



# Newsletter #2

## 2018

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## *Our 2018 events*

ReaLM is excited to be announcing our full line up of events for 2018:

### **Wednesday 13th June:**

#### **Paula Green & Friends - Conversations & Readings**

Come along and join us for a stimulating evening with poets and their writing.

Time: 6.30pm

Place: Event Central, PN City Library

### **Thursday 14th June:**

#### **Author Tour in Schools**

Register your school via email at [manawaturealm@gmail.com](mailto:manawaturealm@gmail.com) to host a visiting author at your school and to make further enquiries.

### **Thursday 14th June:**

#### **The Magic and Music of Books**

Come along for an evening with this years visiting authors for a night of fun and inspiration - Author panel with Q & A session and lots more.

Place: Feilding Public Library

### **Friday 15th June:**

#### **Libraries, Literacy & You Day**

Join us for a learning filled day of six sessions with engaging and expert speakers to support you and your library.

### **Wednesday 20th June:**

#### **Manawatu Readers Cup**

Readers Cup is a reading competition designed for Year 9 students. Teams of four students (+one reserve) read a set of six books, and then together work as a team in a quiz style competition against other local school teams at an evening event with spot prizes and entertainment with some audience participation.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Feilding Civic Centre

Register for our events and find out more about us at [www.realm.org.nz](http://www.realm.org.nz)

## *Libraries, Literacy & You Seminar Day Friday 15th June 2018*

*Conference Room, Sport & Rugby Institute, Palmerston North*

**Find out more and REGISTER at  
<http://bit.ly/LibrariesLiteracyYouSeminar2018>**

Join us for a learning filled day of six sessions with engaging and expert speakers to support you, your library and/or classroom. We are excited to announce the following speakers for this year's event:



***Gareth Ward - Author, Magician & Bookshop owner***

Gareth Ward, a.k.a. The Great Wardini is a magician, hypnotist, storyteller, bookseller and author. His first novel, *The Traitor and the Thief*, a rip-roaring young adult Steampunk adventure, won the 2016 Storylines Tessa Duder Award.

***Session: Selling Your Love of Books***

In this session Gareth will talk about how libraries and good book shops are an ecosystem that support each other. How to sell your love of books to reluctant, and not so reluctant readers and lessons he's learned from running Wardini Books that can be applied to libraries and librarians. He will also talk about his multi-award winning novel, *The Traitor and the Thief*, because we couldn't stop him if we tried!!

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***Mary-anne Scott - Author, writer & musician***

Her novel *Snakes and Ladders*, (Scholastic, 2012) won the teenage category of the Children's Choice award in the 2012 NZ Post book awards. It was also short-listed for the LIANZA awards.

Her second novel, *Coming Home to Roost* (Penguin Random House) was released in June, 2016. This book was awarded a Storylines Notable Book award in 2017 and was also short listed as a finalist for the NZ children's book awards. Mary-anne's third novel, *Sticking With Pigs* (One Tree House) was released in March 2018.

Mary also writes short stories, flash fiction, articles and blogs!

***Session: Keeping it Real.*** With four sons, sixteen nephews and numerous teenage guitar students, Mary-anne Scott loves and (mostly), understands teenagers. She wrote her way through tough parenting years and still writes and reads with young people in mind.





## ***Paula Green - Poet, author & reviewer***

Paula Green has published ten poetry collections including several for children. Co-written with Harry Ricketts, her book *99 Ways into New Zealand Poetry* was short-listed for the 2010 NZ Post Book Awards. Her most recent children's book *The Letter Box Cat* and other poems (Scholastic) won Children's Choice at the 2015 NZ Book Awards while several of her books have received Storylines Notable Book Awards. She runs two blogs: NZ Poetry Box and NZ Poetry Shelf. In 2017 she received the 2017 Prime Minister's Award for Poetry and was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Poetry and Literature. Her book on New Zealand women's poetry is forthcoming. She lives near Auckland's West Coast.

***Session: Poetry is a liberating tool for students of any age*** – it hooks the attention of the reluctant child and the child who reads with difficulty, yet it also enhances the reading life of a child with sophisticated skills. Poetry is a playground where there are no rules. It is the perfect place to spark a child to engage with words on the page and in the air. This seminar navigates the power of poetry to catch a child's attention through two key devices: the ear and the eye. Infectious poetry sounds good therefore an initial hook is a performance hook. Infectious poems catch the eye. The child excavates detail that delights and surprises. Infectious poems snare imagination. My poems become a launch pad for the child to leap into imagined realms. Infectious poems tug the heart. I will perform poems, talk about making poems, offer challenges, share a little autobiography and we will make up some poems together.

## ***Kat Quin Merewether - Author, Illustrator & Designer***

An award-winning author and illustrator who resides in Te Awamutu, a quaint town nestled in the central North Island of New Zealand. She is best known for her bestselling 'Kuwi the Kiwi' and 'Kiwicorn' series of books. She has illustrated over 20 titles in her 15 years in the industry, and recently completed the first in a new series 'Flit the Fantail', written and illustrated for publisher Scholastic NZ.



***Session: Aspirations & Unicorns:*** Kat will be sharing insights into the world of illustration, writing, and publication design, as well as her experience of building a successful and reputable independent publishing business. Kat will also be speaking about her education journey, from challenges she faced during her early years with dyslexia, to the ways she changed her learning style to suit and utilise dyslexia as a learning tool and as a strength.

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