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Newsletter of LIANZA, Aoraki Region

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Regional Councillor's Column



Hi,
My name is Fiona Macdonald and I am the new Aoraki LIANZA Regional Councillor.

I have spent 15 years working in public and academic libraries in the Aoraki region and have developed an extensive network of professional contacts. I have been given a lot of support and encouragement from colleagues in the region over the past 15 years, and I hope as Aoraki Councillor I can give something back.

I am looking forward to working with LIANZA , representing the Aoraki region. I see the role of the Councillor as supporting colleagues, particularly

those outside of the main centres, to identify with LIANZA Aoraki and contribute to the professional health and vitality of the region. Having worked in the Nelson / Tasman region, I recognise the importance of supporting regional initiatives such as the Nelson/Marlborough weekend school which has grown into a very successful professional development opportunity for the top of the South. I have also been on the Aoraki Regional Committee for the past two years and appreciate the energy and enthusiasm that committee members put into supporting their profession.

I am currently working at Christchurch City Libraries as a Community Librarian.

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and I look forward to hearing from Aoraki LIANZA members.

Want to find out more about LIANZA....?

Check out the LIANZA website at:

<http://www.lianza.org.nz>

News

Aoraki LIANZA AGM, Thursday 26 July 2007

This year's Annual General Meeting for the Aoraki branch of LIANZA will be held at 7pm on Thursday 26th July 2007 at the University of Canterbury Staff Club..

Nominations are called for the positions on the 2007/2008 LIANZA Aoraki Regional Committee. These positions will be elected at the AGM.

Nominations are sought for : Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 10 other committee members. The committee period is one year.

Every nomination shall be in writing, and the consent of the person nominated shall be indicated by them in writing. Nominations shall be proposed and accepted by financial members of LIANZA.

A nomination form is available on the Aoraki LIANZA website - it may be printed and photocopied and should be sent (post or fax) to the Returning Officer (Fiona Macdonald - Aoraki LIANZA Secretary, PO Box 2175, Christchurch Mail Centre)) by 4pm Wednesday 18th July 2007.

If there are insufficient nominations, nominations will be received at the AGM. Candidates elected shall come into office immediately following the AGM.

******* AORAKI AGM SPECIAL OFFER *******

LIANZA Aoraki are keen to see some faces from out of town at this year's AGM in Christchurch. If you would like to attend why not enter this REALLY DIFFICULT competition for a chance to win \$200 towards your expenses for travelling to and spending a night in Christchurch?

Simply answer this BLING question on the theme of our annual quiz night and email sara.muir@ccc.govt.nz before Wednesday 27th June. A winner will be drawn on the night of the quiz and will be notified the following day. To collect your prize, the winner will be required to attend the AGM July 29th and receive their cheque for \$200.

Competition question:

What is a sub-woofer? (hint: it is not an aquatic species of dog)

Competition rules: Entrants must be LIANZA members. The competition is not open to residents within Christchurch City Council boundaries or living within 60km radius of the city centre. Judge's decisions are final. If the winner cannot attend the AGM the prize will be passed on to a second name drawn on the night of the quiz.

Spotlight on a Library

Reed Centenary Celebration at Tasman District Library

To conclude our April school holiday programme we decided to hold a celebratory party in honour of Reed Publishing's Centenary. The local Reed rep, helpfully supplied the birthday cake, a colouring competition & book prizes.

Marie Langley from Golden Bay joined us to read her newly published book: Pukeko. We invited the children to come dressed as if they lived 100 years ago & had highlighted many Reed children's books in the preceding days. Spot prizes were awarded to our enthusiastic crowd of book lovers.

Lucy Brunwin
Children's/YA Librarian



What's Been Happening?

AORAKI LIANZA WEEKEND SCHOOL, NMIT, 27-28 APRIL, 2007

“TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT TEARS”

Six of us from the West Coast attended the weekend school in Nelson, as always a very enjoyable affair, and a 'must go to' on our calendar.

The main speakers for the day, Judy and Glen, provided us with informative and inspirational presentations, Glen's being particularly entertaining. Judy guided us through a maze of Web 2.0 technology, introducing an array of tools and tips, useful both at work and at home, while Glen outlined how to set up a blog. The afternoon sessions were 'hands on', giving us the opportunity to start 'blogging'. Other options included non-book processing, basic IT skills and library display skills – particularly impressive was Phil's expertise at book covering!

Our thanks to Nelson librarians for organizing the weekend and to NMIT for providing such wonderful food! Travelling together and meeting up with other West Coast librarians at these weekends are added bonuses – we are planning closer interaction down here on the Coast, both workwise and socially!

Muriel Donald
Tai Poutini



West Coast Librarians

Back left - Daphne Smithers, Tai Poutini, Back right - Wendy Harman, Westland District Library
Front, from left - Wynne Norgrove, Grey District Library; Michaela Bodesheim, Buller District Library; Betty Harris, Reefton Library, and Muriel Donald, Tai Poutini.

Recipe for a successful weekend school.

