cartoon pets to go with Babette Cole's fabulous 'Princess Smartyants'

Claire will be starting up a tween book group because there was a lot of interest from the tween kids in the reading programme (one of them in particular has made plans to become a librarian and would very much like to work in the library).

Local resident Judi Smith tells us about three of her favourite books. Judi owns and works at Lakeland Marine Taupo. She is a keen clay artist and has also been a wild bird rehabber for 20 years.



Inspirationally, my most memorable book is *The Snow Goose* by Paul Gallico which I read when a girl. I was taken with the goose more than the characters, and how kindness to animals can interweave in relationships in emotional and practical ways. My first clay form made 20 years ago was one of Frith holding the goose, similar to the picture on the cover of the original book. (I still have this piece. It looks primitive compared to recent works but is a gentle reminder of how beginnings can develop.)

Creatively, a book that excitedly opened up my sculpting interest was one I found at the Taupo Library called *Modelling the Figure in Clay* by Bruno Lucchesi. I used it as a teaching tool and, through his images and instruction, taught myself to create female figures and faces in clay. I was a regular at the library looking for books on clay sculpting tutorials. The Interloan library service supported my search and I was able to source Lucchesi's other two books as well as *Modelling a Likeness in Clay* by Daisy Grubbs, and many more.

Philosophically, *On Death and Dying* by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, a Swiss-American psychiatrist who was a pioneer in near-death studies. I've read all her books and listened to her lectures on tape. The book I value the most is *To Live Until We Say Good-bye* which to me is not so much about dying but about living and making the most of our moments shared or alone. All the Kübler-Ross books I read were sourced from Taupo Library until I bought my own.

Interloan

Did you know you can borrow books from other library systems? Here's what you do: Come into the library and fill out an Interloan form. It costs \$3 for the service. When the item is found and arrives in Taupo, the borrower then has to pay another \$5 to cover the postage for when the Interloan is returned to the lending library.

Justice of the Peace is in the house

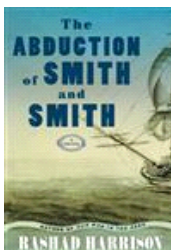
Do you need to have a signature witnessed or copies of a document certified? A Justice of the Peace will be at Taupo Library every Thursday from noon to 2pm. There is no need to make an appointment - just pop in!



More on ebooks

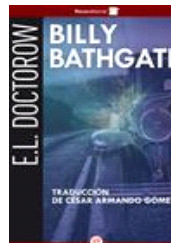
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Here are just a few of the new and recent titles available in ebook form:



The Abduction of Smith & Smith: A Novel by Rashad Harrison. An historical story in which a confederate soldier arrives home to find his father has been murdered.

Billy Bathgate by E.L. Doctorow. The Spanish language version of this novel about a fifteen year old dropout who captures the attention of infamous gangster Dutch Schultz.



Helmand to the Himalayas: One Soldier's Inspirational Journey by David Wiseman. The story of the first soldier on the scene of one of the most devastating attacks on British soldiers in Afghanistan.



The Half-Gallon Quarter Acre Pavlova Paradise by Austin Mitchell

A satirical description of life and Kiwi culture in 1960s New Zealand.

Teen section

This continues being revamped, with the addition of new seats donated by the Friends. Painting of the area is going to happen very soon – we promise.



Library Folk

Introducing a new face around the library ...

Ann Worth

Digital Services Officer



I grew up in Raglan but spent most of my adult life in Wellington. I've relocated to Taupo with my Italian greyhound Percy and my cat Louis – the latter appears to be trying (and failing) to beat up all the cats in my new neighbourhood. My role at the library is part-time and I'm combining it with studying postgraduate clinical psychology and completing my masters degree - it's fair to say this year will be busy! While I'd read a phone book if nothing else was available, my primary books of choice are mysteries/thrillers, after cutting my teeth on the genre of the great Agatha Christie. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, considered to be her masterpiece, gave me nightmares at age 11.