

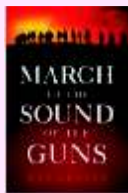
New Books at the District Library

FICTION

The Front by Patricia Cornwall
Massachusetts State Investigator Win Garano is the hero of this investigation, into the 1962 murder of a young British woman thought to have been a victim of the Boston Strangler. Cornwall is best known for her books featuring her other character, medical examiner Dr Kay Scarpetta.



March To The Sound Of Guns by Ray Grover
A masterly New Zealand war novel, set in the First World War. Five characters describe their lives leading up to the war and experiences during the fighting. One is an older soldier, Colonel Malone, a Taranaki real life figure who led the Wellington Regiment. Three young volunteers from different walks of life, and a military nurse are the other characters.



Plague Ship by Clive Cussler with Jack Du Brul

Another thriller about the covert intelligence ship "Oregon". The crew has just completed a secret mission and on route for Karachi, they find a cruise ship adrift, its decks covered with the bodies of passengers who appear to have died violently. An engineered haemorrhagic virus is suspected. If Juan Cabrillo can get off the doomed ship alive, he must solve the mystery of who controls this deadly virus and what further use they mean to make of it.



The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton
Nell is unofficially adopted by the O'Connor family when she is found alone on the Sydney docks, a four year old newly arrived from England. When she grows up, she feels the need to search out the truth about her origins, and goes to England. But in the end it is her granddaughter whose visit to Cornwall finally untangles the web of deceit and hidden identities.



The Broken Window by Jeffrey Deaver

Quadruplegic investigator Lincoln Rhyme is approached for help by the wife of a cousin he has not seen for years. Arthur Rhyme looks certain to be convicted of first degree murder, but claims he did not even know the victim. Cases with similar features are found, and it becomes clear that the perpetrator is implicating others by planted evidence and tip-offs to the police. Now Rhyme and his partner must find this ultimate stalker, who carefully researches not only his victims but those who will do the time for his crimes, leaving him free to kill again.

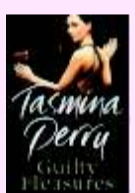


The Queen's Sparrow by Suzannah Dunn.
The Tudors are the dynasty of choice at the moment. This novel describes the unhappy married life of Mary Tudor, "Bloody Mary" who, had she been able to provide an heir for England, would have truly changed the course of history. The story is told through the eyes of a craftsman who accompanies Mary's bridegroom Philip of Spain to England and, unlike his royal master, falls in love with an Englishwoman.



Guilty Pleasures by Tasmina Perry

Milfords is a family company specialising in luxury leather goods, with a country house as perk for the managing director. When Emma Bailey is left the directorship in her uncle's will, her glamorous cousin Cassandra determines to overthrow the legacy, by fair means or foul.



Fractured by Karin Slaughter
Society matron Abigail Campano arrives home to her palatial Atlanta home to find her daughter stabbed to death, and a stranger holding a knife standing over her. Instinctively, she attacks, but the man she kills is not the culprit, and the dead girl is not her daughter.



Devil May Care: A James Bond novel by Sebastian Faulks writing as Ian Fleming. Set in the sixties, with all the 007 trimmings, the Sea Island cotton short sleeve shirts, the Aston Martin, beautiful women in need of rescue, sadistic power crazed maniac holding the world to ransom. And it really works.



Rogue by Danielle Steel
Blake Williams is a brilliant entrepreneur with a charismatic personality. What he isn't is a good husband and reliable father figure. His wife Maxine finally acknowledges this, they divorce and she concentrates on her psychiatric practice, and later finds a new love. Just then, Blake visits Morocco at the time of an earthquake, and gets involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of orphans there. He asks Maxine to bring her psychiatric expertise to this problem.



NON FICTION

Daniel Vettori, Turning Point with Richard Book
Daniel Vettori is a cricketing legend – the youngest spin bowler to take 100 test wickets, and as a bowler an unusual team captain, with definite ideas on leadership. In an easy and informal writing style Vettori discusses his own playing career, the international record of the Black Caps, team mates and noted opponents.



Murder Or Mutiny by Pamela Stephenson
It is well known that this famous comedian, married to an even more famous one in Billy Connolly, is New Zealand born. Her great-grandmother, Hira Moewaka, married Samuel Stephenson, a pioneer merchant at Russell. Samuel Junior had to emigrate to New Zealand to seek his fortune because of a tragedy that made the family penniless. His father, nicknamed Salty Sam, had lost his ship "Rosalie" and his life in what family history had always described as a mutiny during a voyage to the Molucca Islands in 1821. Pamela has inherited the wanderlust of her ancestor, and sets out to retrace the fatal voyage. Lovely illustrations, racy text, this is a treasure.



How To Survive And Prosper In a Falling Property Market
Inevitably, to follow the many titles on how to get rich quick in a rising property market, here is advice on investing in a downturn. Since 2002 we have experienced the strongest and most sustained rise in house prices since the 1970s.



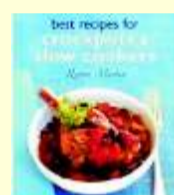
From Poverty Bay To Broadway, The Story Of Tom Heeney by Lydia Monin
Boxer Tom Heeney became world famous when picked by American heavyweight champion Gene Tunney as an opponent for the title in 1928. The Great Depression arrived in 1929, and the golden era of prize fighting was over. But the Gisborne plumber had had his taste of fame, and spent the rest of his life in the States. He said of his home country, "Now New Zealand is where I come from, and I like that too; but you've got to admit that it's a bit like a cemetery".



