

# final thoughts...

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.” - Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*

## Word of the Month

### Susurrous

Definition - full of whispering sounds

Susurrous comes from the Latin *susurrus*, meaning "a hum" or "a whisper." It may describe any one of a number of whispering sounds and isn't restricted to that of leaves moved by wind. However, in autumnal months it is a lovely word to think on as you come across this sound. The noun form ("a whispering sound") is susurration.

....and the night was filled with a slow, sad, susurrous rustle, like the wind fingering the pines, which was not, however, the sound of wind in the pines but the breath of thousands of sleeping men.

— Robert Penn Warren, *All the King's Men*, 1946

## Kupu Maori

### tihitihi

(verb) to make a gentle rustling sound, rustle, whisper (of the wind, etc.). *Ka pai te rangi, ka hauhau, ka tihitihi te hau* (W 1971:416). / It's a nice day, breezy, and the wind is rustling.

These words can be found at the websites [merriam-webster.com](http://merriam-webster.com) and Te Aka maoridictionary.co.nz

## Book club

Every first Thursday of the month we hold our Book club and we invite you all to come and join us. For anyone curious it is a relaxed club where we read what we like and discuss these with each other. We can go from serious discussions to roaring laughter in just one meeting so head on down as every person comes with a different perspective which makes for interesting conversation plus we have our recommended by Kawerau Library Book Club markers which lets people know which display books are book club approved and will be posted in this newsletter and Facebook pages, but if that doesn't sway you we always have tea/coffee and yummy biscuits at every meeting.

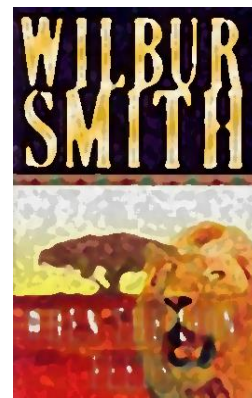
## Book Title Trivia

Ready to challenge your mind? Take our fun "Book title trivia" questions to see how well you know your library and be in the draw to win a \$20 New World gift card. Write down the answers to one or all 3 questions and hand it in to the front desk or email through answers to [melodie.emery@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:melodie.emery@kaweraudc.govt.nz). Each question is an entry. The winner of this will be drawn and posted in the April newsletter. Ready!

Question 1 : Name the book this quote comes from.

“But soft! What light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.”

Question 2 : What's the title of this book cover below? ↓



Question 3 : Name the book of this Dewey number.

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Feel free to use our library catalogue or the internet for help.

Did you know you can join our emailing list for the monthly newsletter?

Just contact us at the library and leave an email address. Its that easy.

 **Jump**

Skinny Jump website: [www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home](http://www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home)

Check out the library eDatabases



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Northern Virtual e-Library





# Poutūterangi / March 2025

## Kawerau District Library & Sir James Fletcher Museum

### Key Dates

#### March Library Hours

Normal Library hours are:

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

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### What's On

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

Museum Display  
 Brian Brake Portraits  
 Exhibition  
 On Now!

Custom Bookmarks  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
 10.30am- 12pm

**And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.**

- Oscar Wilde

Autumn is here and this quote feels perfect for the feeling of a busy summer having gone by in a blink of an eye and now we are getting cosy and ready to wind down in our houses, and hopefully with a good book.

We had a great turn out for our Valentines craft so thank you to all that participated, and we were able to gift flowers throughout the day to Friday's library patrons who really appreciated the gesture, and it made our day too. Also on display was our Have a date with a book basket which saw patrons take a book that was wrapped up with only a tag and a few sentences to give an idea of what they might be choosing. It was a laugh and a half, and we had feedback of how good the matches were.

We also welcome our homeschool group who are regular visitors to the library, if you have any questions about group bookings, please feel free to contact us at the library about scheduling. February also saw our Waitangi Day quiz on Facebook which was a difficult one this year expanding our knowledge and challenging us to dive deeper into our books for answers. Winner and prize can be seen below.

#### Skinny Jump

We have been on a long waiting list for more skinny jump modems, and they finally arrived mid-February so we are back up and running and will be able to get them out to those of you who need them. To anyone else who may be interested in signing up with skinny jump please feel free to contact the library for more information or you can head to the website which can be found on the back page.

#### Winner.

We hope you enjoy your own personal copy of The Treaty of Waitangi -Te Tiriti o Waitangi an illustrated history by Claudia Orange.



### Upcoming Events:

#### Custom Bookmarks-

Come down to the library on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> and create a custom bookmark that is unique to you. Resources will be available but feel free to bring some pressed flowers you may have or even your own photos. If you start pressing flowers now they will be dry by the day.



# Museum News

## Could you be the missing link to this story?

One of the things that the museum team really enjoys is a late-night search on Trade Me. We always hope to find Kawerau-related treasures that can become part of the museum collection.

Recently we came across two badges sporting the name of Kawerau. One, for the Kawerau Fish Society, is very stylish, with its flamboyantly finned fish and name in dark blue enamel against silver. The other, also blue enamel against a gold background, is for the Kawerau W.B.C., and announces that its original owner was a Life Member.

