



# news & reviews

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## Matariki

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**M**atariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. As we move towards the shortest day the sunrise moves North along the Eastern horizon. When the sunrise reaches Matariki it turns and starts moving south again. Traditionally for Māori this indicated that the old year had ended and the new year had begun.

There are two translations in te reo Māori for Matariki - *mata riki*, tiny eyes and *mata ariki*, eyes of god.

The actual time for celebrating Matariki varies, depending on the iwi. Some iwi celebrate it as soon as Matariki appears, others wait until the rising of the next full moon, or alternatively the dawn of the next new moon.

As Matariki falls at the end of harvest it was a time for singing, dancing and feasting to celebrate the produce of the land before the ground was



(NASA/ESA/AURA/Cattech image)

‘The Pleiades star cluster, known to Māori as Matariki’

prepared for the new season. There was not much time for outdoor pursuits because it was winter time. This time was used instead for wānanga such as learning about whakapapa. It was a time to acknowledge the past and to remember those who had died during the year but also to focus on the future.

In 2000 the celebration of Matariki or Māori New Year was revived and in just a few years has become very popular not only with Māori but among all New Zealanders.

You could celebrate Matariki by preparing a garden in your backyard, having a family gathering to share family history and knowledge and then have a feast to celebrate the New Year.

Thanksgiving and New Year all rolled into one!

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# librarylife

## housebound service

If you are a library member and confined to your home for any reason, temporarily or permanently, and you do not have anyone to visit the library on your behalf you can apply for our free housebound delivery service.

Unfortunately we can only provide this service to members who live in the urban areas of Pukekohe, Waiuku or Tuakau. If you live in a rural area and can arrange for a relative or friend to collect books for you then we can have a selection issued to your card and waiting to be collected. Please give us at least a day's notice of when you would like the books to be ready.

If you would like to use the housebound service all you need to do is contact your local library. The librarian will discuss with you what kind of books you like to read, your name will be added to the next available delivery run and the books will be delivered to you by volunteers from Pakeke Lions or Waiuku Lions.

You may borrow as many books as you feel you can use between visits. You can also request books; it will help us if you can provide as much information as possible about the book or subject.

A librarian will visit you periodically to make sure you are happy with the service, but if you have any questions or problems in the meantime, you can always contact your library.

## large print books

Those of you who enjoy the larger print books will be really pleased to hear that we have added \$9000 worth of new titles thanks to a generous grant from the NZ Community Trust.

This is on top of the usual \$40,000 that we spend on large print books each year from our annual book-budget.

The books have been spread throughout each of our three branches, and are an assortment of Westerns, Romances, Non-fiction, Adventure, Saga and Crime large print titles.

Now that we have all these lovely new books in stock, it has enabled staff to withdraw many of the older, tatty titles from each of our branches.

Whilst we were doing that, we also undertook a stock rotation of large print books. This involved exchanging a large number of titles between the three branches.

All things combined, we hope that our large print readers will find a whole new selection of titles not seen before and appreciate our ongoing endeavour to continually update and increase the collection.

Happy reading!!



*Some of the large print collection at Waiuku library*

## MATARIKI 2009

**Events at Franklin : The Centre  
from 26 June – 10 July**

- Workshops on Karanga,  
Wood carving, health.**
- Fashion show of traditional  
Māori dress**
- Traditional Māori games**
- Artists talk with Q&A**
- Storytelling**
- Cooking traditional meals**



**Friday 3rd July  
Food & Craft Market with entertainment  
10am – 3pm**

## audio books

bookinopolis has a collection of fiction and non-fiction titles on cassette tape and CD. In addition to our own collection we have an arrangement with the National Library for a bulk loan of audio books which are changed each month so that there is a constant supply of new titles.



*Some of the recent additions to our audio books collection*

Audio books are great to play in the car and are especially useful for keeping calm when stuck in traffic! Instead of feeling that the time you spend travelling is wasted you could 'read' a book or even learn a language.

Audio books usually cost \$2 for 2 weeks but you will be exempt from these charges if you are unable to read print books for any reason e.g. sight impairment, bad arthritis in hands or wrists or a learning disability.

For more information ask at your local branch of bookinopolis.



# reviews

## a selection of new books available

### fiction

#### Legacy

Tamara McKinley

Set in the Australian outback Ruby and her new husband James have to brave a long and treacherous journey to start their life together. James is tempted away by the gold rush and as fortunes are made and lives are lost, many secrets will be uncovered. Those torn apart by feuds, greed, hatred and circumstance, ultimately find themselves united under the same flag...



#### The Italian matchmaker

Sante Montefiore

Gianluca has to admit his life is empty. His high-pressure city job, seven-figure income, glossy girlfriends, all have long ceased to satisfy him. He flees to Italy to the Palazzo Montelimone which has been restored by his parents and is filled with his mother's eccentric friends and haunted by the ghosts of its murderous past. A mystery and suspense novel.



#### Pursuit

Karen Robards

Jess is thrilled when her law firm's senior partner asks her to meet the President's wife in a Washington hotel late one Saturday night. But the lawyer who drew her into the disaster commits suicide, his secretary is killed in a car accident, and the Secret Service agent on the case Mark Ryan, believes that Jess, the only survivor is hiding something.