The Bolter by Frances Osborne
Lady Idina Sackville is famous for being the most notorious of the Happy Valley crowd in Kenya. Their epic bed-hopping activities were highlighted by the 1941 murder of Josslyn Hay, Earl of Erroll. But he was only one of the five husbands Idina divorced during her fascinating but unhappy life. The author is Idina's granddaughter.



Best Recipes For Crockpots & Slow Cookers by Robyn Martin
Imagine coming home to the alluring aroma of a slow cooked casserole, pot roast or lamb shanks. Or if you have a sweet tooth, decadent bread and butter pudding.



We Bought A Zoo by Benjamin Mee
Leaving an idyllic new existence in rural France to move his wife and young children back to England and a shaky zoo venture with the rest of his extended family, Benjamin Mee is a man who doesn't mind taking a risk. Dartmoor Wildlife Park offers a rundown mansion with 13 bedrooms, and animal enclosures needing urgent attention to keep the inhabitants, including tigers and lions, at home.



Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, A Political Marriage by Nicholas Wapshott
The shared conservative perspective and world view of these two world leaders dominated the 1980's. Whether you loved them or hated them, they forged a formidable international consensus. In each other, they found an inspiration to further action and a defence against compromising their beliefs. Letters between the two leaders have now been declassified, and form a sound basis for this study of their lives and shared values.



1434, The Year A Magnificent Chinese Fleet Sailed to Italy And Ignited The Renaissance by Gavin Menzies
Another theory by the author of 1421. He advances the idea that in 1434 official ambassadors from the Emperor of China arrived in Tuscany and met with the Pope. They presented him with examples of Chinese learning, art, maps, astronomy and other fields of knowledge, which led to the revolution in ideas and invention we call the Renaissance.



The Looming Tower, al Qaeda's Road To 9/11 by Lawrence Wright
A detailed account of the events that led up to the destruction of the Twin Towers. Grim but gripping reading about al-Qaeda's activities including the first and second attacks on the World Trade Centre and the attempts of anti-terrorist agencies to prevent it from causing further carnage. Most interestingly, it gives an extended account of the upbringing and development of Osama bin Laden, and his rise in the organisation.



New Books at the Children's Library

Picture books

Glasseye Creek by Dawn McMillan. Illustrated by Raymond McGrath.
Life was hard in the early days on the West Coast and those early settlers were tough. This is a tall tale about Taffy, who came from Wales in search of gold. While entertaining friends one evening he is called away, and leaves his glass eye to guard his drink. The adventure of Taffy's glass eye is a rather macabre but funny story.



How To Heal A Broken Wing by Bob Graham
In the middle of the city nobody hears the thud as the bird hits the window of a skyscraper. Amidst all of the rushing feet nobody notices the bird with the broken wing until little Will comes along. This is a story of caring and hope, but most of all of patience. How To Heal A Broken Wing is told with a minimum of text but with plenty of expressive pictures.



Chapter books

Norton Saves The Day by Bernadette Kelly. Illustrations by Liz Alger.
This is the third Pony Patch book, a great series for newer chapter book readers. The text is broken up with plenty of funny sketches, so that the pages aren't too daunting. Norton is a rotund and bad tempered pony but he has loads of personality. The book finishes with a glossary of horsey words and some riding tips.



Edward's Eyes by Patricia MacLachlan.
Jake is only three years old when his parents bring home the new baby. Yet when little Edward opens his eyes and gazes up at him he knows that this little brother will be special. Edward grows into a laughing boy, with a talent for baseball and for looking after their little sister, Sabine. Patricia MacLachlan has a gift for portraying close family life with all of its love and its tragedies.



Non fiction

Animals Robert Scott Saw: An adventure in Antarctica by Sandra Markle.
It isn't often that a non-fiction book can be enjoyed as a story as well as for the factual information that it contains. This account of Robert Scott's Antarctic expeditions paints a vivid picture of the excitement of exploration, along with the cold, and the sheer energy needed for survival. Perhaps this is because the author herself was once caught in an Antarctic storm. Sketches, photographs and extra facts add to the book's value.



Seen Under The Ground by Alex Frith and Colin King.
Have you ever wondered what goes on under your feet? See Under The Ground gives a fascinating glimpse of life under a street and under a city. It looks at animals, insects, caves and volcanoes. Each picture has flaps to lift to find extra detail. It also shows the way that different layers reveal clues about the way people lived in different times. This is one of those books that makes us think about life beyond our own dimension.



Teen reads

The Dead And The Gone by Susan Pfeffer.
When the moon is knocked out of its orbit a series of natural disasters follow. Hit by a tsunami and floods, New York will never be the same. Alex's parents are missing. Suddenly his plans for getting into the College of his choice aren't important anymore. The priority is to live, and to protect his two younger sisters. This is a sequel to Life As We Knew It and a really good read if you like the survival genre. How would you cope if life as we knew it was over?



Shadow Of The Mountain by Anna Mackenzie.
This has a good blend of the elements that keep you reading a novel. A touch of mystery. Why is Geneva's family falling apart? Why does she want to climb Kaitiaki and where does Stephen fit into the picture? Add friendships, both good and bad, a touch of romance, and an accident just waiting to happen and you have one of those books that you don't want to put down. Another success for award winning New Zealand author Anna Mackenzie.

