

Final thoughts...

“Words are the voice of the heart”

Confucius

Word of the Month

enamour

past tense: **enamoured**; past participle: **enamoured**

1. (verb) be filled with love for.

"it is not difficult to see why Edward is enamoured of her"

Kupu Maori

wewehe

1. (verb) to fall in love, be enamoured, lovesick.

I reira ka wewehe a ia. / There he fell in love.

Words can be found at the websites Dictionary.com and Te Aka Māori Dictionary at maoridictionary.co.nz



Farewell Sue

At the very end of January, we said goodbye to Sue Gould our Adult-programmes & Activities Officer. Some of you would have had the pleasure to work alongside her with events she held during her time here. She will still be around for now as a Patron of the library and member of the book club. As you embark on your next adventure, I want to take a moment to wish you all the best. Your time with us has been invaluable, and we're grateful for the contributions you've made to the team. You've brought a level of fun, talent and dedication that will be hard to replace, and we'll miss you greatly.

Our summer reading programs finished up in January, our competition winners were contacted to pick up their prizes so congratulations and a big thank you to everyone else who entered. Shown to the left is a photo of the always popular Traveling Tuataras doing a re-telling of puss in boots with some fantastic participation from the children.

Waitangi Day 6th February

Waitangi Day, the National Day of New Zealand, marks the anniversary of the initial signing—on 6 February 1840—of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Valentines Day 14th February

Valentine's Day came to be associated with romance and love in the 14th and 15th centuries where the first recorded Valentine's card was written by Charles, Duke of Orleans in 1415. Valentine's Day is used to express love and affection towards loved ones to remind them of how much you appreciate them.

Check out the library eDatabases





Huitānguru / February 2025

Kawerau District Library & Sir James Fletcher

Key Dates

February Library Hours

Normal Library hours are:

Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm
Sunday CLOSED

Welcome Back, it's 2025

Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Thanks for your patience and letting us be closed over the Christmas break. We're already back into it so hope you all had time to relax or spend it with loved ones because the books missed you and there's a year full of reading and fun at Kawerau Library and Museum.

Upcoming Events:



Waitangi Day Promotion.

From the 27th of January to the 3rd of February, the library will be running both an online and in library quiz for Waitangi Day. Each question will go out for you to answer. You can either answer online through our Facebook post or pop into the library and fill out an entry slip. Each correct answer will go in the draw to win a copy of The Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti o Waitangi an illustrated history by Claudia Orange.

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What's On

The Book Club meet:
Usually meets 10.30 am
Meets 1st Thursday each month

Museum Display
Brian Brake Portraits Exhibition
On Now!

Valentine's Day Crafts from the heart
Thursday 13th Feb
10am-12pm

Waitangi Day
Thursday 6th February
CLOSED

Valentines Craft- Crafts from the heart. On Thursday 13th at 10am-12pm We will be making chocolate flowers and candy boxes for that special someone in your life. Also make and leave a flower for the library staff to give away to a deserving customer on Valentines Day. This will be an adult's program suitable for teens and up.



Toddler and Kids Activity boxes - We have our new stand for the Toddler and Kids sensory activity kits. As activity kit contains ideas to engage children with reading. These are great kits with learning toys and books, all brought together with a special theme for each box. Come get a card and read what's on offer. The check out is just like borrowing a book. Ask at the front desk for more information.

Museum News

Looking Closely at 2012.211

Going through some old exhibition files, I came across an A2 size poster of a photograph in the Kawerau Museum collection. It shows dozens of houses being built in Robinson, Grey and Normanby Streets. Some have walls and roofs, just waiting for a front door and glass windows, while others are wooden frames that sketch out the shape of the house to come, no roof tiles or weatherboards yet. Left-over lumber is scattered all over the place.

There are no people and no vehicles anywhere, which adds to the already uncanny feeling of a whole suburb sprouting up in an undeveloped landscape. There is a weird greenish tinge to the poster, like the scene is underwater, and its large size, obviously blown up from a small original photo, pushes to the very limits of legibility. The image is starting to break up and turn fuzzy. Blue ink marks are scattered across the sky, the kind you get when wet ink is accidentally transferred by your fingers. The image is mysterious, maybe even a bit creepy: Kawerau after the rapture has taken all the good people to heaven, or a zombie apocalypse.

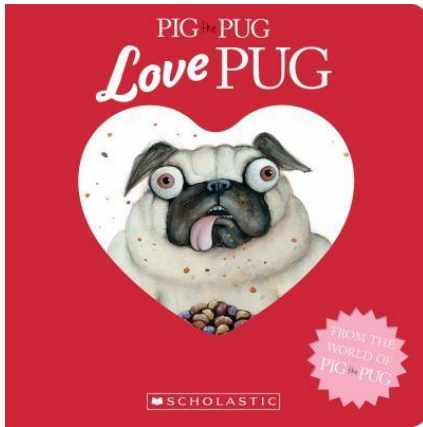


Curious to see the original, I retrieved item 2012.211 from the museum storage. It's a very small photographic print, with a handwritten note on the back, in blue ink, saying it was taken from the roof of Tasman House in 1953. The photo forms a pair with 2012.210. They don't precisely line up, but with some overlapping they create a panorama. These photos are part of a series, showing more streets and houses, and the men who are building them, a neat insight into a specific moment in Kawerau history. Buildings take shape on various streets, ready for families to turn them into homes.

