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COVER: Cooking in New Zealand has been synonymous with Edmonds and particularly the iconic Edmonds Cook Book. Cookbooks are a very popular part of our collection - check out the most reserved cookbooks so far this year and profiles of contemporary NZ cooks Nadia Lim and Chelsea Winter on pages 4-5. Archivist Gareth Winter also looks at the value of recipe books to the study of History on page 7.

## A Closer Look at Our People

My name is Rachel Raphael and I am one of the team librarians here at Masterton District Library. This means I do all of the general jobs of issues, information queries, returns, shelving, and filling in for other staff upstairs where I can. I have a Bachelor in Visual Art & Design (which has occasionally come in handy at work – designing the original ‘SMART Libraries’ ID card and the odd poster or flyer for library events) and a Diploma in Library and Information Studies, having studied part time whilst working here.



I also have several specific areas of work. I keep track of overdue accounts, which means that if you have not managed to return an item on time, you may hear my cheery voice at the other end of the phone – checking that all is well and giving you a gentle reminder before we post out a final letter charging for the item. I process the weekly consignment of new magazines, (as well as keeping the magazine collection tidy and up-to-date), and I select and issue items fortnightly for 5 of our homebound borrowers

I have a good head for figures, so I enjoy generating and collating the monthly statistics reports for the library. These enable staff that buy items for the different collections in the library to see how well items are issuing, and tailor their buying to suit the specific needs of Masterton borrowers.



# From your Library...

*Library Manager, Sandy Green*

## **What's Happening in the Container Beside the Library?**

Since the Maker Crate was sited beside the library, Masterton people have been popping their heads around the door to ask what's going on. Maker Crates, and the designers and crafts people who use them, are part of the 'maker movement', an umbrella term for independent inventors, designers and tinkerers. Makers tap into an admiration for self-reliance and combine that with open-source learning, contemporary design, and powerful personal technology like 3-D printers to produce creations.

## **Why is the Library Involved?**

Maker Spaces have been sited in Libraries around the world and the Fab Lab Trust and Masterton Library worked together to achieve this here in Masterton. This enables open community access and takes advantage of the infrastructure and knowledge base already available in public libraries.

## **What's in the Maker Crate?**

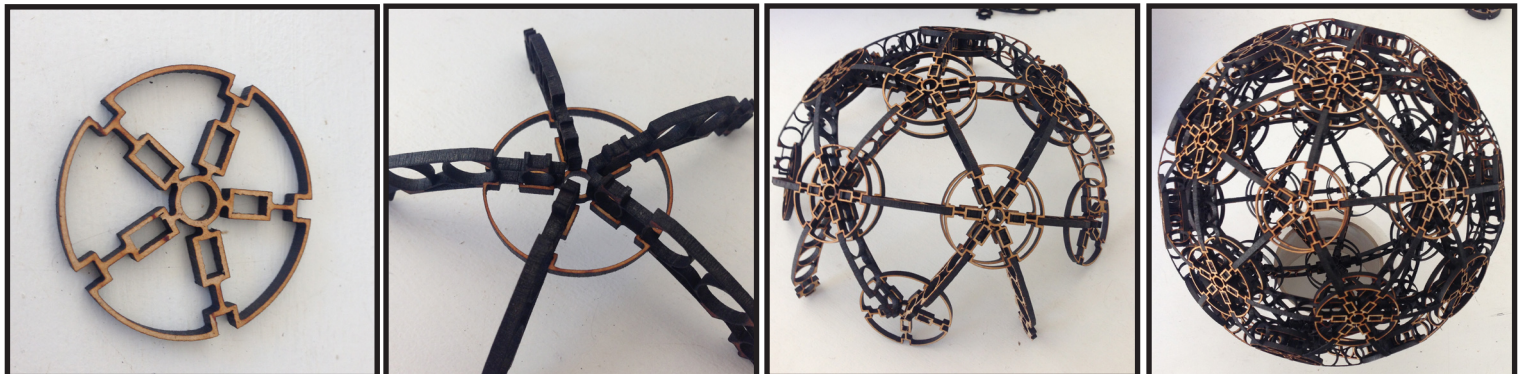
3 X 3D printers, a laser cutter and a vinyl cutter along with several computers to send the designs from the software to the machines. We also have a computer for demonstrating simple coding.

## **What Have We Been Doing So Far?**

We ran holiday programme sessions for Connecting Communities, made items to specifications for those with requests, and we run demonstrations on request and provide an open session each day for walk-in people. To have a demonstration, workshop or make contact with our 'makers' in the Maker Crate call in to one of the open sessions (Monday to Thursday 3.15 – 5.15pm and Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm) or call 3706258 or 3706263 to book a session.

