

# NEWSLETTER

Friends of Christchurch City Libraries

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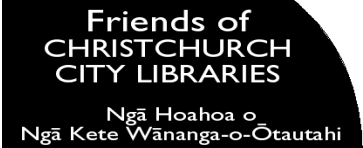
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## Another Successful Book Sale

The Christchurch City Libraries Annual Book Sale was held from 23-25 of March.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time over the three days. I know it is a large commitment but it is very much appreciated.

Thursday was set up day with Pioneer Stadium going from a large empty space into a packed book sale with over 180 tables laden with wonderful stock. Thursday night saw around 150 Friends of the Library and Library staff take advantage of the early bird preview with the first sale 2 minutes after the doors opened!

The usual crowd gathered on Friday morning with the queue extending out past the main doors of Pioneer Stadium! The stock sold like hot cakes, barely getting out of the boxes before finding a new home. There was a huge demand for children's stock which meant we had sold out of picture books by the end of the day. 4000 happy customers came through the door over the day.

Saturday was again very busy with 3298 customers bagging a bargain or two. 50 pallets (1460 boxes) of stock were sold. We sold out of all children's stock, cookbooks, AV and Magazines.

Once again I wish to thank all of the Friends who volunteered their time over the three days and I look forward to seeing you and a few more Friends next year.

I would also like to acknowledge the work Barbara Clarke and the committee do behind the scenes ensuring there are enough volunteers to cover each shift. We are looking for new volunteers for next year so please give this some consideration and let Barbara know if you are interested.

Jane Hackett



# AGM 2017

Saturday 10 June 2pm

Fendalton Library Boardroom,

Corner of Jeffreys and Clyde Road

Chairperson's Report & Election of officers and committee

Hear our guest speaker Joanna Orwin and join us for afternoon tea

If you like reading, attend our book talk meetings or the Preview Sale at the annual Book Sale and you value the Friends of Christchurch City Libraries, please consider joining the committee. We meet at 4pm on the last Monday of the month and would really welcome new members. Contact Barbara Clarke before 3 June for further information



## BOOK TALKS 2017

**Joanna Orwin**

**Saturday 10th June**

**2pm at Fendalton Library**



Christchurch writer Joanna Orwin will talk about her latest book, *Riccarton and the Deans family*, which was short-listed for the non-fiction list in the 2016 NZ Heritage Book Awards. Commissioned by publisher David Bateman, this handsomely produced book brings the natural and social history of Riccarton Bush

## Erin Eldridge

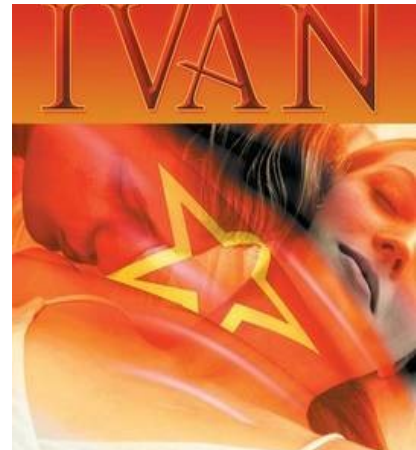
**Tuesday 11 July 12:30 pm at Fendalton Library**

Erin Eldridge will be talking about her latest novel "**The Ivan**" is set in post-WW11 Berlin, after Germany's surrender. Trying to survive a vengeful Red Army, Elise Kruger finds protection with Major Valery Volkov. Her husband, Erich, is in a POW camp in England. Things are not what they seem, and there are no easy solutions for this triangle.

### About the Author

Erin Eldridge lives in Christchurch, New Zealand and is a semi-retired English teacher who worked for many years in Special Needs, principally with deaf students. She has published, to good reviews, *Immortal Longings*, a love story set in Seattle, and most recently, *Ravening Heart of the Wolf*, a medieval fantasy.

Erin has several more books in the pipeline, including another war story, an autobiographical account of her adventures working in Africa as a young woman, and a children's series about a boy who time travels. She describes herself as a "passionate writer" who tries to create stories that reflect the human condition with all its myriad adventures, joys, and heartaches, while uplifting the human spirit.



