

## Buller District Libraries Newsletter

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# New Zealand Post Book Award Festival Programme

**Join us** to celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> annual New Zealand Post Book Awards!

The New Zealand Post Book Awards encourage New Zealand children to read and enjoy books. Activities and events are planned nationwide in a celebration of our best books for Children and teens. To join in, see what's planned in your region below or contact your Regional Coordinator.

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Exhibition of finalist titles at the public libraries in Westport and Reefton

#### You can win!

Read, write or illustrate: pick your favourite book and tell us what you like most on it. Fill out the review sheet and go into the big prize draw. Return sheets until 10<sup>th</sup> May to Westport or Reefton library.

### Tuesday 12 May

Finalist author Melinda Szymanek is presenting her book "The Were-Nana"

10.45am Karamea Area School  
1.30pm Granity Primary School

### Wednesday 13 May

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9.15am Westport South School  
11.00am Westport North School  
1.45pm Westport Library  
2.30pm Westport Library, Winners of the "Read-write-illustrate-competition" will be drawn and announced

### Wednesday 20 May

8 pm Awards Ceremony at the Auckland Museum - winners announced!

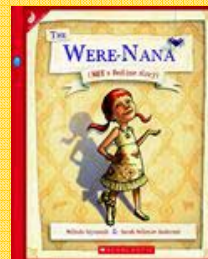
### Thursday, 21 May

1.30pm Westport Library, story time with the winning picture book  
2.00 Westport Library, "Write your own scary story" results of the writing competition will be presented and displayed at Westport Library

### Discover

**Melinda Szymanek**, children's book author will be visiting Northern Buller and Westport schools to read from her finalist book "The Were-Nana". She also will be reading at Westport Library!

There's nothing Simon enjoys more than scaring his little sister, Stella Rosa. And now that the mysterious Nana Lupin is coming to stay, Simon is having great fun. Stella Rosa is afraid. Is her nana really a monster?



### Display

Check out this years finalists and choose your own favourite. Your local libraries in Westport and Reefton have them on display.

### Write your own scary stories

Writing competition for schools involved in Melinda Szymanek's visit. The results will be bound into one large book and presented at Westport Library

### Win

Select your favourite! Draw a picture or write a comment on what you liked most and go into the great prize draw. Many prizes are waiting!!!! Pick up the review sheet at the libraries in Westport and Reefton. Return until 10th May



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## Your suggestions — Books on order

The library welcomes any suggestions on ideas for good books you think the library should consider purchasing, ideas for library and service improvement and of course we'll take compliments as well.

"Grey Ghosts" by Deborah Challinor	Yes, we will get the updated version
"A life in sport" by Brendan Telfer	Is on order
More from Nick Harkaway	Great you liked his first book. Currently there is nothing else on the market. We will have to wait
Baby Einstein/Mozart/Beethoven CD's	Will get them in
"Ten Degrees of Reckoning" by Hester Rumberg	Already have
"Dreams from my Father" by Barack Obama	We have one copy in Westport and one copy for Reefton branch on order
"Sins of the Fathers" by Fleur Beale	Will be released end of April. 2 copies ordered
More books by Keith Ablow	Have ordered "Murder suicide"
"Changing your thinking" by ???	Sorry, too many books with this title available. I would need more details (author...)
"Be your Best" by Steve Price	Is on order
"Scott Kelby's 7-Point system"	Will be ordered
"Thornspell" by NZ author Helen Lowe	Will be ordered
"Rumble fish" and others by Matthew Reilly	Sorry, but most of his old titles are out of print. May be interloaned from other libraries
"Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein	Is on order
"John Lennon" by Philip Norman	Have ordered

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West Coast Kete Project

**Staff Pick:**

Read the book first before watching the movie with Kate Winslet in her Oscar-winning role.

This wonderful written story "The Reader" by Bernhard Schlink is a story of passion and a complex, sobering meditation on the nature of intergenerational guilt and the corrosive power of silence.

While still in his teens, Michael Berg meets Hanna, an enigmatic older woman who becomes his lover and then vanishes. He goes on to law school as his generation struggles to define itself in the terrible wake of World War II. Then Michael meets Hanna again in the middle of his coursework when she is on trial for a terrible mass murder committed during the war. He watches her take an unjust share of the responsibility for that crime rather than own up to a secret she has hidden all her life.

Bernhard Schlink is a respected judge and professor of constitutional law in his native Germany, but it is as a writer of mystery novels that he became known to the general public I also recommend "Self's deception" and "Self's punishment by the author (**Michaela**)

## NEW LARGE PRINT BOOKS

This month we have a number of new Large Print books which we know are always much appreciated by our borrowers. They include '[Mystery Raider](#)', a western by award-winning author Leslie Ernenwein. As with all the best westerns, this tale combines action, a dash of romance, a dose of good old-fashioned revenge and a most satisfying plot resolution.

For the more serious-minded, we have a non-fiction offering in the shape of '[Spitfire women of World War 11](#)'. I certainly was not aware that women flew Spitfires in the Second World War, but fly them they did, delivering planes to the RAF bases from which so many young pilots went to their deaths. What is more, they delivered the planes unarmed and without instruments or radios, and fifteen of them died, including the legendary Amy Johnson.

For those who enjoy historical fiction, a smidgeon of romance and a lot of excitement, Wallis Peel's book '[Republic](#)' should spin your wheels. Set in the time of Charles 11 and the heyday of Puritanism, it follows the risky career of a young woman who finds herself engaged as a courier working for the Parliamentarians.

And last but not least, a new offering in LP from Simon Beckett, '[Written in Bone](#)'. This stars forensic anthropologist Dr David Hunter investigating an apparent case of spontaneous combustion. As he probes into the death, it becomes obvious that this was murder, and the secrets of the small Hebridean island community begin to reveal themselves. The non-stop action and plot twists make this a satisfying thriller you'll find hard to put down.