A big thank you to all those supporting the establishment of the Maker Crate in Masterton. We hope that the Maker Crate will be available for up to a year depending on funding and resourcing.

*The images below show components made out of MDF in the Maker Crate and their assembly into a Eiffel Sphere.*





# Cooking: the Books

Cook books regularly feature amongst our most popular Non-Fiction titles and below are the 10 most reserved cook books for the year so far. As well as these we have a large range of cook books from noted chefs and cooks including Nigella Lawson, Gordon Ramsay, Simon Gault, Al Brown, and Annabel Langbein. Cook Books can be found in the Cookery section which starts at Dewey number 641.5 and includes books on food from different countries; different cooking techniques such as baking, and making jams and preserves; and food for different diets including gluten free. More information on diets and nutrition can be found in the Health section at Dewey number 613.2. Don't forget we have several magazines dedicated to food including Cuisine, Taste, and Dish which is also available as an eMagazine through Zinio.

- 1. Homemade Happiness / Chelsea Winter**
- 2. I Quit Sugar: Simplicious / Sarah Wilson**
- 3. Easy Weeknight Meals: Simple, Healthy, Delicious Recipes / Nadia Lim**
- 4. I Quit Sugar For Life: Your Fad-Free Wholefood Wellness Code and Cookbook / Sarah Wilson**
- 5. Nadia Lim's Good Food Cook Book: Simple, Healthy & Delicious Food For Busy People / Nadia Lim**
- 6. At My Table / Chelsea Winter**
- 7. Everyday Delicious / Chelsea Winter**
- 8. Nadia Lim's Fresh Start Cookbook : Over 100 Delicious Everyday Recipes For Lasting Good Health and Weight Loss / Nadia Lim**
- 9. Everyday Super Food / Jamie Oliver**
- 10. 15-Minute Meals / Jamie Oliver**

# Cooking: the Cooks

As shown in the list of the Ten Most Reserved Cook Books for the year so far, young cooks Chelsea Winter and Nadia Lim are enjoying great success in their cooking careers. Both Winter and Lim were winners of the MasterChef New Zealand cooking show. A cook book deal was a part of their prize package from MasterChef, but both have gone on to establish successful careers in the industry, including publishing several cook books each. All of these books are available from Masterton Library.

Nadia Lim was born in Auckland in 1985 but at 6 years of age she moved with her family to Malaysia where she lived until 1998. She has revealed that her childhood experiences of living in two contrasting cultures has influenced her fusion cooking style which blends Asian and European cuisines. Lim graduated from Otago University in 2008 with a Bachelors Degree in Applied Science in Human Nutrition and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Dietetics. She went on to work for the Auckland District Health Board as a clinical dietitian, specialising in diabetics. In 2011 Nadia entered and won the second series of MasterChef

New Zealand and her first book **Nadia's Kitchen** was part of the prize package for that competition. She has gone on to release **Nadia Lim's Good Food Cook Book** (2012), **Easy Week Night Meals** (2015), and **Nadia Lim's Fresh Start Cook Book** (2015).



Chelsea Winter was born in Hong Kong but raised on lifestyle blocks at Tamahere, near Hamilton, and then Kumeu, North of Auckland. After starting, but quickly ending, a BA at Victoria University, she waitressed for a year before taking up a marketing position in the real estate industry and then moving into the finance sector. Looking for a change, she signed up for MasterChef New Zealand 2012 (having been called up but “whimpering out” of the 2011 series). Winter won the third series of MasterChef and has produced three cook books, **At My Table** (2014), **Everyday Delicious** (2014), and **Homemade Happiness** (2015). Chelsea's



food philosophy is based around using everyday ingredients to create delicious, home cooked food that everyone will enjoy. “If you want a happy, healthy relationship with food, I reckon the simple act of preparing a home-cooked meal is a great place to start”

# Featured Author: John Green

Author John Green has been described as the “voice of a generation” and “The Teen Whisperer”, and was included in Time magazine’s 2014 list of the 100 most influential people in the world. He writes primarily for Young Adults and has been credited with moving YA Fiction away from vampires and dystopian futures, and into real life and issues such as friendship, loss, and growing up. He is currently one of the most popular authors of YA Fiction having been translated into more than a dozen languages, ranked in 2014 by Forbes magazine as the 12th highest earning author on the planet, and reportedly has 4.25 million followers on Twitter.

