

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

Greetings from the Chair

As incoming chair I would like to first thank all of the Friends for helping us to support the Libraries with advocacy and fund raising.

Like many Friend supporters I come from a library background starting with School Library Service moving through various roles in public libraries before heading overseas. In the UK I was very fortunate to work in the Prince Consort's Army Library, Aldershot and other special libraries. Reading and libraries have played a huge part in my life and although these days I try and not read a book and ride my bike at the same time I still love visiting libraries wherever I may be.

I visited Wellington recently and as well as enjoying some rare fine winter weather I visited the National Library to view [He Tohu](#), a permanent exhibition of three iconic constitutional documents that shape New Zealand including the Treaty of Waitangi and the 1893 Suffrage Petition.

It was also great to see how many children were visiting our libraries' holiday programmes enjoying the array of activities provided including the CSO Music Trails at Fendalton Library and making scrunchies at Turanga.

Winter is a perfect time to catch up on movies and many older films are available through the library apps, [Kanopy](#) and [Beamafilm](#). If you get a chance go and see *Maurice & I*, a documentary celebrating Sir Miles Warren and Maurice Mahoney's hugely influential architectural partnership. New Brighton Library was originally designed by architects from Warren & Mahoney and has been recently refurbished.

I am looking forward to some interesting book talks over the coming year starting with Ruth Shaw next month.

Until next time keep reading.

Chrissy Clark



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A word from our Library Liaison

With the approval of Council's Long Term Plan on 25 July, a number of changes were implemented on 1 July. This included free holds for adult members with a limit of 15 holds at any one time, a slight increase for non-city resident membership subscriptions, and an inflation adjusted increase for the hire of venues managed by Libraries.

Funding was also increased for the rebuild of Ōmōkihi - the name gifted for the new South Library. Waihora-Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board's request for funding a temporary South library was also approved. This smaller temporary library will complement an extension of Spreydon's opening hours to 7 days, several regular stops by the Mobile van, and temporarily relocating the Service Centre Desk to Pioneer Stadium. Libraries are now tasked with recommending options for a temporary library, with the final decision being made by the Community Board.

Reflecting on the past year, Libraries has seen some significant growth in the services provided. Compared to last year, this has included an 8.3% increase in people visiting the library, 5.4% increase in issues, and a 19.2% increase in the number of attendees at the 481 programmes run by the Māori and Multicultural Team. Overall 216,621 people attended the 11,187 different programmes Libraries offered, and a further 44,226 people attended sessions hosted by the library and delivered by community groups. Partnerships have been established with Canterbury Museum, and CoCA; and we continue to work with Chinese, Japanese and Philippine Consulates, Māori Land Court and Ngā Tahu Archives.

We have co-designed and delivered programmes with partners such as the Canterbury Symphony Orchestra Music Trails, Reading to Dogs collaboration with Council's Animal Management Team, WORD festival events, Days of Ice, and the Book Discussion Scheme.

Pilot programmes trialed this year included: Storywalks in various community spaces, Microorganism Day and Women and Girls in Science Day in collaboration with University of Canterbury, and various well-attended City Nature Challenge events directly contributing to Christchurch winning the New Zealand City Nature Challenge 2024. After-school activities, holiday programmes, eSports, Auahatanga Creative Spaces offerings, and the Christchurch Family History Expo continue to attract large numbers of participants and positive customer feedback.

The new Matatiki Hornby Centre was officially opened on Friday 19 April 2024, and following consultation with users of our Mobile Library service changes were introduced. Engagement with the community continued for the development of a concept design for Ōmōkihi; and refurbishments were carried out at Spreydon and New Brighton libraries.

The Friends of the Library continue to partner with Libraries to support the annual Book Sale, and a programme of events, focusing on author talks. This partnership is highly valued by Libraries.

Elaine Sides
Library Liaison



Upcoming Events

Author Talk: Ruth Shaw - Bookseller at the End of the World

Date: Wednesday 7 August 2024

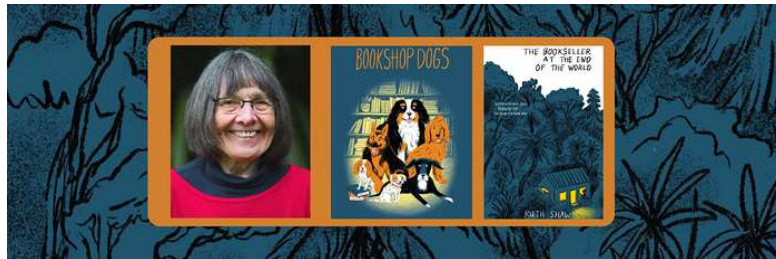
Time: 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Where: Turanga (TSB Space, Ground Floor)

Programme:

- 4.30 pm Meet the author, book sales, signing and refreshments.
- 5.00 - 6.00 pm Ruth Shaw and Amanda Cropp
- Free [bookings required](#)

Join us for a wonderful and warming early evening event: Amanda Cropp speaks to author Ruth Shaw. We will hear about Ruth Shaw's latest projects and her life after international best seller 'The Bookseller at the End of The World', and her new book 'Bookshop Dogs' already a NZ bestseller.



WORD CHRISTCHURCH FESTIVAL

27 August - 1 September 2024



SAVE THE DATE

* Christmas party Thursday 28 November at 2.15 pm

* Book Sale 20 - 22 March 2025

Subscriptions now due

Thank you to the Friends who have paid their 2024 subscriptions

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