Ingredients:

Several goodly librarians – try to get a wide variety to add more intensity to the flavour. This weekend school worked well with 8

2 Presenters

1 Guest Speaker

1 Weekend

Themes for consideration

Several varied workshops & presenters

8 Leis for decoration

1 venue – pick your location carefully. It needs to be just right. Consider capacity for the weekend school you are ~~baking~~ making

1. Mix together the librarians in a big bowl – don't agitate too much, they should be a pretty mellow bunch
2. Slowly add the themes for consideration, and stir around until one overriding theme rises to the surface. This will be the main flavour you will work with.
3. Select 2 presenters to compliment your theme. You can use locally grown presenters, or imported ones for an international flair. We used a bit of both. Carefully fit in the workshops (don't over-mix the workshops, it's best to keep those flavours separate).
4. Pour contents into a suitably sized venue and serve on an appropriate weekend. Add leis just before serving for that decorative look.

Unfortunately this recipe didn't exist before I just made it up! How *do* you organise a Lianza weekend school? That was the main thought that ran through my head when I volunteered to be on the committee. The second thought was, of course, have I had enough caffeine today?

Coffee in hand, I strolled over to NMIT to meet the rest of the committee, a great bunch of people from different and diverse libraries in the region. Luckily, some of them had organised this sort of thing before. Luckily, they understood my need for good coffee in the morning.

We met over the course of several months to organise this weekend school. NMIT was to be our good hosts for the event, and came readily equipped with computer labs, lecture theatre, and cafeteria. Oh, and a library (better put that in somewhere!). We were fortunate to secure Judy O'Connell as our main presenter, and paired that up with Glen Walker who we somehow talked into creating a blog for us. Thank you Glen, did we remember to say that often enough? Geraldine flew in to round off the day for us.

The day approached, the registrations poured in, the committee learnt to blog and the presenters arrived ... disaster struck. Purple, according to Trinny and Susannah, absolutely does not go with Red. The Leis which we were so enamoured with were going to ruin an outfit. Fortunately, a total fashion faux-pas was averted thanks to a quick swap of garland, and again we were ready to face the world!

The school itself was fantastic (I think we had to ask people to leave in the end!), but the day was a wash-out; after boasting and generally being smug about the legendary sunny weather of Nelson, much needed torrential rain streamed down and generally forced everyone indoors. Oh well, you can't plan for everything!

Things learnt: many

Coffee consumed: plenty

Networking: gregarious bunch of fine people met

Lessons learnt: always carry an umbrella, purple and red clash.

Liz Stevenson , Nelson Public Library



Alison Rowe (NEPY), Liz Stevenson (NEP), Nicola Harwood (NEPY), Susan Price (NEP)



Geraldine Howell (WN), Glen Walker (CU), Annette Monti (NEP)

South Island Children's Librarians Conference

8-9 February 2007
Wanaka

This superbly produced conference had a "Movie" theme, so there were Guest Stars rather than Key Note Speakers, and "crew" rather than "conference organisers". It was a very worthwhile 2 days – inspiring speakers and many opportunities to meet other librarians.

The pre-conference curtain-raiser was a screening of Desk Set at the famous Paradiso Cinema. Filmed in 1957 this romantic comedy starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy was surprisingly topical and lots of fun. Hepburn starred as the stunningly intelligent, resourceful, witty and all-round wonderful reference librarian who cannot be replaced by a computerised system (aren't we all like that?)

The conference highlight was Mem Fox, Australian picture book author and professor of literacy. A very entertaining and enlightening speaker, she spoke about what makes a good picture book, and also of the difficulties and challenges in writing them. Mem's session on how to read aloud effectively was both fun and very practical.

Also thoroughly worthwhile was Celia Lashlie who spoke on "The Magic Within Children, and special education psychologist Ian Craven who led a thought-provoking workshop on Adolescent Culture.

The new Wanaka library is attractive and well-laid out. The Wanaka library staff performed a delightful short play at their front desk - very clever with great one-liners. Entitled "Where are the toilets" it showed the both amusements and frustrations of library work to a tee.

It's a hard act to follow, but intrepid staff at Christchurch City Libraries believe we are up to it. Planning is under way for another exciting programme for the next conference, with a theme of "Tell us a Story. Anticipated date is March 2008.

Helen O'Carroll
Christchurch City Libraries

How to be... a relaxed overachiever

Venue: Christchurch Conference Centre
Date: 4 April 2007
Presenter: Geraldine Barkworth, Geraldine Barkworth Coaching & Training, NSW Australia.

One of a series of professional development workshops offered by LIANZA in April (one in Auckland, one in Wellington, and this one, in Christchurch), as the advertising stated, "This 3.5 hour workshop for busy library professionals shows you how to transform the rat race to find your centre of peace and tranquillity to become the cool, calm and collected library professional you truly are."

In other words, this workshop was intended to provide an opportunity for self-evaluation and an introduction to some tools which can be used to enhance relaxation, focus, clarity, perspective, emotional intelligence, and professionalism.