Green was born in Indiana in 1974 but grew up in Orlando, Florida before attending Indian Springs School in Alabama and Kenyon College in Ohio where he did a double major in English and Religious Studies. After graduation Green worked as a student chaplain at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Initially intending to become an Episcopal priest, his experiences of working with children with life-threatening illnesses helped inspired him to pursue a career as a writer (and were a particular influence on his novel *The Fault in Our Stars*). This desire was compounded by the years he spent working as a publishing assistant and production editor for *Booklist* magazine.

Green’s first novel, *Looking for Alaska*, was published in 2005 and was awarded the Michael L. Printz Award by the American Library Association.

Subsequent books by Green include *An Abundance of Katherines*, *Paper Towns*, *Will Grayson Will Grayson*, and *The Fault In Our Stars*. These have earned him numerous awards including the 2009 Edgar Award for Best Young Adult Novel and the 2013 LA Times Innovator Award, and both *Paper Towns* and *The Fault In Our Stars* have been made into movies.

John Green’s novel’s have been praised for their thoughtfulness, intelligence and humour, and the way they don’t talk down to teenagers but present them with emotionally complex situations with endings that can be uncompromising. As Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief*, wrote of John Green, “You laugh, you cry, and then you come back for more”.

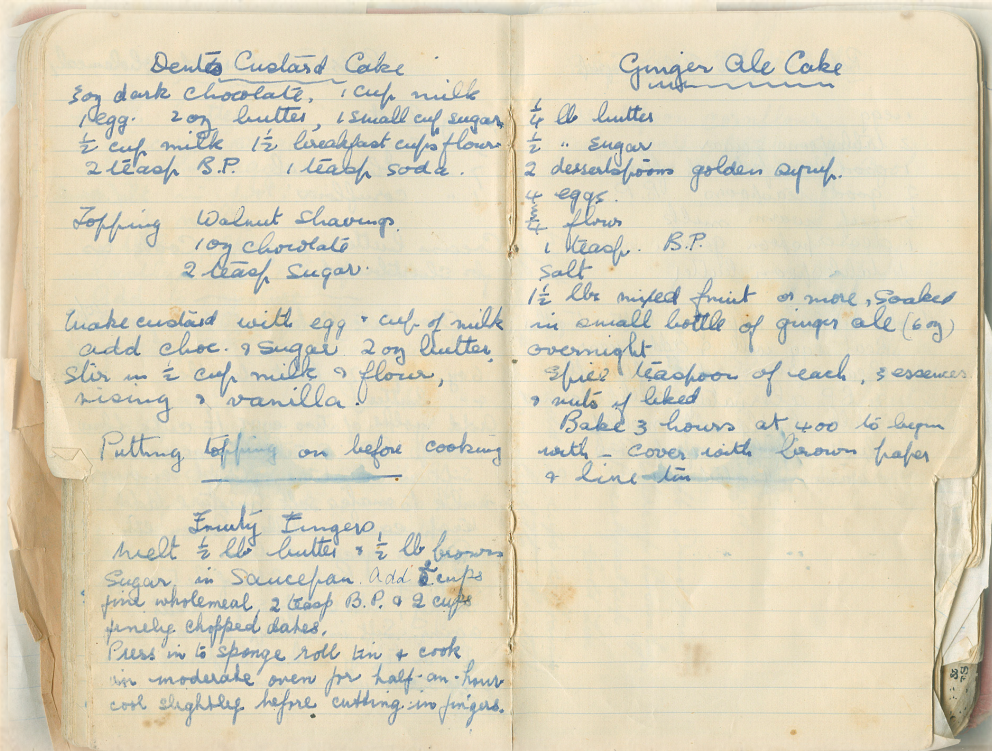




# From The Wairarapa Archive...

The discipline of history has changed from the detailed study of the lives of the rich and powerful to a more inclusive "social history", that examines ordinary lives. Among the many sources historians now value are recipe books, especially manuscript editions, created and maintained by families, often in a multi-generational manner. These recipe books are often a mix of handwritten recipes (usually passed down through a family), printed recipes clipped from newspapers and magazines, and clippings of household hints. The handwritten recipes are especially interesting to historians, as they record the changing fashions of cuisine, allowing researchers to see the changes in the way we eat.

These recipe books present another kind of challenge for archivists. As well as seeing the recipes you can also taste them – recipe books were kept in the kitchen, and pulled out when the baking was done, so there are butter smears and a delicate veneer of flour to contend with as well. Recipe books offer a unique insight into an aspect of our social history that remains invisible to any other investigation.



A well-thumbed page from Margaret Andrew's cook book, part of the collection at the Wairarapa Archive.