## Frankie McMillan

**Tuesday**

**8 August 12:30 pm  
at Fendalton Library**

Frankie McMillan will talk about the process of turning memoir into fiction using her latest book, *My Mother and the Hungarians and other small fictions*, as an example. The talk will touch on what transformations are needed to establish the work as fiction, the unreliability of memory and the role of research. Some characteristics of the flash fiction genre will also be discussed.

### About the Author

Frankie McMillan is an award winning short story writer and poet. Her latest book, *My Mother and the Hungarians and other small fictions* was long listed for the 2017 Ockham Book Awards. Frankie currently holds the 2017 University of Auckland/Michael King writing residency.



# Library Notes

## The new Central Library is taking shape.



This photo taken on 4 May clearly shows the progress with steelwork. If you go to the libraries website you can see a time-lapse video of the construction at <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com>

Meanwhile the planning continues. Fixed furniture, wayfinding, data and shelving layout plans are almost finalised; and various projects are underway to look at operational detail such as how the building will be staffed, how meeting rooms and community spaces will be managed, and what programmes will be offered during the first year of opening. Getting the collection ready for Central continues.

There has been big progress with the building at **Bishopdale**. This library will open mid to late July – actual date has yet to be confirmed. The temporary library has been well used by the community, so it will be lovely to be able to offer more space and services in the very near future. The Bishopdale team is interested in collecting more history about the area, so if you have a story to tell, do pop in and talk to one of the team.

## Library Notes

**Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre** is quickly taking shape, and is on track for opening early August. It contains spaces for the library, the museum, and the community. Tomo Shibata will be leading the library team based at Sumner.

The library's collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks continue to grow. If you need help with downloading these titles, please either ring the library at 941-7923, or call into your local library. With your library card, you can also access newspapers far and wide using PressReader, and read a number of different magazine titles electronically through using Zinio.



Lastly, have you heard of '**Reading in mind**'? This is a joint initiative developed by Pegasus Health, MHERC (Mental Health Education Resource Centre) and Christchurch City Libraries. It is designed for people suffering mild to moderate mental health issues. The scheme recommends books and DVDs on a range of mental health issues - all resources approved by mental health professionals. More information can be found at <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/reading-in-mind-a-mental-health-book-scheme/>

A new **Hornby Library, Customer Services and Leisure Centre** is planned for the south west community and from 26 April through to 9 June, the public gets to tell the Council what site they should use and what form the centre should take. The three options on the table are Kyle Park, Denton Park, and Warren Park. The full consultation document can be read in libraries or through the website at [www.ccc.govt.nz](http://www.ccc.govt.nz) Feedback, being collected through [www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay) will inform the preferred options for the facilities, and this will then go before the Councillors for a decision later in 2017.

# Need to renew your membership or know someone who would like to join?

You can find the membership form at

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/friends/>

Complete the membership form, include payment and post back to

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Yaldhurst,  
Christchurch 8042**

**Email: [friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com)**

**Please note: If you wish to attend the Library Book sale preview, then all new and existing subscriptions must be paid by 28 February each year.**

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**\$10 unwaged; \$15 waged; and \$20 Family (Two adults and any number of children under the age of 18 years living at the same address)**

## **Rewards for being a Friend of the Christchurch City Libraries:**

- The good feeling that comes from knowing you are helping to spread the joy of reading and the love of books
- An opportunity to buy at library book sale previews
- Regular lunchtime speakers with popular introductions to a range of subjects - monthly book talks by local authors are on the second Tuesday of the month at Fendalton Library, 12.30pm (gold coin donation)
- A regular newsletter with information of coming events, library services, book notes and other interesting material.

## **About Friends of the Library**

**Friends of the Christchurch City Libraries value, support and promote Christchurch City Libraries.**

**Christchurch City Libraries enhance and strengthen the knowledge bases available for all Christchurch citizens.**