#### Passion

Louise Bagshawe

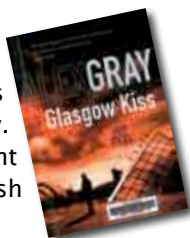
Orphan, William Hyde and Melissa Elmet, a professor's daughter fall in love, and marry as teenagers at Oxford. The family intervene and have their marriage annulled. Melissa becomes a shy academic while Will is embittered and joins MI6. When four high-profile men are murdered including Melissa's father who died working on a confidential project, Will is concerned Melissa will be next!



#### Glasgow kiss

Alex Gray

Set in a secondary school in Glasgow, this is a perfectly paced, atmospheric mystery. It gets to the beating heart of this vibrant city and features the most dynamic Scottish detective since Rebus.



### non-fiction

#### Kai Ora: fresh, healthy food made with aroha - Anne Thorp

Anne Thorp is the sparkling host of the popular Kai Ora cooking show on Maori television and the Living Channel. Cooking fresh ingredients simply to deliver maximum zest, zing and health is her focus. Anne's recipes also incorporate indigenous ingredients that give her food a truly New Zealand flavour.



#### Manchester's finest:

how the Munich air disaster broke the heart of a great city - David Hall

Manchester's Finest tells of this terrible air crash, but it is also the story of the immediate aftermath of the disaster and its effect on the city of Manchester. David Hall's poignant and very personal memoir remembers a season long gone, when a patched-up team, carried along on a great wave of emotion, came to embody the heart and soul of a great city.



#### Faith of my fathers

John McCain

Senator John McCain learned about life from his grandfather and father, both admirals in the US Navy. Their careers and their courage helped prepare McCain for the biggest challenge of his life when, as a naval aviator, he was shot down over Hanoi in 1967, and seriously injured. When his captors realized McCain's family background, they offered early release but McCain refused. This story is about what McCain learned from his father and grandfather to enable him to survive the imprisonment.



#### Māori architecture:

from fale to whareniui and beyond - Deidre Brown

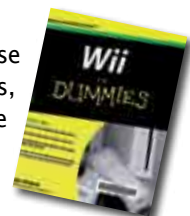
Māori Architecture charts, for the first time, the genesis and form of indigenous buildings in Aotearoa New Zealand. It explores the vast array of Māori-designed structure and spaces - how they evolved over time, and how they tell the story of an ever-changing people.



#### Wii for dummies

Kyle Orland

Learn to set up and navigate the Wii system. Use Wii controllers and accessories. Play Wii Sports, get Wii Fit, and enjoy other Wii games. Create your own Mii characters to play, use in games, and share with friends.





## Winners

The winners of the Amazing Race held on Thursday 14th May

### 1st place:

Jamie Major  
Nikita Henwood  
Kaitlyn Murray.  
who worked as a team.  
The team picked "Juno of Taris" as their prize and will be donating it to their school, Pukekohe Intermediate.

### 2nd place:

Jesse Bignall  
Glen Ewing  
also worked as a team.  
They chose "Gool" by Maurice Gee as their prize.

Spot prizes were also given out.



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## Pukekohe

Massey Ave

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-8.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-3.00pm

## Waiuku

King Street

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-2.00pm

## Tuakau

George Street

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-12.30pm

# Books about Matariki

## The Seven Stars of Matariki

by Toni Rolleston-Cummins,  
Illustrated by Nikki Slade-Robinson

When he sees his brother bewitched by seven beautiful women, the adventurous young Mitai must step in. The Seven Stars of Matariki is a contemporary myth of love, magic and adventure that celebrates Matariki and tells how the star cluster came into being.

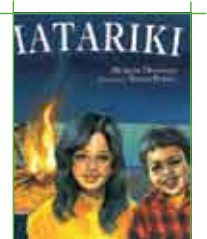
Note: This book is also available in te reo Māori – *Te Huihui o Matariki*



## Matariki

by Melanie Drewery, Illustrated by Bruce Potter

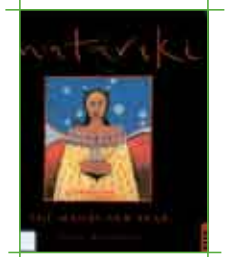
"Tonight we have to go to bed really early," said Mum. "Tomorrow morning we are going to have a surprise." But what event would be so special to get you up in the middle of a cold New Zealand winter? Matariki is rising and the New Year is on its way.



## Matariki: The Maori New Year

by Libby Hakaraia

An introduction to the star group Matariki. Known in other cultures by names including the Pleiades and the Seven Sisters, Matariki featured strongly in pre-European New Zealand. For those who wish to join this growing movement, there are suggestions on how to celebrate this Māori New Year and a guide to finding Matariki in the night sky.



### Matariki

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N	A	A	K	U	S	H	A	A	O	T	R	U	T	A	TAKURUA	TAMARERETI
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### links

- <http://www.matarikifestival.org.nz/>
- <http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/matariki>
- <http://www.teara.govt.nz/EarthSeaAndSky/Astronomy/MatarikiMaoriNewYear/en>
- <http://www.stardome.org.nz/index.asp>