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# **Awards of Excellence 2021**



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# Certificate of Recognition



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# **SLANZA**

## **Certificate of Recognition**

**awarded to**

*Kathleen Van der Putten*

Kathleen has been a committee member for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty SLANZA region since 2014 and served as Secretary from 2015 - 2018.

She has made an outstanding contribution to school librarianship by mentoring local librarians, giving presentations and workshops and sharing book reviews.

She has created initiatives and supported digital literacy, inquiry learning, literacy and reading for pleasure in her school.



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# Principal's Award



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**Principal's Award**  
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*Suzanne Mariassouce*

Suzanne has recognised and supported the valuable role of the librarian as an expert in information literacy and research skills in her school. She has helped raise the profile of the library to further support literacy levels and student learning.



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# **Award of Excellence - Promotion of Reading**



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**Award of Excellence**  
**Promotion of Reading**  
awarded to

*Claudine Tapsell*

Claudine has been the driving force behind the Reading for Enjoyment programme at her school. This has included the wider school community and improved understanding of the impact of 'eyes on the page'. Claudine has generously shared her knowledge and skills by presenting at many SLANZA events.



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# **Award of Excellence - School Librarian**





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**School Librarian**  
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*Lydean Herman*

Lydean has developed a library space that is both welcoming and supports the learning needs of the students. Her passion for encouraging students to read, and the creative ways she rewards reading, have had a huge beneficial impact on the school community.



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**Award of Excellence**  
**School Librarian**  
awarded to

*Angela Thompson*

Angela's energy and enthusiasm for reading and promoting the library are an asset to her community. Her programmes, activities and approach to reading engagement have contributed comprehensively to the teaching and learning in her school. Angela has used a myriad of different approaches to successfully raise the profile of the library within her school.



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**School Librarian**  
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*Sharon Jackson*

Sharon has created an inclusive, warm and safe library environment to meet the needs of all of the students at her school. She has created positive relationships with both staff and students. Sharon's curriculum support, research lessons and promotion of reading have had a beneficial impact on student learning.



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**School Librarian**  
**awarded to**

*Julia Smith*

Julia consistently demonstrates enthusiasm, care, positivity, creativity and professionalism in her role as school librarian. Her support of the students, in their reading for pleasure and classwork, is a huge asset to her school. Julia works tirelessly for SLANZA at the National level and is always willing to share her innovative ideas with the wider library community.



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# Life Membership



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# Life Membership

Life Membership is considered to be SLANZA's highest honour. Life membership may be conferred on a living member whose contribution to school librarianship or a closely related field is so outstanding that it is of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of school library service. It is intended to reflect honour upon SLANZA as well as upon the recipient.



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## **Life Membership**

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*Carole Gardiner*

Carole has an extensive career in SLANZA that includes thirteen years as the Otago regional secretary. Her quiet manner shields the huge amount of work she has contributed behind the scenes to our national organisation and to librarianship in Aotearoa. Carole was committed to the reading lists and helped set up and run both the SLANZA listserv and online communities. She shared her knowledge willingly including presenting at regional and national levels. Carole was also the co-convenor of the Otago Regional Conference.



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## **Life Membership**

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*Miriam Tuohy*

Miriam has made an exceptional contribution to SLANZA as well as librarianship throughout Aotearoa. For over a decade, she has created tools, resources, programmes and policies to strengthen the school library sector nationwide. Miriam is synonymous with the growth of digital technology within SLANZA including establishing SLANZA's wiki, website, online communities, reading lists, and professional development modules. Miriam is recognised and respected throughout Aotearoa and continues to advocate for the critical role of the school librarian and school libraries.



Congratulations to all our recipients and thank you to everyone who works tirelessly everyday to support our students, schools and communities.



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