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 Meta Quest

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Meet Libby.

You can place a hold on the eReader through our catalogue or find them on our shelves in the Elma Turner Library.

What's On?

Library Knitters:

Get together with others to knit and chat over a cup of tea.

**Every Thursday, 10am - 12pm,
Elma Turner Library**

Craft Club:

Our monthly sessions cover a range of craft projects for adults. Bookings required; all materials are supplied.

**Pop-up cards:
Sunday 12 November, 1pm**

Live Music Series:

Held on the last Sunday of each month in the Elma Turner Library, these are a chance to celebrate and discover the talented musicians living in Whakatū.

All performances are free and held in the Elma Turner Library

**Teatree: Sunday November 26,
2 - 2.30pm**

Teatree weave storytelling and musical magic in various styles from celtic, indie, folk, bossa nova, tango, gypsy to whatever is being created next. Let them take you on a mystery musical and lyrical ride with their acoustic tales.

Device Advice:

Drop in with your device to get tech help from our librarians.

**Elma Turner Library:
Thursdays, 2 - 3pm**
**Stoke Library:
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3pm**

Tea & Tales: Dementia Friendly Book Group:

Sit back while our librarian reads you a short story or poem over a cup of tea. This group is open to anyone, no bookings required.

**Nightingale Library Memorial:
Wednesdays, 11am - 12pm.**

Last session in 2023 will be on 20th December and will resume from 24 January 2024.

Bookchat:

Come along and tell us what you have been reading.

**Elma Turner Library:
10.30 - 11.30am, 14 November,
12 December, 9 January 2024**
**Stoke Library: 5.30 - 6.30pm,
15 November, 20 December,
17 January 2024**

DISCOVER

Staff Favourites 2023



Literary Fiction - *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

It's hard to go past this searing reimagining of David Copperfield as it's won both a Pulitzer Prize and the Women's Prize in 2023. My fiction read of 2023, I loved the strong young voice of Demon as he grows up under the shadow of the mid 1990s opioid epidemic in Appalachia.



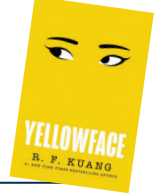
Memoir - *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jeanette McCurdy

Child tv star McCurdy writes about coming of age under the tyrannical and abusive thumb of her mother in this hugely brave memoir that will change the way you think about young performers forever.



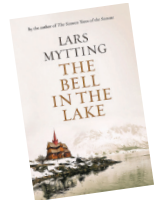
Psychological Fiction - *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang

Two friends, a tragic death, a stolen manuscript and a slow slide into insanity. With commentary on social media and racism in the publishing industry, *Yellowface* has rightly been one of the most talked about books of 2023.



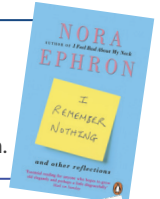
Historical Fiction - *The Bell in the Lake & The Reindeer Hunters* by Lars Mytting

Mystery, mythology and superstition surround a pair of bells hung in an ancient stave church in a remote Norwegian village in the late 1800s that supposedly ring when danger threatens. Apart from the ingenious storylines and wonderful characters, the books are an ode to old stave churches, which are both creepy and fascinating. I devoured these two books and eagerly await the translation of book three in the series.



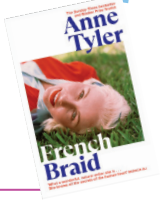
Essays - *I Remember Nothing* by Nora Ephron

Nora's wise and funny essays and lists are a balm for the tired soul; funny, charming, full of food and quirky anecdotes. Light and lots of fun.



Discovery of the year - *Anne Tyler*

I've read six of her titles this year, some as audio books on Libby and Borrowbox, and I continue to be immersed in her honest characterisation, gentle themes of family and community and clever use of time to advance plot lines. *French Braid* is my favourite so far.



Summer Reads

The Short Story Collection:

Stories on the Four Winds -
Ngā hau e whā edited by
Brian J. Bargh and Robyn Bargh

A collection of 20 short stories from 18 of Aotearoa's most accomplished authors including Tina Makereti, Mark Sweet, Paula Morris and two lovely stories from Albert Wendt about found family and community.

The Thought Provoker:

The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

A darkly funny story set in a rural Indian village, where a group of women attempt to 'free themselves of their nose rings' (aka kill their husbands). A book that goes from deadly serious to side splittingly funny in the space of a paragraph.

The Beach Read (featuring our favourite non-human of 2023):

Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

The hottest book of the past two years, and deserving of every ounce of praise, the story of a female chemist trying to make it in the 1950s will make you laugh, sob and rage with anger. The ultimate beach read to wolf down this summer.

The Thriller:

Fearless by M.W Craven

Fans of Jack Reacher will approve of this action packed, page turning thriller about a former Army Ranger gone off grid who comes back into the fold to find his ex-bosses missing daughter. Russian mobsters, evil super villains and snakes.



Book Club Sets

Keep your book club going over summer with a book club set. Each set includes 10 copies of one title plus book club discussion notes. Over 20 sets to choose from, including, thrillers, memoirs, historical fiction, New Zealand fiction and much more.



Summer Events



Summer Reading Party

It is time to sort out your summer reading!

Join us for our Summer Reading Party to chat with your favourite librarians for some book suggestions. Enjoy a cuppa with a fruit mince pie, and scoop up some new books to get you through the festive break.

