

# Buller District Libraries Newsletter

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## Summer Time - Reading Time

### 'Superheroes READ!'

Following the great success of the last two years, the library is holding a free **Summer Reading Programme** for children aged **5-13** during the summer holidays.

The programme has proved very successful in maintaining reading levels during the summer holidays, for supporting children at the beginning stages of reading or on reading recovery programmes and for making children enthusiastic about reading. Once again we are very happy to be sponsored by Rotary Club Westport and they are joined once again by Campbell and Associates.

**Registration** at Westport Library opens on **Monday 15 December** and will run until **midday Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)**.

Children (who must be members of the Library or about to join) and their caregivers should be present. Registration is free! The four report ins are as follows :



<b>Friday 9 January</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00</b>
<b>Friday 16 January</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00</b>
<b>Friday 23 January</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00</b>
<b>Friday 30 January</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.00</b>

Following the last report-in we celebrate with a big party and a story time with a surprise guest!

**If there is anything else you would like to know, please don't hesitate to contact the Library on 788 8030, and ask for Kate or Michaela.**

**Children living in the Reefton area are challenged too! Don't forget to join the Library and visit the Reefton Library during the holidays to get out great reading materials. The Librarian has lots of incentives to give away to reward our young readers there.**

### JENNY PATRICK WINS NEW ZEALAND POST MANSFIELD LITERARY PRIZE



New Zealand Post and the Katherine Mansfield Menton Trust announced Wellington author Jenny Patrick as winner of the 2009 New Zealand Post Mansfield Prize.

The \$100,000 prize covers return travel to France and living and accommodation expenses for six months. The prize enables a New

Zealand author to work at the Villa Isola Bella in Menton, France, where famous writer Katherine Mansfield lived and wrote in 1919 and 1920. Jenny Patrick is best-known as a historical novelist. Her first novel, *The Denniston Rose* (2003) and its sequel, *Heart of Coal* (2004) are two of New Zealand's biggest selling novels. They are set on the coal mining plateau, Denniston, once the primary coal producer for New Zealand, but now a "ghost town". The *Illustrated Denniston Rose* and *Heart of Coal* (2006) contain full text plus over 200 photographs and other images, both archival and contemporary, illustrating places and events described in the novels. All her titles are available at the Library for issuing.

**Congratulations to Jenny Patrick!**



### CHRISTMAS HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

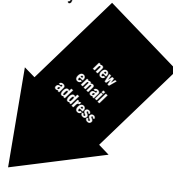
<b>24 December</b>	<b>9.30 - 12 noon</b>
<b>25 December - 28 December</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>29 December</b>	<b>9.30 - 5.00 pm</b>
<b>30 December</b>	<b>9.30 - 5.00 pm</b>
<b>31 December</b>	<b>9.30 - 12 noon</b>
<b>1- 4 January 2009</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>5 January</b>	<b>Normal hours resume</b>

Reefton Library will be closed on public holidays. Normal hours apply when open except on the following days:

<b>24 December</b>	<b>Close at 1.00 pm</b>
<b>31 December</b>	<b>Close at 1.00 pm</b>

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Smith Street, Reefton 7830  
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*West Coast Libraries are hosting the South Island Children's Librarians Conference 2009*

*"Answer the call of the Coast" is the motto for an outstanding event for professional development for Librarians. The 2009 Conference will be held at Ashley's Conference Centre Greymouth and is the result of a collaboration of the three district libraries on the Coast. Workshops will look at working with teenagers, storytelling, or homework support. Main attraction will be high-profiled guest Joy Cowley talking about "Children's eyes are made for wonder".*

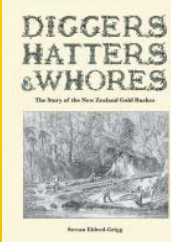
*For more information look at www.siclc.org.nz*

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. St. Augustinus



**LIBRARIANS PICK:**  
**Diggers Hatters & Whores**  
by Steven Eldred-Grigg

A must read for the historic interested. The scope is the social history of the gold-fields of colonial New Zealand, from the 1850's to the 1870's. The book opens with a survey of worldwide rushes in the late eighteenth and the first half of the nineteenth centuries, when for the first time in history a great wheeling movement of gold diggers began to revolve from continent to continent. The main body of the book looks at all the rushes, that took place in the colony: Coromandel, Golden Bay, Otago, Marlborough, the West Coast and Thames. The early chapters of the main body survey rushes chronologically; the later chapters look at rushes thematically. Beautifully illustrated with sketches and watercolours of the times, this is both a wonderful read. We have two copies available for issuing.



(Michaela)

## 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.

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| Peta Mathias                 | Can We Help It If We Are Fabulous? |
| Georgia Byng                 | Molly Moon Books                   |
| Michael Parkinson            | Parky                              |
| Lisa Jackson                 | "Absolute Fear" and "Fatal burn"   |
| James Meek                   | Drivetime                          |
| Darcie Bussell               | Magic Ballerina Books              |
| Terry Pratchett              | Nation                             |
| Illustrated Children's Bible | Ordered for REEFTON library        |

### IDEAS for Library Service Improvements

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| A colour printer | Sorry, the free Aotearoa People's Network can only provide only for a duplex black and white printer |
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### NEW BOOKS FOR TEENAGERS

- ✔ Nightmare Academy, by Dean Lorey.
- ✔ Your parents lied. There **are** monsters under your bed.
- ✔ Things do go 'bump' in the night. But don't worry.
- ✔ At the Nightmare Academy....*we bump back*.
- ✔ Charlie has nightmares. No problem, except that the monsters who populate his dreams actually come to life, creating mayhem for Charlie and everyone around him, until Charlie meets someone who can help him – the staff of the Nightmare Academy. This is a rollicking good read, with undertones of Harry Potter, a good dose of humour and some really *weird* monsters!
- ✔ What if...everyone knew your name? by Liz Ruckdeschel and Sara James.
- ✔ This is part of a series of 'Choose your Destiny' novels for young adults. Haley Miller is a 15 year old girl facing life at high school. The reader has the chance to change Haley's life – her choices, her friends, her grades and her love life. Each choice she makes, whether good or bad, affects some other aspect of her life, and there are consequences she has to face, depending on how you choose to guide her path, her fate is in your hands this summer!

### Wireless Internet Service Proving Popular

Customers, students or businesspeople can now use a wireless hotspot (WiFi) service in Westport - at the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library.

As a result of the ongoing partnership with Aotearoa People's Network New Zealand (APN), the District Library is offering wireless broadband access to the internet for WiFi enabled devices such as a laptop or PDA.

This new service allows just that - doing homework, keeping a business running and staying in touch with friends and loved ones via e-mail and chat; everything you can do from the internet at home or in the office and with the added comfort of the Library surroundings.

WiFi also supports training sessions at the Library. During October/November we held four courses on searching family history online and people could bring their own laptop to search via our databases and save straight to their computer.



For more information visit our website under <http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/main/AotearoaNZPeoplesNetwork/>