

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Tena koutou - Greetings to members of Friends of Christchurch Libraries

**Christchurch City Libraries' Big Bargain Book Sale
Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre
14 - 16 March 2024**

This year's Book Sale is now only weeks away and as usual we need lots of volunteers to make it run successfully. We need help to set up the sale on Thursday 14 March; to sell all the amazing bargains to the public and to keep the trestles restocked on Friday and Saturday. Lastly, we need a fit team to help break down and pack up any unsold items after the sale finishes at 4pm on Saturday 16 March.

Some of our longest serving volunteers aren't available this year so we desperately need new helpers. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated whether you help just once or on each of the sale days.

There are three shifts on Thursday 14 March. There are two sale set-up shifts from 10 - 1 and 1 - 4. These require a good level of physical fitness to unpack and lay out the many cartons of sale items.

Next, we need a team for the sale preview which runs from 4.30pm to 7.00 pm. The preview is open to Friends members who've paid their subscriptions for the 2023/24 financial year and Libraries staff only so make the most of this special purchasing opportunity.

On both Friday and Saturday we need at least ten volunteers for each of the five shifts the sale is open to the public. The shifts are from 8.30 am to 12.45 pm and from 12.30 pm to 4.15 pm, plus there's a late shift from 4.00pm to 7.15pm on the Friday. We need people to count customers' selected items, to 'person' the eftpos and cash payment desks and to tidy and re-stock the trestle tables.

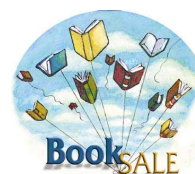
Once the sale doors close at 4pm on Saturday we need physically fit people to help with the breakdown. This usually takes about 1.5 hours.

Please let me know the shifts you can work.

You can email friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com using Book Sale in the subject field or phone or text me on 021 057 6232 or 980 8596.

Many thanks in anticipation

Barbara Clarke
Friends' Book Sale Convenor



A word from our Library Liaison

Welcome to 2024!

This time of the year is a good time to reflect on what you want to do in the months going forward, to perhaps try something new, or to stop doing something that no longer gives you pleasure.

The Library offers a wealth of programmes and experiences on a formal and informal basis that can help you with those decisions - from dropping in to a library to play Rummikub or Mah Jong with others in your local community, to learning a new skill in one of our many technology programmes, or visiting one of our Auahatanga Creative Spaces at South, Tūranga, New Brighton, or Te Hāpua to discover more about a piece of gear, and how it can be used to support your creative tendencies.

For Libraries, we look forward to the opening of Matatiki, the new library and swimming pool in Hornby. The site is certainly a hive of activity as opening day some time in the next couple of months draws closer. Dates for closing the current Hornby Library and opening Matatiki will be shared once they are confirmed.



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Spreydon Library is down for a refurbishment before the end of June, so the library will close for a few weeks to enable this to happen. Again, the timing of this will be signaled once the detail has been signed off.

Sickness and the recent spike in COVID have continued to have an impact on staffing across the network. While we try our best to keep to agreed opening hours, there have been times when a library has had to close over the lunch time, close earlier than usual at the end of the day, or not open at all for the whole day. Whenever this happens, existing staff are relocated to another library to enable them to stay open, and updates on closures are provided on the website, and through social media.

We continue to appreciate your understanding in these instances.

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Summertime Reading campaign is fully underway with various storytelling sessions and events being held in libraries and in the community. More information is available on the library website.

To complement Summertime Reading we also have various 'Best of 2023' lists available - these are not limited to kids and teens - so if you are stuck for something to read, do take a look at the website. Otherwise on your next library visit, ask a librarian to recommend some 'good reads'.

This year the city celebrates 50 years since the Xth British Commonwealth Games were held here in Christchurch. Tūranga will be hosting an exhibition 20 January to 18 February; and if you are looking for more nostalgia visit the photographs available on Canterbury Stories.

Then test your sporting knowledge by completing the following quiz - [QUIZ: Xth British Commonwealth Games, 1974 | Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi](#).

Finally, now that Jane is back from leave, planning for the next Big Library Book Sale is underway. We look forward to seeing many of you there - 14th to 16th March!

Elaine Sides
Library Liaison



Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Anne, Princess Royal and Charles, Prince of Wales



Elizabeth II at medal ceremony

All images courtesy of https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974_British_Commonwealth_Games

Christmas Party 2023

Friends who attended the Christmas Party were delighted to hear more about Jo Bailey's Dorset experiences researching Mildred Salt who nursed at the No 1 NZ Military Hospital, Brockenhurst during World War 1. The twists, turns and coincidences that Jo uncovered during her research were fascinating. The party concluded with a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Upcoming Events

The 2024 Heritage Highlight series kicks off in February with "[Broken Nurses - the impact of World War 1 on NZ nurses who served](#)".

Presenter: Dr Wendy Maddocks (Reg Nurse), Senior Lecturer Faculty of Health Canterbury University

Inspired by a visit to Lemnos, Greece in 2015 on an ANZAC nurses' tour and learning about the conditions nurses worked under, Wendy started researching the history of her old training school (Palmerston North Hospital). Through this research she discovered sad stories of nurses who served in WW1 which has led her on a journey to dive deeper into their experiences and health through their service. Wendy is currently collating all the medical information relating to the nurses and a summary of this will be talked about plus context around how the nurses were treated. she discovered.

When: Thursday 15 February 2024, 10.30 am - 11.30 am - but come early and grab a cuppa from 10.15am

Where: Auaha Hīhī/ Spark Place, Ground Floor Tūranga

Ages: Recommended for adults

Cost: \$FREE

Bookings required: [Book online here](#)

Author Talk: Anke Richter

Anke Richter's bestseller *Cult Trip: Inside the world of coercion & control* (HarperCollins) is a gripping, visceral, thriller-like investigation into Centrepont, Gloriavale, a yoga school in Thailand and Osho's ashram in India.

Join international journalist [Anke Richter](#) in a conversation with WORD Christchurch director Kiran Dass to discuss problematic dynamics in spiritual groups - and how she came too close.

When: Friday 16 February 2024, 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Where: Tūranga

Ages: Recommended for adults

Cost: \$FREE

Bookings required: [Book online here](#)

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\$10 Unwaged
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The financial year runs from 1st April to 31 March