

# Tūranga Self Guided Tour



Christchurch has had a central library since 1859. In 2011 the previous Central Library, located on the corner of Gloucester St and Oxford Terrace, was badly damaged in the earthquakes. Following an extensive planning and consultation process, work on a new central library began in 2016 and Tūranga was opened in October 2018.

The building was designed by New Zealand company Architectus and Danish library design experts Schmidt Hammer Lassen, with significant input from the community and local hapū. Architectus also worked on the new Christchurch Bus Interchange. Southbase Construction Ltd were the contractors and are one of the major partners. Other major partners are: Taranaki Savings Bank (TSB), and Spark.

Tūranga has won a number of awards. These include a 5 Green Star Design certification from the NZ Green Building Council, for the eco-friendly nature of the building; and the NZIA Public Architecture award in 2019. More information about Tūranga awards is available on the website <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/turanga/turanga-about-the-building/>

With a floor area of over 9,500 sq m, Tūranga is the largest public library in the South Island, and the second largest in New Zealand.

## Tūranga

Tūranga is named after the place the ancestor Paikea landed when he travelled to New Zealand from Hawaiiiki. When he arrived, he built a house and named it Whitireia. As Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga has gifted the name Whitireia to Cathedral Square, the name Tūranga is a fitting companion.

The Ngāi Tūāhuriri influence on the design and build of Tūranga is centred on the notion of mātauranga mana whenua – the body of knowledge that originates from the people of this place. A dual language approach to signage and naming was adopted for Tūranga.

## Artworks - The Ascent of Tāwhaki

There are many artworks in the building. Among them is Mātauranga – The Ascent of Tāwhaki. This feature is wrapped around the lift exterior on each level. The installation uses imagery relating to the journey of Tāwhaki through the heavens to obtain knowledge or Mātauranga.

The birds that feature at each level are:

He Hononga | Connection, Ground floor - Pukeko

Hapori | Community, Level 1 - Tītī

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2 - Kākāpō

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3 - Tūī

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4 - Kūkupa (Kereru)

Further information about the artworks and cultural narrative of Tūranga is available here:

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/turanga/turanga-artworks-and-cultural-narrative/>

## General information

This self-guided tour will take you through all five levels of Tūranga. As you explore the building, you can be guided by our wayfinding kiosks located near each stairwell. Use the touchscreens to navigate through the building, by choosing a destination and then following the designated pathways. You can even scan the code for each destination and use your phone to find your way.

The five levels offer different resources, spaces and technology. On all levels there are:

- Public computers
- Kiosks for issuing books and other items
- Copiers/printers
- Charging points
- Wifi
- Bookable rooms
- Lockers for public use

The Libraries website, and staff, can provide you with information about membership, events, and booking spaces.

## He Hononga | Connection, Ground floor

Staff on the Ground floor are here to connect you with services and activities at Tūranga and in our wider network of libraries.

While on the Ground floor you can return items you have borrowed, pick up your Holds, check out magazines on all sorts of subjects, and grab a coffee from the Foundation Café.

The large tables are popular places to pause, play a game, attend a drop-in session, or just wait for friends and family.

Be sure to explore Christchurch's past and present at the Discovery Wall. Send yourself a postcard or take a selfie with the wall. You can also add your own memories to the digital collection. You can find out more about the Discovery Wall and submit your own images here: <https://discoverywall.nz/>

Behind the main stairway you will find Spark Place – used for a range of business and community activities. Spark is a founding partner of the Christchurch Foundation, and is supporting the establishment of Tūranga.

Pause and admire the artwork wrapped around the lifts on He Hononga – the bird is the Pukeko.

Now it's time to make your way up to Hapori (or to take the lift to the fourth floor if you prefer walk down the stairs through the building).

## Hapori | Community, Level One

On this level you will find Children's and Young Adults' collections and spaces.

There is a lot to do and see here! You can play on the Playstations, join in a Storytimes session, attend an event in the TSB Space, read a book inside the tree, or hang out in the Imagination Station and create a LEGO masterpiece.

Imagination Station has joined with the Library to make LEGO play-time a permanent feature. They offer free play as well as more structured programming and events.

TSB is another of our major partners. The TSB Space enables people to come together for meetings, events and functions. Adjacent to the TSB Space is the Activity Room. You can make enquiries about booking these, and other rooms in Tūranga, by phoning the Christchurch City Council on 941-8999.

As you walk around Hapori, check out the slide and the fairy lights inside the cave, and the Creative Space where you can join in with some great family art and craft programmes. Play a boardgame, find some great reads, pick up a "Stories to Go bag" or a DVD, and have a look at one of the current displays.

Make sure you stop to admire the artwork on the side of the lift – the bird is the Titi - before making your way up to the next level.

## Tuakiri | Identity, Level Two

Tuakiri tells the story of Identity in Christchurch and Canterbury in relation to people and places. Here you will find a treasure trove of resources which combine to illuminate origin stories and heritage information.

At the eastern end of Tuakiri you will find The Pasifika Collection, Family History and Local History Collections, Archives and Heritage materials, a Research Room, Teaching Space, and meeting rooms.

At the western (Colombo Street) end, you will find Waruwarutū - a community space which holds the Ngā Pounamu Māori collection, a collection with special emphasis on Te Ao Māori. A balcony provides views towards Cathedral Square.