Wednesday 13 December, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Elma Turner Library



Summer Selfies

Show us ya books! Get a selfie with your reading pile using one of our fun selfie frames, and share to win! Tag [@nelsonpubliclibraries](https://www.instagram.com/nelsonpubliclibraries) on Instagram to be in to win some summer reads. Each branch will have a unique frame with a different theme– snap them all.

Running throughout December and January



Battle of the Authors

Remember our Battle of the Genres?

This time, we have the Battle of the Authors! We will be sharing some of our favourite authors, and YOU get to vote! Explore some new authors, then help your favourite climb to the top.

In library and online

More details to come





Teen Summer Events!

Teen Takeover: Crafternoon

Join us and make a gift to give to someone special or to treat yourself this holiday season.

Snacks and all materials provided. Bookings Required. Ages 12+.

Thursday 14 December, 3 - 5pm, Elma Turner Library



A Fantastic Fandom Fiesta!

Join Nelson Public Libraries in celebrating all things sci-fi and fantasy alongside the grand reopening of Elma Turner Library! Lots of fandom fun and activities based on all your favourite comics, movies, games and tv shows!

Recommended ages 8 - 18, all welcome

Wednesday 17 January – programme will be available on Friday 1st December on nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Elma Turner Library



Teen Takeover: DIY Tote Bag

Get ready for back to school and design your own tote bag or pencil case.

Snacks and all materials provided. Bookings Required. Ages 12+.

Thursday 25 January, 3 - 5pm, Elma Turner Library

Nelson Public Libraries presents:

SUMMER SIDE

A SUMMER READING

8 DECEMBER



Fancy yourself an adventurer? Feel like breaking away from the trodden path? Then sign up for Summer Side Quests these holidays!

Take part in exciting challenges that will test your stamina, creativity, constitution, and charm. Complete Side Quests your way, and in any order, and earn fabulous loot!

Start your quest by registering at any library or online.

Only one registration per person.

For more information, visit nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/summer/sidequests

KEY DATES

Friday 8 December 2023

Registrations open and your Summer Side Quest begins!

Monday 15 January 2024 onwards

Regale us with tales of your deeds and collect your loot!

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Side Quest completed – Celebration event

Friday 16 February 2024

Loot collection must occur before the days end (Check ins close)

QUESTS!

ADVENTURE

24 JANUARY

Elves Workshop

Make your very own Christmas presents alongside our library elves – and we may get a visit from Santa himself... Now's a great time to sign up for the Summer Side Quest if you haven't already.

Wednesday 20 December
10am - 12pm

Elma Turner Library

Fun and Games in the Hundred Acre Wood

In which a Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore & friends have a lovely summer's afternoon of games and activities in Tahnunanui's own Hundred Aker Wood.

Recommended Ages 6 – 10, all welcome

Wednesday 10 January
10am - 12pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

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Elma Turner Library

Side Quest Completed – Celebration Event

Celebrate the end of Summer Side Quests at this fun event. Special guests, games, crafts and a presentation that celebrates all of our many adventurers!

Wednesday 24 January
10am - 12pm

Elma Turner Library

Small Time

Rhymes, songs and stories to develop language skills for small children and their grownups. Small Time runs weekly during term time.

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Wednesdays 10:30am

Last session Wednesday 6 December

STOKE LIBRARY

Fridays 10:30am

Last session Friday 8 December



Nau mai haere mai



Welcome to Nelson Public Libraries

At the library you can...

- Borrow up to 35 items per library card
- Borrow and return your items to all three library branches
- Access our computers, laptops, printing, photocopying, scanning and WiFi
- Make use of our local history/ research room
- Use our computers, chromebooks, sewing machines, and Virtual Reality equipment
- Receive assistance with your device and our online resources from our friendly staff
- Borrow items from other libraries within NZ through Interlibrary loans
- Sign-up for our Housebound services

Online Library

- Manage your loans with your online account through our website or library app
- Access ebooks, audio books, e-magazines, comics, manga, films, online newspapers, as well as a large range of databases for free
- Keep up to date with library news, events and reading recommendations via our website
- Search our catalogue, place items on hold and recommend items for purchase
- Research your family history or Whakapapa

We have after hours book drops at all our branches so you can return library items at your convenience.

Loan Periods and Charges

Reserving an item is free while much of the Elma Turner Library is closed.

Item Type	Loan Period	Charge
Books/Talking Books	4 weeks	Free
CDs, Magazines	2 weeks	Free
Sewing Machines	2 weeks	Free
DVDs	2 weeks	\$3
Bestseller Collection	1 week	\$3 per week
Replacement for lost library card		\$3
No charge for items on extended loan		

Our knowledgeable staff are in the library to assist you.
Please don't hesitate to ask us anything!



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Elma Turner Library

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri
9.30am - 6pm
Wed 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 1 - 4pm

Stoke Library

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri
9.30am - 5.30pm
Wed 10am - 5.30pm
Sat 10am - 1pm
Sun Closed

Nightingale Library Memorial

Mon, Tues, Wed,
Thurs, Fri 12 - 4pm
Sat Closed
Sun 1-4pm

SUMMER HOURS:

All three branches will be closed on the following dates:

Sunday 24 December - Friday 29 December 2023

New Year's Day: Monday 1 January 2024

Day after New Year's Day: Tuesday 2 January 2024



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