# What's on in the Library

(and the wider Wairarapa)

**Story-Go-Round Pre-School Programme**  
Masterton District Library  
Wed. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 10:30am

**Book Bugs Book Club (ages 10 - 13)**  
Masterton District Library  
Wed. 2 March, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Golden Shears**  
Masterton War Memorial Stadium  
Thu. 3 - Sat. 5 Mar.

**Rotary Martinborough Fair**  
Martinborough Square  
Sat. 5 Mar., 8:00am

**Simon Winchester & the Pacific Ocean**  
Aratoi - Wairarapa Museum of Art and History  
Wed. 9 Mar., 7:00pm

**Castlepoint Racing Club Beach Races**  
Castlepoint Beach  
Sat. 12 Mar., 10:00am

**National Aerobatic Championships**  
Hood Aerodrome, Masterton  
Wed. 16 - Sat. 19 Mar.

**Masterton Library Book Club**  
Masterton District Library  
Mon. 21 Mar., 1:00pm

**Seniors Celebrate - Brandy Scott**  
Masterton District Library  
Tue. 22 Mar., 2:00pm

**Meet Author Julie Thomas (tickets \$5:00)**  
Masterton District Library  
Tue. 22 Mar., 7:00pm

**Check the Library Noticeboard for more Wairarapa events.**



[facebook.com/mstnlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/mstnlibrary) Like us to WIN!!

**Follow us on facebook and WIN!!! We have lunch vouchers from Taste Cafe next to the library and Ice Choc vouchers from Trocadero cafe. Plus many more prizes to be won this month! Be the first to know about events on in the library.**



# SPYDUS Event Management

Masterton Library will soon be adding a new feature to our website - Event Management. Event Management has been developed by Spydus, the company who created the Library Management System we use here at Masterton Library. Event Management provides easy to access information on events and programmes being run by the Library and we will also be using it to promote activities being organised by the Masterton District Council.

Thumbnail descriptions of upcoming events are displayed by Event Management, but it is also possible to search for events by keyword or by what events are on at a certain date. Great, for example, for finding out what events and activities are taking

place at the Library during the school holidays. It is also possible to look at the Calendar view to find out all the activities planned for a particular month.

Event Management will make learning about Library and Council activities much easier for Masterton residents, and make it easier for them to participate in events. For activities that require registration (if places are limited or some indication of the likely number of participants is needed for planning reasons) this can be done online through Event Management. We also envisage that in the future we may be able to allow Masterton organisations, groups and businesses to take advantage of Event Management for promoting and managing their own events.

## Seniors Celebrate **Tuesday 22nd of March, 2:00pm**

**Brandy Scott is a New Zealand author and journalist. She has spent the majority of her career based in the Middle East, where her roles have included running the features desk for a national newspaper and hosting a prime time interview-based radio show. Notable interviewees include Tiger Woods, FW De Klerk, Helen Clark, Mike Moore, Richard Branson, and Donald Trump. She took a sabbatical in 2014 to complete a Creative Writing MA at Victoria University's International Institute of Modern Letters, and is currently house manager and writer and resident at New Zealand Pacific Studio, where she is editing that novel with assistance from the publisher Hachette.**



# Before They Were Famous...

**Very few authors have immediately successful writing careers and many have had jobs and even established careers before attaining success as writers. Sometimes these would appear to have influenced their writing, but in other cases the link can seem quite incongruous. Here are the earlier occupations of 10 well-known authors whose books can be found here at the Library.**

## **Stephen King - Janitor**

King is one of the world's best-selling authors, his books having sold more than 350 million copies. Things were not always so successful however and for a while he worked as a high school janitor, although his experiences in this job were apparently part of the inspiration for his first novel *Carrie*. King threw his first draft of the story in the rubbish but his wife Tabitha retrieved it and told him to keep going because she wanted to know how it ended.

## **Agatha Christie - Apothecaries' Assistant**

Agatha Christie was born into a wealthy upper-middle-class family but during World War One she joined the Voluntary Aid Detachment attending to injured troops at a military hospital in Devon. During this time she attained the position of apothecaries' assistant, qualifying her to dispense medicines and receive an annual salary of £16. She was able to draw on her knowledge of pharmaceuticals in many of her novels.

## **Harper Lee - Airline Reservations Attendant**

After dropping out of a law degree and shifting from Alabama to New York to pursue a career as a writer, Harper Lee paid her way working as a reservation clerk for Eastern Airlines and BOAC. In 1956 Broadway composer and lyricist Michael Brown gave her a year's wages as a Christmas present and told her she had one year off to write whatever she wanted. One year later she handed in the first draft of *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

## **Nicholas Sparks - Dental Products Salesman**

After graduating from college where he majored in Business Finance, Nicholas Sparks tried to get into publishing and into Law School, but was rejected from both. Before writing his breakthrough novel *The Notebook*, Sparks worked a number of odd jobs including real estate appraisal, his own manufacturing business, and selling dental products over the telephone.



