

Auckland Quilt Guild Library Update

A warm welcome to all our new and returning members! We'd like to share with you a new and exciting service to our library. This is also a good opportunity to explain how the library works to our new members.

Firstly, starting from our **June 2015** meeting, we'll have a dedicated search facility available to all our members as a courtesy service. You'll be able to search our entire library catalogue for your favourite authors, titles, subjects, keywords and several more options. We'll provide a separate update and 'how to' on using the search facilities closer to launch, and as always, will be available to help you at the meetings.

In addition, this means that you can now also make purchase recommendations if our library doesn't have what you're looking for. A step-by-step form will guide you through submitting any information you can, on the book you'd like us to acquire. We can then contact you if/when we've sourced a copy.

Secondly, we'll be changing the way our reserved item system works. We'll still honour the current reserved item list until **August 2015**. This way there will be plenty of time for you to collect your item. Please visit the library to check and see if you have any reserved items waiting for you. If you have any reserved items outstanding, please return them on time to ensure all members who have reserved that copy has an opportunity to collect it.

Our new reserved system is called **Hot Picks**, and will be starting from our **May 2015** meeting. *Hot Picks – one new item, per member, per month*. All Hot Picks will be labelled and prominently displayed from 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. after which you'll be able to select either one new book or magazine to take out. These items will be available on a first come first serve basis, and our system is set up to allow only one Hot Pick checkout per member per month. A Hot Pick will be put on special reserve for three meetings, after this they will be put in general circulation.

All *new* items from May 2015 will be checked out under this system. It's much simpler than the previous system and as presented at our April meeting offers several key benefits. We welcome your feedback, please reply to the Head Librarian with *AQG Library – Hot Picks* in the subject line.

Thank you.



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