Of course, the real 2012.211, the original photo, is not actually weird or borderline creepy, just an interesting historical record, the kind of image you can imagine illustrating a history of Kawerau, or maybe an article about postwar house building in New Zealand. Everything that initially caught my eye is a result of the decisions that the printers made when a scan of a small photographic print was enlarged into a poster for an exhibition. But I like that my first impression from the poster still lingers when I look at the original photo, as if there is something strange going on, just out of view, in what seems to be a straightforward view of houses being built in Kawerau.

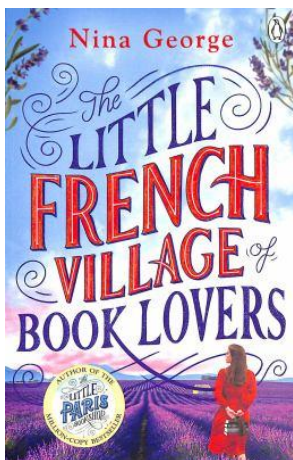
Exhibition open – come in and view these wonderful images while they are on display.

February Featured Titles



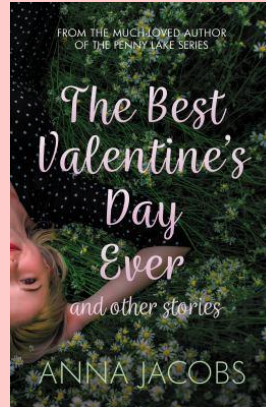
Author/ Illustrator: Aaron Blabey

"Everyone's favourite naughty pug is back ... this board book introduces the littlest Pig the Pug fans to everything that Pig loves from mealtime, dress up, and bath time (well, sometimes) to his friend Trevor, of course!"--Publisher.



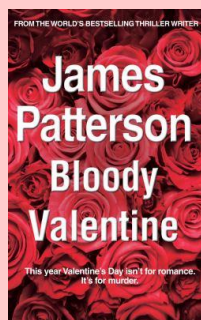
Author: Nina George

In this novel from Nina George we return to Jean Perdu's beautiful barge on the Seine, his Literary Apothecary. He's spent many years still prescribing just the right book for his customers in the exact time they need it. His beloved books are his medicine: books that will comfort, guide, envelop and the perfect book to the customer that he knows will guide them. But now, dear reader, he's sharing his favourite novel with you. As his floating bookshop arrives in the soft lights of Provence, Perdu shares the book that has healed him, brought him happiness, anchored him and shown him his way in life.



Author: Anna Jacobs

Romance can be found in every corner of the world and has changed the lives of people in every period of history. In this collection of sixteen stand-alone short stories, Anna Jacobs encapsulates the spark of first love and the glow of second chances in her inimitable style. This collection includes: *The Best Valentine's Day Ever*: Heartbreak prompts Chrissie to seek comfort with her gran, Nancy. But unhappiness and misunderstandings turn into a double celebration across generations. *The Group Settler's Wife*: Western Australia, 1924. Maggie is forging a new life for her family, the chance for a fresh start for them all after the lingering effects of war. While unaccustomed to the rough and ready conditions of pioneer life, Maggie discovers a stronger side to herself and will find happiness where she did not expect it.



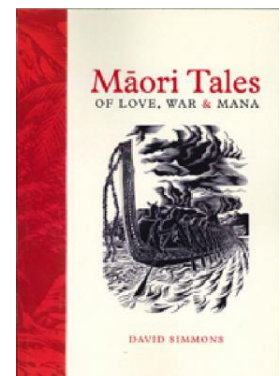
Author: James Patterson

This year Valentine's Day isn't for romance. It's for murder. Mega rich restaurant owner Jack Barnes and his second wife Zee are very much in love. However, their plans for Valentine's Day are about to be torn apart by the most violent murder. Who is the strange figure plotting this sick crime? Who hates Jack that much?



Author: Annie Rigg

A beautiful, fully illustrated companion book to the series of *The Great British Bake Off* that aired in autumn 2020, featuring bakes from the series' 11 contestants. This book will be a celebration of the reasons why we bake - with our families, for our friends, to celebrate special occasions, to raise money for charity or just because it's a relaxing way to spend a rainy Sunday afternoon. With exclusive personal contributions from bakers; Showstoppers and technical bakes from the new series and exclusive recipes from the behind-the-scenes team, it is a feel good companion to the series.



Author: David Roy Simmons

David Simmons MBE gathered these tales of love, war and mana from Māori sources during a lifetime of field study and research. Working from the Otago Museum and Auckland War Memorial Museum (of which he was for a time assistant Director), he collected local traditions from throughout New Zealand, in places as widespread as the Far North, Fiordland and Chatham Islands.