

2013 Calendar

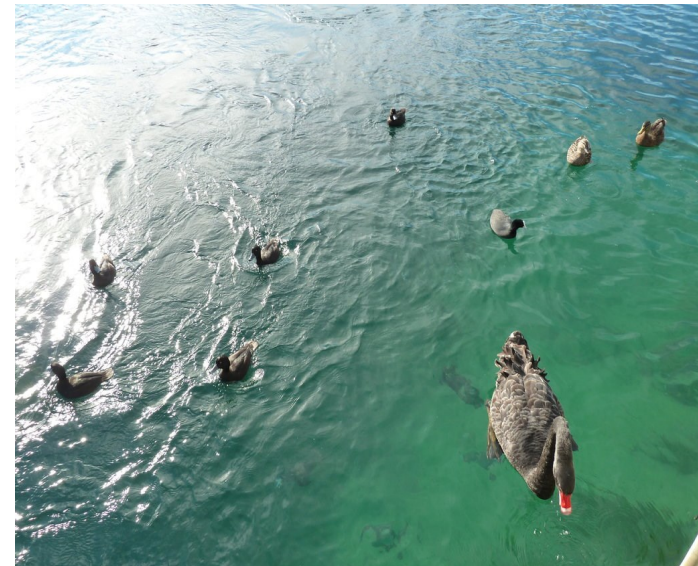
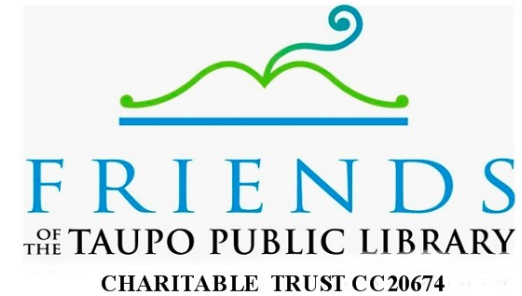
The October event will be a goodie. 'Trout, Tramps & Fumaroles—A look at our great outdoors' considers a few of our local special things. Karen Williams will be speaking about tramping and fumaroles, while Brenda Lawson, who is the Dydimo expert at DOC, will talk about trout and our waterways. Mark it in your diary.

September 19 @ 11.30 for 12	Book Talk
October 17 @ 5.30pm	Trout, Tramps & Fumaroles
November 14 @ 11.30 for 12	Book Talk
December 19 @ 5pm	Christmas Carols

For more information on Friends' activities and to view latest photos visit the Taupo Library website

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"If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids."

– Cornelia Funke (award-winning German children's writer)



August weather turned on rain, hail, blossoms and frost - it must be spring! And the Friends of the Taupo Library have been up to their usual busy activities, offering events to keep people warm, and generally helping with things around the library such as the withdrawal of little-used books to be added to the For Sale trolley. We also have a new committee member in Pat McKenzie, who is a retired librarian herself (who says a librarian's work is never done?).

We'd like to make a special note to thank all of our kind supporters who donate to the Friends of the Taupo Library. This extra support means that we in turn are more able to support the library. This year, for example, the Friends have bought two e-readers for the library which are being used to demonstrate the new technology to library users. Most people who donate prefer not to be mentioned by name, but do know that it is very much appreciated.

News & Views

With the support of Plunket, the library is selling lanyards for children to use with their library card. These funky neck-things are on sale for \$2.50 and are a great way to keep track of your child's library card. Incidentally, the lanyard is free if your child joins the library through Plunket.



Kiwanis have supported the Friends of the Library for many years by donating \$1,000 annually towards the New Entrant bags that were initially given to 5 year olds at each school. Kiwanis is an international service club, based in 80 countries, which has a philosophy of encouraging



A Pair of Sandals

A pair of sandals, old black pants
And leather coat — I must go, my friends,
Into the dark, the cold, the first beginning
Where the ribs of the ancestor are the rafters
Of a meeting house — windows broken
And the floor white with bird dung — in there
The ghosts gather who will instruct me
And when the river fog rises
Te ra rite tonu te Atua —
The sun who is like the Lord
Will warm my bones, and his arrows
Will pierce to the centre of the shapeless clay of the mind.

By James K Baxter

New books

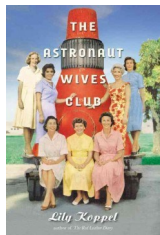
Taupo Library is constantly adding to the collection, and here is a small selection of new non-fiction titles that are now available:

Crown Lynn Collector's Handbook by Valerie Monk

A-Z listings of more than 300 Crown Lynn products include photographs of representative designs as well as their distinctive backstamps and marks to help collectors correctly identify and appreciate the origins of a huge diversity of Crown Lynn items produced over more than 50 years.

Encounters - The Creation of New Zealand: A history by Paul Moon

Historian Paul Moon delves into the many and conflicting ideas about how New Zealand came into being. Along the way, he explores forgotten crevices of the nation's character, and exposes some of the mythology of its past and present.



