

# Mt Roskill Intermediate School Library

Newsletter #1, March 2022



Hi MRI Students!

## NEW BOOKS

Thanks to all the classes who have visited the Library and started taking books out.

A reminder that the Library is only open for your class visit, so it is very important that you make great reading choices during your visit, and take the time to ensure that your selection of books are:

- Fun
- Interesting
- Informative
- And will last the week!

Check these tips to help you find books for you:

**1. Explore the books in the Library:** check the front cover - does it make you want to find out more...

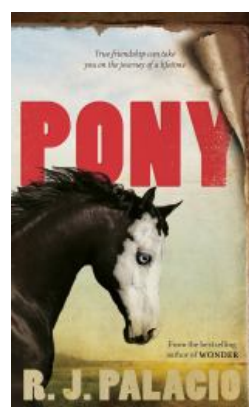
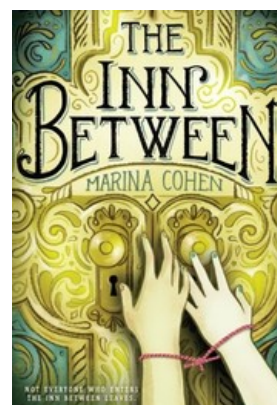
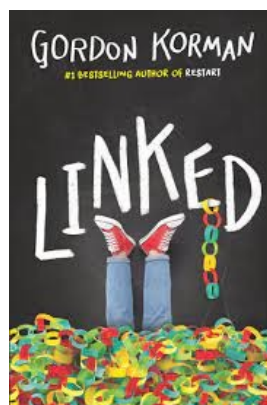
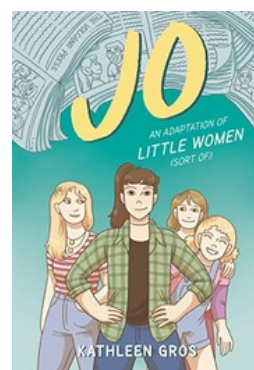
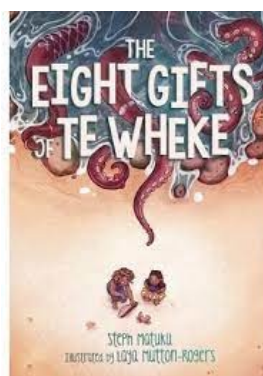
**2. Drawn in by what you see?** Read the blurb on the back - does it make you want to read more?

**3. First page check:** Read the first page - do you want to carry on reading?

**4. If any of these are NO,** put the book back on the shelf in the right place, and try another one. You have plenty of time to find books that suit you.

Ask your friends, teacher or Librarians for recommendations. Share what you have enjoyed reading - talking with friends about what they have read is a fantastic way to find more great books to read.

Happy Reading!  
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## REVIEWS

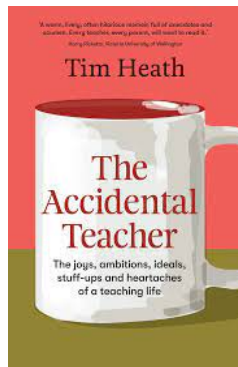
Draw me a hero by N.K. Ashworth  
Review by Whaea Rachel



This compact young adult story was a finalist in the New Zealand Book Awards for Children & Young Adults last year.

It is set in Auckland and the locations are easily recognisable. It touches on loss, self image issues and single parenting while surrounding the characters with creativity and exploration.

The story does finish with a happy ever after ending which drops the realism factor, but overall 'Draw me a Hero' was a lovely read.



The Accidental Teacher  
By Tim Heath,  
Recommended by Mrs McIntosh,  
Rm 12



This book is about the "joys, ambitions, ideals, stuff-ups and heartaches" of Tim Heath, the author. He is a bit older than me, and I could relate so well to lots of his stories about teaching for many years around Auckland and New Zealand.

I would recommend this book to teachers who have been teaching for quite a few years around Auckland, but it may not appeal to others as much as it did to me. It is an easy read.

## Student Recommendations

Spider-Man No Way Home  
Recommended by Dawood, Rm #25



Dawood says: An entertaining and action packed film, one of the best movies in the MCU.

Running on the Roof of the World  
By Jess Butterworth  
Recommended by Zuneera, Rm 27



Join 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam in a story of adventure, survival and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Filled with friendship, love and courage, this young girl's thrilling journey to save her parents is an ideal read for children aged 9-12.

## Learning & Research Resources :

You may have seen the news or heard people talking about Russia and Ukraine. Auckland is home to people from many parts of the world and there will be families here with friends and relatives in the Ukraine.

It is difficult to know what to think, and one of the ways we can help ourselves is by learning and understanding what is going on, so that we are better informed, can process what is happening and perhaps find ways to help.



Map of Europe from <https://www.freeworldmaps.net>

## Pysanka Eggs

A pysanka (Ukrainian: писанка, plural: pysanky) is a Ukrainian Easter egg, decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax-resist method. The word pysanka comes from the verb pysaty, "to write" or "to inscribe," as the designs are not painted on, but written (inscribed) with beeswax.



If you are looking for some pysanka egg designs to colour in, you can [download this pdf](#).

## UKRAINE

Read about the country Ukraine:

[Encyclopaedia Britannica](#)

Learn about Ukrainians in New Zealand:

[Te Ara Encyclopedia](#)

The Russia-Ukraine Conflict

[Gale Global Issues in Context](#)

Lesson on the Invasion of the Ukraine

[Prepared by the New York Times](#)

What about Ukrainian Refugees..

[UNHCR on Ukraine](#)

Stories of everyday life in Ukraine

[Ukrainer](#)

Crafts, regions, nature, traditions: all sorts of information about what life was like for ordinary people before the conflict started.



What is NATO?

[Encyclopaedia Britannica](#)

What is Chernobyl?

Chernobyl was the scene of the worst nuclear accident in history, when an explosion and fire in 1986 destroyed one of the plant's reactors. Chernobyl is on the Ukraine border with Belarus but when the accident happened Belarus and Ukraine were part of the USSR.

[World Nuclear Association](#)

<b>Unite against COVID-19</b>	<b>Looking for information on Covid-19</b>  Go to the source of official information here: <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/">https://covid19.govt.nz/</a>
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