A dedicated exhibition space – Te Pito Huarewa / Southbase Gallery – houses internal and travelling exhibitions that reflect our cultural identity and history.

All this is watched over by our friendly bird, the Kākāpō.

## Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level Three

Tūhuratanga is an information rich floor and it is all about discovery.

Here you will find non-fiction books on an extensive range of subjects. Use a catalogue to look for books and information or talk to a friendly librarian to find what you need. Tūhuratanga is a great place to ask about e-resources for study or recreation, spend some time browsing the shelves, or use a free Internet computer to work on your cv, check your email or search the web.

Make your way towards the double-height windows on Colombo Street and check out Te Pae, Christchurch's new convention centre. On the way you will see study and meeting rooms – some of these can be booked, while others are for casual drop-in use.

Another feature of this floor is Wahi Mauritau / Quiet Place. One of the most requested features for the new library was a quiet space for study or reading. Here you can find study tables or comfy chairs to study, work or enjoy some time out.

The Tui makes its home here.

## Auahatanga | Creativity, Level Four

Auahatanga is the centre of innovation and creativity.

The ascent through the forest ends here and so the bird is the Kūkupa (Kereru).

On Auahatanga you will find collections of:

- Fiction
- Large print
- English language skills
- World languages collections
- Music

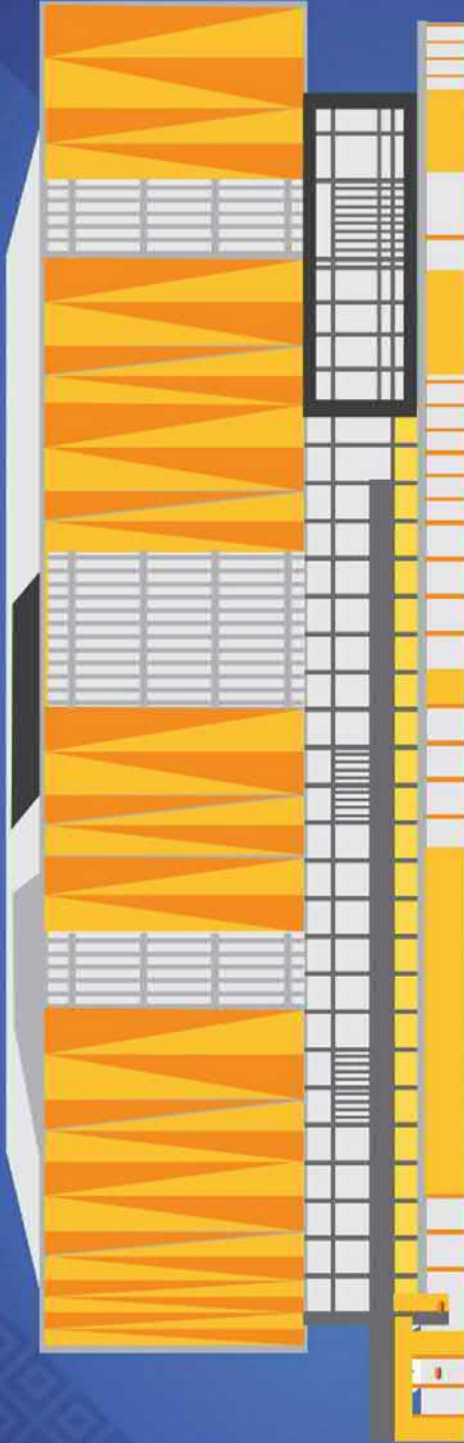
Creative spaces on this level include a Production Studio, an Audio/Video Studio, a Computer Lab and a general meeting/activity space. These spaces are used for a wide range of activities – some require customers to book in, others are just drop-in. Activities include: 3D design and printing; laser and vinyl cutting; virtual reality experience; audio and video production, sewing machines and more.

There are two roof terraces on this level and on a clear day you can enjoy the views to significant landscape points:

- Kā Tiritiri o te Moana – Southern Alps
- Aoraki - Mt Cook
- Horomaka / Pātaka o Rākaihautū – Banks Peninsula
- Maungatere – Mt Grey

# Floor by floor overview

Come and find us when you visit Tūranga and we can help show you around.



**EVERY LEVEL**

- Lifts
- Toilets
- Information Desk
- Public Computers

**He Hononga**  
*Connection*

**GROUND**

- Café
- Reception
- Returns
- Magazines
- DVDs
- New Arrivals
- Spark Place
- Discovery Wall

**Hapori**  
*Community*

**LEVEL ONE**

- Family Place
- Imagination Station
- Creative Space
- Youth Space
- Espresso Bar
- TSB Space
- Activity Room
- Parenting Room

**Tuakiri**  
*Identity*

**LEVEL TWO**

- Waruwarutū
- Nga Pounamu Māori
- Pasifika Collection
- New Zealand Reference
- Family History
- Archives
- Southbase Gallery
- Teaching Room
- Research Room
- Meeting Rooms

**Tūhuratanga**  
*Discovery*

**LEVEL THREE**

- Non-fiction
- Quiet Place
- Boardroom
- Meeting Rooms
- Study Rooms

**Auahatanga**  
*Creativity*

**LEVEL FOUR**

- Fiction
- Large Print
- Music
- World Languages
- Production Studio
- Audio/Video Studio
- Computer Lab
- Roof Gardens
- Meeting Rooms
- Study Rooms

See you soon!

