

Mātauranga Ruapehu District Council Libraries



April 2009

Monthly newsletter of what's on & what's new in your local library.

Mātauranga: noun; 1. education 2. knowledge 3. wisdom 4. understanding 5. skill

What's Up?

Welcome to our first issue of 'Mātauranga', the Ruapehu Libraries Monthly Newsletter. You'll find lots of exciting and informative things to read about in it.



Each issue we'll keep you updated on the latest best sellers, book reviews, what's happening in the library, and lots of fun things for our younger members.

Kids don't forget to check out what's going on in the library during the April school holidays. There will also be a short story competition for you to enter so pick up an entry form from the Taumarunui or Ohakune libraries.

We'd love to get some feedback on what you think of our newsletter.

"One of the best investments you can make is investing time in the library. The rewards are amazing." - Kamu

TOP 10 Thrillers



Have you read the most popular thrillers during March?

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| 1 | Sail | James Patterson |
| 2 | Your Heart Belongs to Me | Dean Koontz |
| 3 | You Can't Hide | Karen Rose |
| 4 | Bad Luck and Trouble | Lee Child |
| 5 | Cross Country | James Patterson |
| 6 | Arctic Drift | Clive Cussler |
| 7 | Fat Tuesday | Sandra Brown |
| 8 | Bones Left Behind | Jeffrey Deaver |
| 9 | Scarpetta | Patricia Cornwell |
| 10 | Kill For Me | Karen Rose |

New This Month

Forget the X Files, the truth is in your library. Come and check out the new science fiction titles.

'Flood', by Stephen Baxter



It began in 2016. Another wet summer, another year of storm surges and high tides. Sea levels have begun to rise, at catastrophic speed. Within two years, London and New York will be under water.

The world is drowning (scary thought). A desperate race to find out what is happening begins. The popular theory is that we are paying the price for our profligacy and that climate change is about to redress Gaia's balance.

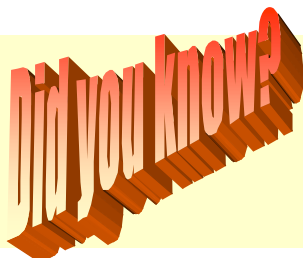
Millions will die, billions will become migrants. Has mankind begun its final battle for survival? Has science fiction become science fact?

Read more, get the book out!

'Shangai' by David Rotenberg

China, 207 B.C.. On the Holy Mountain, China's First Emperor reveals to his followers a stunning secret, and entrusts them with a secret task. Scenes carved into a narwhal tusk show the future of China – a future both glorious and terrifying. Centuries later, the descendents of the Emperor's confidantes observe as Shanghai is invaded by opium traders and missionaries.

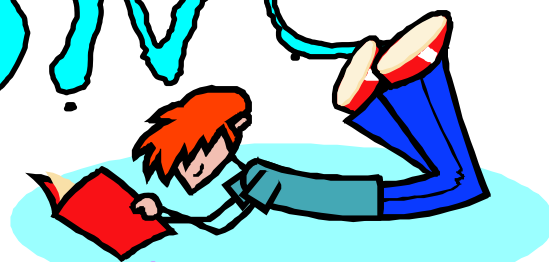
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... **A Bombay Duck is really a fish!**

... **The longest running musical on Broadway is 'The Phantom of the Opera' with 8,355 performances. It made its debut on 26 January 1988 and is still running.**

KIDZONE



What's On?

NZ Post Children's Book Awards

Vote for your favourite N.Z. book. Voting forms are available from all three libraries.

Another World Short Story Competition

6 - 10 yrs—Write about visiting a library in another world

11 - 16 yrs—Write about surviving being stranded in another world

Competition closes **4 May 2009**.

Story Time with Marilyn

Come and hear some terrific tales.

10.30—11.30am

Thursday 16 April at
Taumarunui Library

Create Wild Magical Creatures

with Emily

1.30 pm—2.30pm

Friday 24 April at
Taumarunui Library

Plus there is an awesome craft table all holidays at Ohakune Library!

Celebrate writing your short story with a Pyjama Party.

Come along in your pyjamas, drink hot chocolate and listen to some awesome stories. Aimed at 6-10yr olds. 5.30pm Friday 15 May.



New Books

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Chicken Feathers, Joy Cowley

Comet and the Champion's Cup, Stacy Gregg

Diving With Dolphins, Mary Pope Osborne

Earth Day Escapade, Carolyn Keene

Enemy at the Gate, Philippa Werry

Five (and a Bit) Days in the Life of Ozzie Kingsford,

Val Bird

Identity Theft, Carolyn Keene

The Immortals, Stewart & Riddell

Pony Passion, Harriet Castor

Quin Majik and the Hairy Roof Rescue, Fleur Beale

Saffron, Victoria M. Azaro

Snowfire, Terri Farley

Trick or Treat, Jana Novotny Hunter

Water Lily, Terri Farley

Way to Play, Sammy!, Michele Cox



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26 Big Things Small Hands Do, Coleen Paratore

A Baby for Grace, Ian Whybrow

Duck's Stuck!, Kyle Mewburn

Every Second Friday, Kiri Lightfoot

Never Take a Shark to the Dentist, Judi Barrett

Noah's Calf, Rhondda Greig

The Were-Nana: (Not a Bedtime Story), Melinda

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FUN WORD FIND

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Find These Words

Adventure

Books

Fun

Puzzles

Reading

Storytime

Library

Pictures

Poetry



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1984, George Orwell

The Nest, Paul Jennings

Nitescope, Rae McGregor

Scorched Bone, Vince Ford

The Tomorrow Code, Brian Falkner

'Payback', by Michelle Kelly
(nominated for NZ Post awards)

Sound Good?

Riley's biggest problem is that he's short (what if he stayed pygmy-size for ever?). His other problem is Kelly – she's not talking to him and he doesn't know why. Then, to top it all off, in a moment of pure insanity, he thumps the biggest bully in the school!

Read more, get the book from the library.



Quick Quiz

BRING YOUR ANSWERS IN TO RUAPEHU LIBRARIES BY 30 APRIL TO BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN ONE OF THREE MYSTERY PRIZES

All answers can be found at the Library

- 1) Who wrote the Harry Potter series?
- 2) How long can you borrow a book from the Library for?
- 3) What "Dewey number", do the Guinness World Record books have?
- 4) What is the title of book three in "A Series of Unfortunate Events", by Lemony Snicket?
- 5) How many pages are in the "New Zealand Official Yearbook 2008"?