

We had great attendance at our first week of events. The NZ Book Awards Finalists tour came to visit Hamilton on Wednesday and more than 300 secondary students heard Eileen Merriman, Erin Donohue and Hayley King. Over 400 primary students came to see Heather Haylock and Craig Phillips talk about their books at our newly reopened Central Library.



The Londoner was at capacity with 120 people in 22 teams participating in the literary pub quiz on Thursday night. Comperes Richard and Janine Swainson from Auteur House did a brilliant job compiling and asking questions on categories that included children's literature, NZ literature, Shakespeare and books read at school.



Our younger readers had fun on Saturday morning during Rocket Storytime at Chartwell Library. About 50 heard Deb Hine speak on illustrating picture books and how she works on various projects.



This week is week 2 of Hamilton Book Month!

Wintec's SPARK International Festival of Music, Media, Arts & Design is on 6-9 August and you can explore their programme here <https://www.spark.net.nz/>

Sara Radin is on Monday 6 August at 11am in Events Room 1. She's a writer, curator and community builder based in Brooklyn, New York.

Emily Nathan is on Tuesday 7 August at 1.30pm in Events Room 1. Emily will be talking about turning a personal project into a global brand especially related to her expertise in travel and fashion.

Donovan Bixley is on Thursday 7 August at 3pm and his design workshop is now full.

New Zealand Children's Book Illustration and Design Panel

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/illustrators-panel>

The Long Room, Wintec House, corner Anglesea and Bryce Streets, Hamilton
Tuesday 7 August, 5pm for glass of wine and platter food, 5.30-7pm panel, free event.

Come and hear our panel of New Zealand authors, illustrators and designers Kat Merewether, Donovan Bixley, Angela Keoghan and James Russell in conversation with chair Nicola Daly. They will answer questions on their work and the industry. Interested in illustration and publishing? Don't miss this event! This event is supported by Books For Kids with books for sale and signing.



Painted Stories

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/paintedstories>

Waikato Museum, 1 Grantham Street, Hamilton
Friday 10 August -Sunday 23 September, Free entry.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, we are fortunate to have numerous award-winning local and internationally acclaimed book illustrators in our midst. Painted Stories features some of our most famous: Lynley Dodd, Gavin Bishop, Fraser Williamson, Jenny Cooper, Trevor Pye, Pamela Allen, Philip Webb, Ruth Paul, Robyn Belton, Donovan Bixley, David Elliot, Christine Ross, Brian Lovelock, Ali Teo, Bob Kerr, Sandra Morris, Patrick Macdonald, Phoebe Morris, Vasanti Unka and Chris Slane.

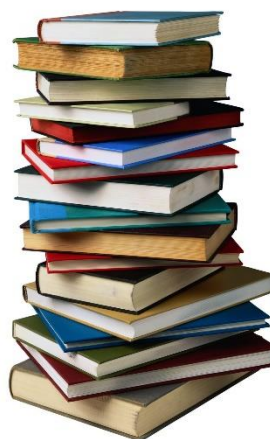


Local Authors

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/local-authors>

The Lido, Centre Place, 501 Victoria Street, Hamilton
Saturday 11 August, 11.30-1pm. Free

Come and meet local authors from Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Cambridge talk about how they wrote and published their books for 3-4 minutes each in a rapid fire speed dating style session with MC Cate Prestidge. There's lifestyle, poetry, family history, fiction, educational and children's books. There will be time afterwards for you to approach authors you are particularly interested in for a longer chat. Books will be available for sale and author signing so bring your cash.



We still have a few places available for published authors to talk about their books. Email Hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com for more details. The Lido has a range of food and drink for sale and have a special \$6 coffee and Florentine deal for this event.

Book exchange

Did you know that The Lido has a book exchange? Bring along books you have read and swap them for some others in the bookcase.

Writing Workshops

This year we are running two workshops for the general public. There's a cost of \$20 per workshop. Email hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com to pre-register.

Angie Belcher will run a travel writing workshop on Saturday 18 August from 1-4pm. See details <http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/travel-writing-workshop>

Catherine Robertson will be offering a fiction writing workshop on Wednesday 29 August 6-9pm. Details can be found <http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/fiction-writing-workshop>

Competition

Nancy Caiger was the first to correctly answer last week's competition question and won a copy of Linda Olsson's latest book *A Sister in my House*.

This week we have a copy of *Tupuna Awa: People and Politics of the Waikato River* by Marama Muru-Lanning to give away.

To enter the competition, email hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com with your answer to the question "Where in Hamilton will a panel of non fiction writers be speaking during Hamilton Book Month?" The winner must be able to collect the book from one of our Hamilton Book Month events.



We'd love to see you at our events.

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