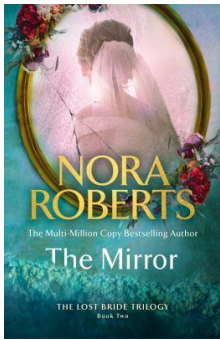


Trade Me is great for picking up unusual items, but one downside is that these objects tend to be cut off from their prior histories. The dealer who sold us these ones had a giant collection of badges from all around Aotearoa. There's no telling how many hands they passed through before ending up in his possession and listed for sale. He certainly wasn't a Life Member of the Kawerau W.B.C., or a member of the Kawerau Fish Society. Who received these badges originally? When did they get them? Did they wear them with pride? And even more basic than that, what exactly is the Kawerau W.B.C. or the Kawerau Fish Society? They must have been local organisations. Does W.B.C. stand for something like Women's Basketball Club?

The museum team is going to spend the next month finding some answers to these and other questions. We'll let you know what we discover, and how we went about discovering the lost histories of these badges. But the first thing we plan is to do is ask the people of Kawerau if they have any ideas. If you can tell us anything, get in touch: [museum@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

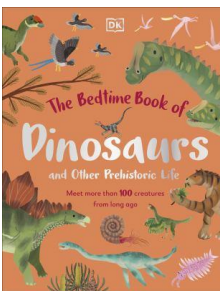
Exhibition open – come in and view the wonderful images while they are on display.

# February Featured Titles



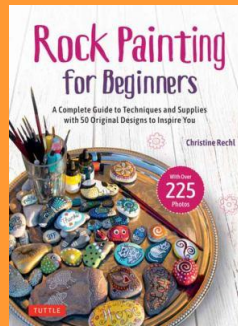
**Author: Nora Roberts**

In need of an escape from her ex-fiancé's betrayal, and the lucky recipient of a surprise inheritance, Sonya MacTavish leaves behind her life in the city and moves to a Victorian mansion on the coast of Maine. The house is beautiful but comes with surprises - footsteps in the night, doors slamming, music playing - and in her dreams Sonya sees glimpses of the past and the brides who once lived there. As the house reveals more of its history and the sad stories of the brides murdered there, Sonya discovers an antique mirror. She finds herself drawn to the mirror, sensing it holds dark secrets. What can the mirror tell her? Can it help her to understand how the seven brides died? Sonya will need the help of her friends and family if she has any chance of breaking the curse and making this house her home.



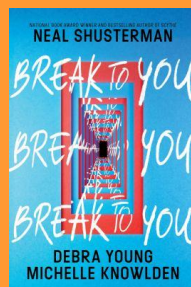
**Author: Dean R Lomax**

Get to know more than 100 of the world's favourite dinosaurs and other prehistoric life forms with this essential illustrated introduction. This must-have first book on dinosaurs and other ancient creatures is filled with beautiful illustrations and storybook text on every page, perfect for early readers who want to know more about the life that once roamed our planet.



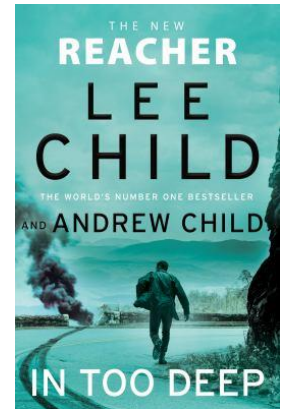
**Author: Christine Rechl**

Turn rocks into treasures - to display at home or to give to your friends! Using pens, markers, paints and brushes and the simple lessons in this book, you will be able to turn inexpensive stones into gorgeous works of art that everyone will love. Design expert Christine Rechl provides all the information you'll need to get started, including a few simple tips and techniques and over 50 inspiring designs in 225 colour photographs.



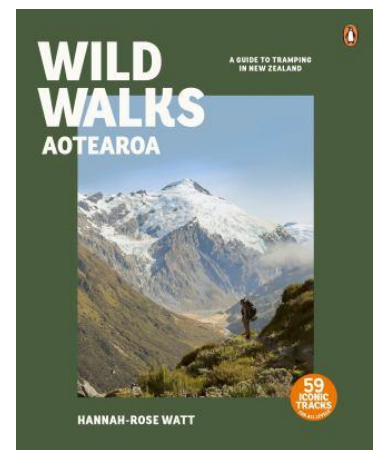
**Author: Neal Shusterman**

Adriana knows that if she can manage to keep her head down for the next seven months, she might be able to get through her sentence in the Compass juvenile detention center. Thankfully, she's allowed to keep her journal, where she writes down her most private thoughts when her feelings get too big. Until the day she opens her journal and discovers that her thoughts are no longer so private. Someone has read her writings--and has written back. A boy who lives on the other side of the gender-divided detention center. A boy who sparks a fire in her to write back. Jon's story is different than Adriana's; he's already been at Compass for years and will be in the system for years to come. Still, when he reads the words Adriana writes to him, it makes him feel like the walls that hold them in have melted away.



**Author: Lee Child**

Jack Reacher wakes up, alone, in the dark, handcuffed to a makeshift bed. His right arm has suffered some major damage. His few possessions are gone. He has no memory of getting there. The last thing Reacher can recall is the car he hitched a ride in getting run off the road. The driver was killed. His captors assume Reacher was the driver's accomplice and patch up his wounds as they plan to make him talk. A plan that will backfire spectacularly.



**Author: Hannah-Rose Watt**

Featuring 59 walks across New Zealand's North and South islands, this practical guide is for anyone keen to explore Aotearoa's wilderness on foot. Containing key info about essential gear; safety on the tracks; how to read topographical maps and trail markers; hut and track etiquette; advice for solo and female trampers; and details and logistics for each walk, this book will be your new tramping companion.