

My Scholastic STORY



With so many wonderful schools, teachers and support staff we want to celebrate exceptional education professionals. They go above and beyond to encourage a love of learning and literacy amongst our children and we want to share their stories with you.

My name is Sue Arnold and I have been a Teacher's Aide at Milson School in Palmerston North for about 25 years. I have many different roles within our school and one of those roles that I love is School Librarian.

I am passionate about books and reading and I'm responsible for running Book Club and Book Fairs. I love being able to buy all types of books for the students to enjoy so that they can have new worlds open up for them.

Scholastic New Zealand's Standing Orders are amazing too! They bring recently published books to my attention and I get a thrill out of opening the box and, of course, reading them all! I'm always recommending great reads to everyone.

With Book Club I am, obviously, always the first to look through the brochure and I usually take it

home to study and decide which books to get for our school library. I also process the student orders and love watching their excited faces when their books arrive. Our school runs an annual Book Fair which is like having a book

I will admit to not knowing the fascination of some of their choices but I go with their ideas. After all, the school library is their library and I value their input.

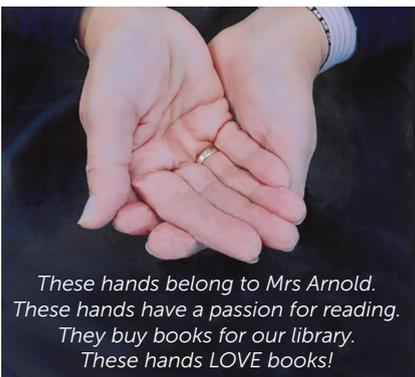
"I love books! Fiction and non-fiction, all the different book genres as I like the way books transport you to different places."

shop in the school. The children get so excited looking through the books and they are very particular with their choices and are also quick to let me know which ones they'd like me to purchase for our library

Scholastic Rewards is also a wonderful bonus as it allows even more books to be bought for our school, be it for the library, a teacher resource or for their classroom.

The student librarians and many other children within the school keep me up-to-date with the latest trends in reading.

I have had some wonderful moments in my role as School Librarian and the best moments have often been with excited students recounting their passion for a book. One class was writing poems on "Hands" and their uses and gifted me a wonderful poem which I treasure. This poem hangs on my office wall and I am sharing it here as a tribute to all school librarians. This is us!



*These hands belong to Mrs Arnold.
These hands have a passion for reading.
They buy books for our library.
These hands LOVE books!*

We want to celebrate exceptional education professionals and share their ideas and stories with schools nationally. If you would like to share your **My Scholastic Story** with us, please send your story to mystory@scholastic.co.nz.