Stephen  
King



Harper  
Lee



Agatha  
Christie



Nicholas  
Sparks



Douglas  
Adams



Sophie  
Kinsella



Sir Arthur  
Conan Doyle



Zane  
Grey



Hillary  
Mantel



Charles  
Dickens

**Douglas Adams - Bodyguard**

After leaving University Douglas Adams tried to develop a career as a writer for TV and radio. He had some early success including writing for Monty Python, but the work dried up and Adams took on a number of jobs to make ends meet before his writing career was revived with *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*. These included hospital porter, barn builder, chicken shed cleaner, hotel security guard, and for a time, bodyguard to a family of oil tycoons from Qatar.

**Arthur Conan Doyle - Surgeon**

After completing medical school at the University of Edinburgh Conan Doyle served as a ship's surgeon before establishing a medical practice in Hampshire. This was initially unsuccessful and Conan Doyle passed the time between patients writing stories. He then studied ophthalmology and established a practice in London but after initial struggles to get published his short story *A Study in Scarlet* received good reviews and the legend of Sherlock Holmes was born.

**Hilary Mantel - Social Worker**

Hilary Mantel won the Man Booker Prize for *Wolf Hall*, and for its sequel *Bring Up the Bodies*. Prior to her highly successful writing career, Mantel studied at the London School of Economics before transferring to the University of Sheffield where she graduated with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence degree. She then worked as a social worker in a geriatric hospital and as a sales assistant in a department store before her writing career took off.

**Sophie Kinsella - Financial Journalist**

Sophie Kinsella, the pen-name of Madeline Wickham, worked as a financial journalist before finding success with the popular *Confessions of a Shopaholic* series. Although the heroine of the Shopaholic books has the same career, Kinsella admits to finding the job uninspiring, and wrote her first novel *Tennis Party* at night and during what she confessed to be “the longest lunch hours known to mankind.”

**Zane Grey - Dentist**

Zane Grey studied dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania, which he attended on a baseball scholarship. Grey continued to enjoy baseball, even playing one major league game for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1903. Dentistry however he came to detest. When he married his wife Dolly he closed his dental practice to concentrate on his writing, the couple living (along with her sister and mother), off Dolly's inheritance until Grey's writing career flourished.

**Charles Dickens - Factory Worker**

Before becoming a celebrated novelist, Charles Dickens worked as a freelance journalist and legal clerk. Before this, however, a 12-year-old Dickens worked 10 hours a day in a factory pasting labels on to pots of boot polish. Dickens had to work there in order to pay off debt and get his father out of jail. It would seem that this experience had a profound effect on Dickens' later work, he even reported that one of the boys he worked alongside was called Bob Fagin.



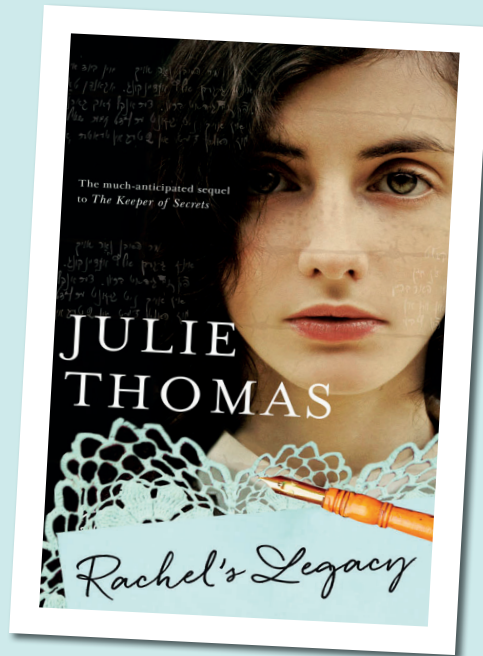
## MEET AUTHOR

*Julie Thomas*

Julie will be  
talking about  
her new novel  
*Rachel's  
Legacy...*

When Dr Kobi Voight is given a set of old letters by his mother he has no inkling that they will lead him around the world and deep into the tragic past of his family...

*Rachel's Legacy* continues the story of the Horowitz family which began in the best-selling novel *The Keeper of Secrets*.



*Tuesday 22nd March 7pm*

*Masterton Library, 54 Queen St*

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