

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Greetings from the Chair

Who else thinks this year has just rushed by!!

My latest road trip took me south to Dunedin where we spent a delightful morning at Olverston Historic Home. I was keen to learn more about Dorothy Theomin, philanthropist, photographer and mountaineer and was thrilled to find her biography in Tūranga. Written in 2007 by Margery Blackman it is a fascinating insight to a young woman who lived her best life well beyond the constraints of society at that time.

Ruth Shaw met with a huge crowd at the August Author's Talk. Her openness to share her life and work was engaging and thoughtful. I am sure she will have many new friends visit her at the bookshops at the end of the world.

Some of you may have attended one of the Friends' Tūranga tours recently. Amy, one of the archivists shared her passion and joy and took us on a magical tour from bottom to top stopping on each floor for a small snapshot of what is on offer for library patrons.

Mātauranga - The Ascent of Tāwhaki is one of many artworks held in the building. The installation uses imagery relating to the journey of Tāwhaki to obtain knowledge. Birds featured include the Pukeko, Titi and Kereru. You can read more about the artworks and cultural narrative of Tūranga [here](#).



We were able to have a sneak peek behind the locked doors and marveled at the promptly and efficiently automate book sorting machine processing over 1000 items per day.

On Level 3 we found the Aotearoa Collection which is full of interesting items such as Margaret Mahy's diaries and the visitor book from the Canterbury Club



Next time you are in Turanga why not take a self guided tour? You can find more information [here](#).

"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." - Albert Einstein

I look forward to catching up with you all at the newly refurbished Fendalton Library and until next time keep reading.

Chrissy Clark



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Upcoming Events

FOCL Christmas Party

Thursday 28 November 2024 2.15 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Boardroom, Fendalton Library & Service Centre, Jeffreys Road



Guest Speaker: Elaine Sides
Followed by a Christmas Quiz and afternoon tea

All members of the Friends are warmly invited to come along.

We will be taking the opportunity to hear from Elaine Sides who has just ended her time as Library Liaison person for the Friends of the Library. Apart from taking eight years off to have her three children, Elaine has worked in Libraries since 1971, firstly for Waimairi Libraries and then Dunedin Public until she returned to Christchurch. Elaine has made a huge contribution to our library service over the years and worked at several of our Community Libraries. In her time in Content Services she was Selection and Access Team Leader before assuming her current role as Content Manager from early 2019 to the present day.

Elaine has been a tremendously effective and supportive Friends' Libraries Liaison person for many more than 20 years.

Do come and hear her talk about her varied and interesting career, while enjoying some Christmas cheer with the Committee.

Women of the Wheel: Past and Present exhibition Turanga Now until 24 November 2024

Discover the history of women's cycling in Christchurch from 1980 to now



Christchurch City Libraries' Big Bargain Book Sale
Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre
20 - 22 March 2025

Now's the time to mark the dates above in your next year's diary!

The Friends will be needing lots of volunteers to help set up the sale on Thursday 20 March; sell all those amazing bargains to the public; keep the trestles restocked on Friday and Saturday and then break down and pack up any unsold items after the sale finishes at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

We already know that some of our longest serving volunteers won't be available next year so we'll need many new helpers. If you can spare even just three hours over the three days, your assistance will be enormously appreciated.

The Thursday sale set up shifts are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and require a good level of physical fitness to unpack and lay out the many cartons of books. The sale preview opens from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. for Friends members and Libraries staff only so make the most of this special purchasing opportunity.

On Friday and Saturday there are five shifts while the sale is open to the public.

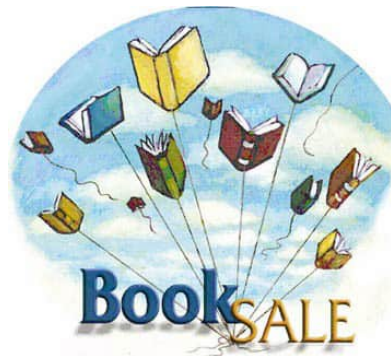
Friday and Saturday	8.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 12.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Friday only	4 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Once the sport centre doors close to the public at 4 p.m. on the Saturday we'll need physically fit people to help with the breakdown. That usually takes about 1.5 hours.

Please think now about how you can help and we'll be asking for your availability in late January.

Many thanks in anticipation

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