The Astronaut Wives Club: A true story by Lily Koppel

As America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty. As their celebrity rose—and as divorce and tragic death began to touch their lives—they continued to rally together, and the wives have now been friends for more than fifty years.



Son of the Mist: The hunting career of Howard Egan by Howard Egan

Howard Egan, aka 'Grandad' to his friends, has been involved with the outdoors his whole life. His passion has been for Fallow deer and much of this book revolves around a life spent hunting and studying these beautiful game animals.

Decorating Christmas cakes: 14 spectacular festive designs

by Paul Bradford

Here are 14 unique projects ideally suited for the Christmas season, including a traditional gingerbread house, a whimsical wedding cake, a snowball fight, an angel, an igloo with penguins, and a depiction of Santa on his own vacation.

literacy and youth. The club encourages leadership and service among youth; it's all about making friends - and making an impact - in your local community. For more information about Taupo Kiwanis contact Rex Crenfeldt: 378 6204, or visit the American website www.kiwanis.org



Russell Royce from Idea Services is asking for a volunteer to help work with Shaun Mackay in the library. Shaun works in the library each Wednesday from 8.30am to 10am, but his usual volunteer is stepping down and Shaun needs a replacement. Is there anyone interested in this role? Shaun shelves the Large Print books and is very pleasant to work with, but he cannot do this job by himself. If you have a little spare time and can help, please call Russell on 378 1328.

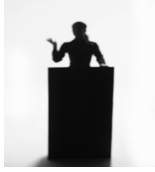


July featured a fascinating talk from Sally Aitken

of VetPlus and Vicky Graham from Acacia Bay Cat Lodge. We had 34 adults and children who attended the event and heard all about Vicky's career, and how Sally is one of the few vets around specialising in avian care. A lovely raffle was donated by VetPlus which was won by Annette Murphy. This was another of our free events which in this instance, being in the depths of winter, also included delicious soup and rolls.



The Annual Great Debate on 15 August had a lively attendance of 69 people. The moot was 'Children should provide room and board for their aging parents' which inspired some excellent debate between the Zenith Group from Taupo-nui-a Tia College and the reigning champions Tauhara College. This is the 12th year that the Great Debate has been held, and we are privileged to draw on such talented support as POWERtalk representatives Christine Beavis, who acted as the Chairperson, and Adjudicators Elaine Taylor, Michelle Barnett, Janet Andrews and Amy Head. Once again, Tauhara College took away the 'Three Monkey' Trophy, which has been held by the College since 2004.



POWERtalk International is a self-development organisation providing coaching in effective public speaking, listening and leadership skills in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. The Taupo meetings are held at three weekly intervals. Visit the website for more details: <http://taupo.powertalk.me>

Introduction to Borrowing eBooks

Find out how to borrow eBooks from Taupo District Library at a free workshop. This introductory session looks at eBooks, eReaders and how to find and borrow eBooks from the Library.

Taupo Library: Thursday 12 September, 2.30 - 3.30pm.

You do not need to have an eReader or device to come along to this session. However, if you have one, bring it along and have a go. Please note, Kindles are not compatible with our library system. For more information on compatible devices visit the eBook Help page on the website. There is no need to register for these sessions, just come along. See you there.



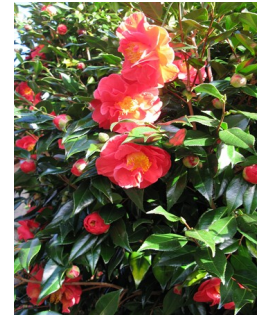
Introducing a new face at the library

“Hello, my name is Ana Palmer and I have recently started working at Taupo Library. I grew up on a small farm near the town of Piopio and after that spent about four years in Christchurch studying. I had been working as a Children's Librarian Assistant at Rotorua Library for two years before I was lucky enough to move to Taupo and get a job at this lovely library! I am really enjoying my time here and getting to know the staff and customers who are all very friendly. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time with family and teaching myself to play guitar (which is going very slowly!)”



Stuck for reading ideas?

Taupo Library has a page on the website where you can look up bestseller lists, reading suggestion sites, and an 'If you Like ...' guide. For example, if you like books by Margaret Atwood, you might also enjoy reading Joyce Carol Oates, Annie Proulx or Barbara Kingsolver. You'll find these ideas by clicking on the 'New & Recommended' box on the library Home Page.



Taupo is Camellia Capital of New Zealand

The camellias have been particularly beautiful this winter. But even while the blooms are dropping, there are things you can do to show your love for these hardy members of the Theaceae family. Camellias have a major growth spurt after flowering, so it's best to feed when the last flowers are coming to an end. Camellias have shallow root systems that can dry out easily during summer so, after fertilising, spread a layer of mulch around the base of the plant.