



# Kapiti Coast District Libraries Volunteer News

23 March 2011

## Did You Know?

There are over 150,000 items in the Kāpiti Coast District Libraries, and 23,429 people have used their library card at least once in the last two years.

## Have you met Pam?



My name is Pam Strike. I have two children (young adults) and a border collie. As a freelance proofreader/editor/indexer, I very much enjoy working with Kay in the local history area. I am also a landscape gardener and a supporter of the Kapiti Concert Orchestra.

## Sustainable Home and Garden Show

Written by Rosemary McCarthy

This year's Sustainable Home and Garden Show will provide plenty of fun infotainment. It's on this Saturday 26 March, 9am-4 pm, and Sunday 27 March, 10am-4pm at Kāpiti Primary School.

Landscape gardeners are competing for the best design in waterwise home gardening (you can vote for your favourite). There will be a recycled newspaper fashion parade, a greywater system to win, practical talks, free bike repairs ... and activities for all ages in the library tent.

Library staff will be showing children how to make a "Cress head." A small pot will be made from newspaper, and it will be decorated with a face. Cress seeds will be planted in the top, which will grow into edible hair. We will be showing adults the sustainable living page on our website, plus inviting them to look at our environmental studies and policy collection database, and answering their enquiries about sustainable living resources.



*Rosemary McCarthy, Interloans Librarian and organizer extraordinaire for the library tent at the Sustainable House and Garden show.*

## Paekakariki Library

Everyone is excited about the opening of Paekakariki Library in the refurbished Paekakariki Tennis Club building. The wooden shelves are being constructed by Murray & Taylor in Paraparaumu, with lots of wonderful new books, DVDs and CD's arriving daily for the shelves. Two new computers have been ordered which will allow the community to access the internet and lots of amazing databases at the touch of a button. The library will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30pm to 4:30pm, and on Saturday, 9am to 1pm. The official opening date is Monday 9 May, 2011.





## Artwork selected for Ōtaki Library

Written by Sharon Dixon, Ōtaki Library Manager

Ōtaki Library has commissioned local ceramics artist Jennifer Turnbull-Green to create a new artwork for the library foyer. Jennifer lives in Ōtaki and majored in ceramics for her Diploma in Fine Arts. She is an off-campus lecturer in ceramic arts for Otago Polytechnic and teaches adult community classes at Ōtaki Pottery Club.

The artwork will be made of porcelain paper clay, a ceramic material. Many thin, overlapping pieces, glazed in greens and blues, will be mounted onto Perspex. Each piece will have varieties of New Zealand fern leaf imprinted into the surface of the clay; they will be arranged with lighter colours at the top, graduating down to darker shades to give the impression of denser bush.

At the base of the wall piece will be a large bowl. The inside will be glassy turquoise blue, representing water, with textures of shell fossils under the glaze. The underside of the bowl will be dark brown representing the trunk of the mamaku – tree fern. The artwork will be installed at the end of March.



### Introducing Helen Tristram

I am married to Alan. Mother of three children and two stepchildren, and grandmother of six. I arrived in New Zealand from the UK in 1993.

I enjoy the Monday

Walkers, the Shoreline Theatre, cycling and love reading (Paraparaumu Library is fantastic).

I deliver Meals on Wheels and enjoy the peace of working in the Archives, as part of the Local History team of volunteers at Paraparaumu Library. I am a vegetarian and keen animal welfare watchdog.

“I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book.”

Groucho Marx.



### Easter Hours

Friday 22 April 2011.....CLOSED

Saturday 23 April 2011.....OPEN

Sunday 24 April 2011.....OPEN

Monday 25 April 2011.....CLOSED

### A warm welcome to Barbara Williams

Barbara volunteers at Paraparaumu Library, and is a retired editor and proofreader for Brookers Law Publications. Thank you for all the great work you do!



## **Have you met...Sharon Dixon?**

**Library Manager, Otaki Public Library**

### **What do you enjoy most about your job?**

I know it sounds a bit *cliché* but I really enjoy helping people find the information they need! Sometimes it is information for study or personal interest; but often it is suggesting a new author for a customer to try or a novel I have enjoyed. It is always fun discussing books and I love it when people come back and say they liked a book I have suggested.

Working at a smaller, community library is great. I get to know so many of our customers by name; lots of them come into the library everyday or at least once a week.



### **What you do when you're not working at the library?**

We have a 15 acre lifestyle block in sunny Ōtaki which keeps me very busy! I enjoy horse riding and am a real country girl at heart. I love mucking about with the animals and helping my husband with all those farm jobs like fencing etc. My other great passion is, of course reading. I have always been an avid reader and looking back at my childhood now, perhaps destined to become a librarian. My sister and I had all our books labelled, with cards and little pockets in the back and we used to issue them to each other and our friends.



## **School Holiday Fun "Let's Recycle"**



**Book now for some *FREE* holiday fun  
at your library!**

Paraparaumu Library 04 296 4889, Waikanae Library 04 296 4760

Ōtaki Library 06 364 9303

### **Happy Head**

**Use material, paper, buttons...to make a  
stuffed head**

Paraparaumu Library Mon. 18 April 10.30am

Waikanae Library Wed. 27 April 1.30pm

Ōtaki Library Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm

### **Litter Bug**

**A segment of egg carton, some junk and a bit  
of imagination to create a litter bug**

Paraparaumu Library Thurs. 21 April 10.30am

Waikanae Library Fri. 29 April 10.30am

Ōtaki Library Mon. 18 April 1.30pm



*Michelle Vestal, Children's and Teens Specialist at Waikanae Public Library with a happy group of children after a school holiday programme.*

### **Gift Bag**

**Newspaper, some ribbon and voila it's a gift bag**

Paraparaumu Library Thurs. 28 April 10.30am

Waikanae Library Tues. 19 April 10.30am

Ōtaki Library Wed. 20 April 10.30am

### **DIY Badge**

**One milk bottle top, one safety pin, one picture  
and you've got your very own badge**

Paraparaumu Library Fri. 29 April 1.30pm

Waikanae Library Thurs. 21 April 1.30pm

Ōtaki Library Wed. 27 April 10.30am