The presenter, Geraldine, was thought-provoking and provided a well-formatted session, in which everyone was encouraged to participate without being placed uncomfortably in a spotlight. The group was small enough to not feel too intimidating, yet large enough that we could all learn from other peoples' experiences and strategies.

For me, personally, the value of this workshop was in providing some safe, structured and facilitated 'time out' to consider how stress factors in my life and work can be affecting me and others - and how I can manage that, not just suffer it. I left the session with a much greater sense of hope about the future, along with several practical techniques to use to work toward achieving a more productive level of balance in my work and life.

It was fascinating to hear other people's stories and to realise that although the specific details may be different the stressors are often the same. Hearing other people's solutions, along with

their effective and not-so-effective strategies for coping, was also illuminating, and emphasised how even a small change of attitude can offer a large possibility for positive improvement. And it was thought-provoking to consider how other people's behaviour may reflect how they are coping with their stressors – do we recognise when it is emotion speaking rather than rational thought, for example, and are they reacting to when (or by whom) something was said, rather than what was said?

In brief, the session was divided into four parts, as follows:

Relaxation and focus

Be in your **body** not in your head; use breathing exercises to find calm and centredness – and to avoid emotional responses

Affirmation: “ **I am balanced and serene whether life is perfect or not**”

Underwhelm don't overwhelm – offer what is **realistic** and achievable and you will deliver it successfully; don't try to be everybody's saviour

Identify what you can control and what you can't – and consider **strategies** for coping with the status quo and/or encouraging change

Learn how to **switch off** at the end of the day

Prioritising

The **80/20** technique; 20% of total effort will achieve 80% of the value, so prioritise to identify that 20% and focus on that first

The **GROW** model – can be used this to find practical solutions and develop action plans

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| Goal | - what do you want ? |
| Reality | - what is happening now? |
| Options | - what could you do? |
| Will | - what action will you take? |

Your '**tornado strategy**'

“When I experience a setback in my plans or my day, feel overwhelmed, defeated, sad or caught in a 'tornado', I will...”

Consider **physical** responses: shallow or uneven breathing, shivery, dry mouth, thumping heart beat (be in your body)

Pause

Take a breath, step back, count to 10 – whatever your strategy:

Take time to think **beyond** the immediate

Say if you need time to **consider your response** – avoid a knee-jerk, emotional response

What's your '**off switch**'

Exercise

Glass of wine

Driving home singing in the car

Changing into sloppy clothes as soon as you get home; showering

Whatever – create a 'ritual' that allows you to distance yourself from stress and worries; breathe and make time to smell the roses

Julie Farquharson

Reference Librarian

Upper Riccarton Community and School Library

Te Kete Wānanga o

Upcoming Events

Friday 29 June, 7.30pm

THE **BLING** LIANZA quiz nitE

- ❖ Dress up in your best BLING outfit
- ❖ Prizes and kudos to be won
- ❖ Pimp your trolley competition (trolleys supplied - BRING DÉCOR & PROPS)
- ❖ Register your team with Dave (email dave.lane@canterbury.ac.nz) by 5pm Wednesday 27 June.

Riccarton School & Community Library, 71 Main South Rd

Friday 29 June 7:30pm, Quiz starts 8pm

\$5 entry per team member - Cash bar

Organised by Aoraki LIANZA Committee.

Aoraki LIANZA AGM,

Thursday 26 July, 2007

7pm at the University of Canterbury Staff Club.

See you there!

Comings and Goings

New Aoraki Regional Councillor Announced
The LIANZA Aoraki Committee are pleased to announce Fiona Macdonald as the new regional Councillor. Fiona has been our Secretary for the past term.

LIANZA Vice-President Announced

The LIANZA Aoraki Committee are pleased to announce Glen Walker as the newly elected LIANZA Vice President. Glen is currently the region's councillor, and will be replaced by Fiona Macdonald.

Aoraki Region Farewells Jane Robinson

The LIANZA Aoraki Committee are sad to farewell Jane Robinson. Jane will be taking up the role of Library Manager with the Gore District Council. Jane has been the Reference Services team leader at CPIT since 2004. We wish Jane all the best in the deep south.

Christchurch City Libraries is pleased to welcome Rosemary Nicholls to the network. Rosemary will be taking up the role of Community Libraries Manager. Working in conjunction with Erica Rankin, Rosemary will lead the following libraries: Halswell, Upper Riccarton, Hornby, Linwood, Sumner, South, Spreydon, Akaroa, Little River and Diamond Harbour as well as the Outreach Services Network .

Christchurch City Libraries is pleased to welcome Karen Willyams to the role of Community Librarian for South and Sumner Libraries. Karen comes to us from the University of Canterbury Law Library where she holds the role of Assistant Manager.

Tasman District Libraries

Debbie Bowden has moved from the position of Customer Services Librarian to Collections Librarian We welcome Glennis Coote as Customer Services Librarian

and finally...

The next newsletter will be out in August so collect your news and send it in. Unsolicited items are very welcome and can be forwarded to the editors,

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Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter.