

March–May 2023

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide



Big Bargain Book Sale

Friday 24 March, 9am–7pm
Saturday 25 March, 9am–4pm

**Pioneer Recreation
and Sport Centre**
75 Lyttelton Street
Spreydon

For more info visit

christchurchcitylibraries.com

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Are you part of the Children's University?

Did you know that you could be earning learning hours by going along to any of our programmes listed in this guide?

Visit cuaustralasia.com for more information on this project and how you can get involved.



How to book:

Unless otherwise stated, our events are open to all ages, free and with no bookings required.

When you need to book a place, you can book:



Online:

Find the event listing at christchurchcitylibraries.com, follow the instructions to book and (where applicable) pay online.



In person:

Go to your local library and staff will book on your behalf.



By phone:

03 941 7923

Paid events will incur a booking fee.

For more information visit:

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/contact-us

For library locations please visit:

christchurch.bibliocommons.com/locations

So Many Stories

Conversations with
Christchurch City Libraries
Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi



We're now on Plains FM! Join us on the first Friday of each month at 9am and discover what our libraries are all about – connecting people, inspiring discovery, and enriching communities.

Each show features stories from those who work in Libraries, and the people we engage with every day.

We also bring you a peek between the pages of interesting pukapuka.

Important: Please check our website for the latest information before attending any event.



All about whānau



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Wā Pēpi Babytimes



2 years and under

Programmes include stories, music, movement and rhymes. Kōrero pukapuka, pūoro, korikori.

Most programmes run during school terms only.

Akaroa Library	Fridays, 10.15am
Aranui Library	Tuesdays, 10am
Fendalton Library	Thursdays, 10.30am
Hornby Library	Fridays, 10.15am
Linwood Library	Fridays, 11am
Lyttelton Library	Thursdays, 10.30am
Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre	Fridays, 10.30am
New Brighton Library	Wednesdays, 10.30am
Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre	Fridays, 10.30am
Papanui Library	Wednesdays, 11am
Parklands Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Shirley Library	Thursdays, 10.30am
South Library	Thursdays, 11am
Spreydon Library	Wednesdays, 10.30am
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre	Wednesdays, 11am
Tūranga	Mondays, 10.30am
Upper Riccarton Library	Tuesdays, 10am

Wā Kōrero Storytimes



2 years+

Programmes include stories, music, movement and rhymes. Kōrero pukapuka, pūruru, korikori.

Most programmes run during school terms only.

Fendalton Library	Tuesdays, 10.30am
Hornby Library	Wednesdays, 10.15am
Linwood Library	Thursdays, 10am
Lyttelton Library	Tuesdays, 11am
Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre	Wednesdays, 10.30am
New Brighton Library	Fridays, 10.30am
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Papanui Library	Thursdays, 11am
Parklands Library	Thursdays, 10.30am
Redwood Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Shirley Library	Tuesdays, 10.30am
South Library	Tuesdays, 11am
Spreydon Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre	Thursdays, 11am
Tūranga	Wednesdays, 10.30am
Upper Riccarton Library	Mondays, 10am

Bilingual Storytimes



2–5 years

Come along for bilingual storytimes!

Te Reo Māori Storytimes

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesdays, 10.30am

Faitauga Tusi | Samoan Storytimes

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Last Saturday of the month, 10.30–11am

Mandarin Storytimes

Tūranga

Ngā Purapura / Activity Room | Hapori |
Community, Level 1

Second Saturday of the month, 11–11.30am

Korean Storytimes

Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 17 March and Friday 19 May, 10am



Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

Come along in your PJs and enjoy themed stories, songs and simple crafts.



4–7 years

Fendalton Library

First Friday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm



Whānau Storytimes

Bring the whānau for stories, songs and rhymes.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sundays, 10.30–11am

Family Makerspace

Have fun and make something cool with a different activity every week.

Tūranga

Taupuni Auaha / Creative Space,

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturdays, 2.30–3.30pm

**Special Pride themed Makerspace on
Saturdays 11 and 18 March**

CSO Music Trails through the Libraries



These free 45-minute performances are a fun way to introduce tamariki to live music and instruments. Each performance may also include dance, song and stories.

Linwood Library

Wednesday 22 March, 10.30am

Tūranga

Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am

Shirley Library

Wednesday 17 May, 10.30am

Sensory Friendly Hour at Tūranga

An opportunity for people with sensory sensitivities to relax and enjoy the library in a safe and welcoming space. Sensory toys and LEGO will be available.

All ages, whānau welcome.

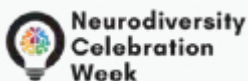
Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Mondays, 6–7pm

Neurodiversity Week

Join us as we celebrate different minds! Check out our website for events for the whole whānau this Neurodiversity Celebration Week (13–19 March).



Yaniv Janson Exhibition

Yaniv lives with epilepsy and autism but doesn't let either dictate who he is. He began painting 13 years ago, creating his work at home, where he is free to determine his own schedule. He can choose when, where and what to paint and loves that it is something people all over the world can enjoy.



Colour Me Happy Workshops

Focus on your holistic wellbeing with mindfulness activities. Please see website for details.

Celebrate France

Join us for French themed events as we celebrate France in March. Music, talks, crafts, games and more!

South Library

Saturday 4 March–

Sunday 26 March



Brazilian Carnival

Come to our first Brazilian Carnival party! Shakers and drums workshops will kick off the event, followed by a parade around Tūranga and Samba drums and dance in the TSB space.

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 4 March, 2–4pm

Japanese Culture Celebration

Immerse yourself in Japanese culture in March as we celebrate Japan. Celebrations include musical performances, crafts, origami, displays and more.

Please see website for details.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Nowruz (Iranian New Year)

Join us in celebrating Nowruz, Iranian New Year in the library as we showcase Persian culture through performances, displays and cultural storytelling.

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 25 March, 2–4pm

Family Easter Craft

Get crafty and make a beautiful Easter wreath.

Adults, come and create your special wreath in our morning session.

Families can come and get crafty in our afternoon session where we will also have a fun scavenger hunt.

Free, no booking required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 5 April, 10.30–11.30am for adults
and 3.30–4.30pm for the whole family





Chess Free-Play Weekend

For all ages, and all skill levels, we introduce our chess free-play weekend!

We will have tournament-quality chess sets and timers in the TSB Space for use over the whole weekend.

Come have a cuppa and practice against friends, whānau, and some of our local experts. Also featuring the iconic giant chess set from Whitireia - Cathedral Square!

Free, no booking required



5 years +

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April, 11am–3pm

Terrific Toy Swap

Join us for our terrific, sustainable toy swap. Give your unused toys a new lease on life. Bring in your preloved teddies, LEGO, playsets or other toys. Take away another toy in return for more playtime fun!

Free, no booking required

Hornby Library

Wednesday 3 May, 10.30–11.30am

Spreydon Library

Wednesday 10 May, 10.30–11.30am

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sunday 14 May, 10.30–11.30am

Holiday fun



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School Holiday drop in fun

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com

3-2-1 Blast off!

Design a paper rocket and have a space race with your friends!



Crawling Critter

Create a creepy, crawly caterpillar!



Leaf Family Art

Branch out and grow your own leaf family!



DIY Device Stand

Fold and decorate a (fun)ctional phone holder!





Stop Motion Taster Session

Lights, camera, stop-motion! In this taster session we'll show you how to bring objects to life and create your own animated content.



10 years+

Free, booking required

Shirley Library

Thursday 13 April, 2–4pm

Miniature Painting Workshop

Try your hand at painting a unique fantasy or sci-fi miniature to use in your games of Warhammer or Dungeons and Dragons!

Perfect for beginners, this is a great chance to have a go at learning some new skills and see what you think of this creative, relaxing, and expressive hobby!

Bring your own mini – or use one of ours! Paints, brushes, and a selection of awesome miniatures are all provided.



12 years+

Free, booking required

Shirley Library

Tuesday 11 April, 2–4pm



Pūrākau Zine Making

Come and learn about Pūrākau – traditional Māori stories! Join us for a session of stories and storytelling where you'll have the opportunity to tell your very own pūrākau in your very own zine!



9–14 years

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Waruwarutū / Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Tuesday 11 April, 10–11.30am or 1.30–3pm

Thursday 20 April, 10–11.30am or 1.30–3pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 13 April, 10–11.30am or 1.30–3pm

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Tuesday 18 April, 10–11.30am or 1.30–3pm

Want to show off your dance moves? Here's your chance!

Come along and put your moves to the test with a 'Let's Dance' – dance off!



8–14 years



Parklands Library

Friday 14 April, 4–6pm

Whānau Creative Time

Come spend some time making with your family these school holidays. Our team of creatives will help you and your whānau to create using the technology in the library. Use the 3D printer, badgemaker, laser cutter, vinyl printer, sewing machine, t-shirt printer and much more! Bring in your own materials or pay to use ours.



5–14 years

See website for details

Disclaimer:

**Attendance is free, though charges apply for the materials you use.*

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Creative sessions will continue at regular scheduled times.



Holiday Programmes

Keep an eye on our website for dates, times and booking information.


Bookings open Thursday 16 March, 7pm

Miniature Maker Workshop

A hero's journey starts here! Use your 3D modelling skills to create a hero, develop their backstory with a terrain tile that you design, then bring it all together with the flourish of a paint brush in this 2-session holiday workshop.

Session 1: 3D modelling and base terrain design.

Session 2: Model painting and assembly.


 **10–14 years**


 **\$55, booking required**

Design your own T-Shirt

Are you ready to start your t-shirt design empire? Develop your sartorial skills by bringing your creative ideas to life using iPads and Apple Pencils then print your amazing artwork onto a T-shirt using a direct to garment printer! A T-shirt will be supplied.




 **10–14 years**

 **\$32.50, booking required**

Wall Art Wonder

Make your own impressive work of art to hang on your wall and wow all your friends and family. Using our digital equipment draw and print your design onto fabric and make a magnetic hanger to display it from.



 **5–10 years**

 **\$25, booking required**

After school clubs



After School Activity Zone

We have several drop-in after-school clubs happening across our network of libraries.

Join us for a variety of activities including technology, crafts, and games in a fun learning environment.

All whānau welcome!

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After school clubs and programmes

All of our after school programmes run during the school term only (excluding public holidays) and begin in the second week of each term. We run a number of fun technology-based after school clubs.

Visit **christchurchcitylibraries.com** events calendar for Term 2 dates and locations.

Bookings open 6 April, 7pm.

Dungeon Delvers

Be the hero in a tabletop roleplaying campaign where everything rests on your roll of the dice! Create a character and join in a shared story, where you might find yourself adventuring across unexplored lands, slinging sorcerous spells, or fighting against the dangerous denizens of dank dungeons!

Free, booking required



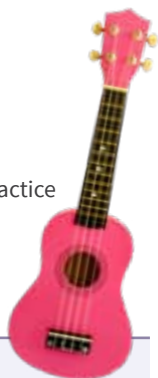
Ages 10–16 years Shirley Library

Ages 10–14 years Redwood Library
and South Library

Kid's Ukulele Jam

This weekly ukulele jam is a chance to practice and grow your ukulele skills, learn some new songs and make some new friends. Please bring your own ukulele.

Free, no booking required



New Brighton Library

Every Thursday during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

Fiero Code Club

Learn the basics of coding at your own pace with a programme which is perfect for beginners!

If you've ever thought about making your own website, app, animation or video game – then come along and give coding a go! Basic computer skills required.

Free, booking required



8–16 years

Shirley Library

Mondays Term 2, 1 May–26 June, 3.45–5.15pm

Tinker Club

Come along to these weekly drop in sessions where you can explore, create, dismantle, rebuild and invent!

These weekly sessions will consist of tinkering experiences, lightly facilitated activities and special guests from the local community with a broad range of specialities and skills in the science, engineering, art and tech fields.



9–14 years



New Brighton Library

Starting Tuesday 2 May 3.30–4.30pm

Huinga Ako

Come along to our afterschool research session for students. Do you have a school kaupapa with a Te Ao Māori focus and need help finding resources? Come along to our after-school sessions for students and speak to our Pou Kohikohinga Māori – Māori Collection Specialists. They can help you navigate and upskill your library knowledge around the Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection.

Tūranga

Waruwarutū / Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Tuesday 2 May, 3.30–4.30pm

Papanui Library

Thursday 18 May, 3.30–4.30pm

Reading to Dogs

Help kids practice reading aloud and develop a love of stories with this super popular programme! This is a partnership between us and the Animal Management Team.

Free, booking required

See website for details



Youth programmes



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15–21 May 2023

Manga and More!

Come for the Manga, stay for the fun!

Have a go at drawing manga or just hang out and chat with other manga fans!

Linwood Library

First Friday of the month, 3.30–5pm

Youth Creative Time

Drop in and have a go with technologies like sewing machines, 3D printers, vinyl cutters, design software and electronics. No experience necessary – staff will be on hand if you need help.



13 years+

Tūranga

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,
Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Fridays, 4–5.30pm

Zine Club

Curious about zines? Learn about different zine-making techniques and meet other zine creators in this inclusive club. Whether you're a poet, artist, photographer or none of the above – there's a zine in you!



13 years+

Upper Riccarton Library

Fornightly on Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm (Term 1 only)

Make a Gift, Give a Gift

Do you have a bestie, a fav teacher, or someone in your whānau who would love a wee treat? Then this is for you!

Join us and get crafty – make a badge for yourself and someone special in your life too.

We will provide all the materials and the good vibes, all you need to do is come along and get crafting.

This event runs at the same time as our Thursday Takeover, so you can also meet some new people and take a break with some VR or board games if you like.



12 years+

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space,
Hapori | Community, Level 1
Thursday 4 May, 3.30–6pm



Beats Lab

Drop in and have a go with our music gear or work on your own project! Have a go at finger drumming or performing your tracks on the SP-404, and flip some samples on Logic Pro X or Koala Sampler. Try scratching with our vinyl turntable and scratch records or DJ controller, have a bash on our electronic and hip-hop music gear, or jam on our more traditional digital piano or electronic drum kit. Beginner friendly.



12 years+

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Fridays, 3–4.30pm

Teen Clothing Swap

Jazz up your wardrobe!

Discover your new favourite outfit at our Clothing Swap for teens. You never know what treasures you'll find! Nothing to swap? No problem, all clothing is free to take! Donations of clean and tidy clothing happily accepted! Available every day at South Library.



Thursday Takeover @ Tūranga

It's all yours! Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space is your space for VR, board games, crafts and much more.

We've got good things happening every Thursday, so come hang out.

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space,

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm (during term time only)

Thursday Takeover @ Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Teens/YA - take over your space! The computer lab and creative space are booked for you! Get on our VR PC and play some games, play some board games, play some Minecraft, try mixing music with DJ Decks or jamming on Logic Pro and Garage Band, have a go with 3D printing, badge making or designing sticker slaps, or just chill and chat and use our PCs or iPads. We provide different activities each week.



12 years+

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm (during term time only)



Christchurch Pride

10–19 March



Pride at Tūranga

Join us for a fantastic Christchurch Pride celebration at Tūranga. Get ready for all sorts of fun events like Queens Telling Stories, Beat Saber, Pride themed craft and even a bookclub party!

You can catch all the details on our website, everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

A Pride film showing: *Through Rainbow Coloured Glasses*

Join us for this 2008 movie about the LGBTQIA+ history of Ōtautahi, Christchurch. There will be time afterwards for an informal cuppa and kōrero, and to learn how you can contribute your own rainbow stories to Christchurch City Libraries' digital heritage collection.



Thank you to Toni Keevil and Big Girls Blouse Productions LTD for permission to show this film.



16 years+ (M rating for Mature Audiences)

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sunday 12 March, 2–4pm

Zine Club

Curious about zines? Learn about different zine-making techniques and meet other zine creators in this inclusive club. Whether you're a poet, artist, photographer or none of the above – there's a zine in you!

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays 9 and 16 March, 3.30–4.30pm

After School Activity Zone Pride Edition

Join us for special pride themed activities and crafts in a fun learning environment

All whānau welcome! Caregivers please stay in the library during the session

Tūranga

Makerspace, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesday 14 March, 3.30–4.30pm

Family Makerspace Pride Edition

Come along with your whānau to a free drop in session of Family Makerspace!

Make a special pride-themed craft to celebrate Christchurch Pride! Have fun, create, craft and make cool stuff.

Tūranga

Makerspace, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturdays 11 and 18 March, 2.30–3.30pm

Youth Creative Time Pride Edition

Get creative with the awesome equipment on Auahatanga, the fourth floor at Tūranga.

Fridays are your time to drop in and use a variety of technologies for making your ideas a reality, including sewing machines, 3D printers, vacuum formers, craft and vinyl cutters, heat press, design software, and electronics.

During Pride Week there will be a chance to make some pride-themed crafts, YAS!

No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, imagination, and a desire to be creative. Specialist staff will be on hand if you need help.

This is your chance to hang out with other creative youth, learn from and support each other, and make really cool stuff.



12 years+

Tūranga

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Fridays 10 and 17 March, 4.30–5.30pm

Upcycled badges for Pride

Wear your creations with **PRIDE!**

We're getting crafty and turning old badges into flashy items of self-expression. No matter your aesthetic or skill level, this is a workshop for you. Drop in at any point during the session times.



13 years+



Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 15 March, 2.40–4pm

Linwood Library

Wednesday 15 March, 2.40–4pm

Pride Book Club

Come celebrate stories packed with Pride in this special book club. Chat about your favourite LGBTQIA+ reads and discover new ones!



13 years+

Upper Riccarton Library

Tuesday 14 March, 3.15–4.15pm



Teen LGBTQIA eBooks available on  Libby.



Creative and connected



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Kawhe and Kōrero

Want to practice your reo? Drop in for a cuppa and build your kōrero skills with fellow learners.

This is a casual and supportive programme for adults who want to build confidence speaking te reo Māori.

New Brighton Library

Thursdays, 10–11am

Sketch at Tūranga

Drop in to our monthly creative sketch session. Materials provided but you're welcome to bring your own.

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor,
Third Sunday of the month, 2–4pm

Urban Explorations

Rediscover the central city and join us for a series of walks around Tūranga's neighbourhood, the heart of Ōtautahi–Christchurch. Explore our local history, sketch our urban spaces or learn how to forage natural resources.

Wear clothing suitable for the weather and comfortable walking shoes. Bring a drink bottle. Parents with strollers are welcome.

Free, booking required

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor,
Various Sunday mornings, 10.30am–noon

Craft Snippets

A bi-monthly event where a guest artisan speaks about their crafting journey followed by a Q & A session. We look at the latest crafting books and discuss what's happening in our city's crafting scene.

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 29 March, 6.30–7.30pm

Wednesday 31 May, 6.30–7.30pm



Tūranga Writers' Group

Get writing! Share your own work and provide feedback to others in an encouraging and supportive setting. Writers in all genres, at all levels, are welcome.

Free, booking required



16 years+

Tūranga

Boardroom, Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

First Tuesday of the month, 6–7.15pm

Speaker Series

Come along and hear someone from your community share their thoughts/interests in a conversational hour.

South Library

Crafting for Wellbeing

Foster your creativity and resilience while learning a new skill. A different craft each month will be explored including pompoms, crochet, ikebana, embroidery and more. Drop in and relax and enjoy some 'me time'.

Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

Third Saturday of the month, 1.30–3.00pm

DIY Beret

Join us to sew a beret from your own fabric.

For beginning sewers with guidance from our staff.



16 years+



\$5, booking required



Tūranga

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,

Auahatanga Creativity Level 4

Monday 17 April, 6–7.30pm



Baking Club

Do you love to bake? The Tūranga Baking Club meets to share recipes, baking tips and kai as we explore a different theme each month. Share your kai, meet new people, get advice from others and share your experiences, as you learn more about your passion. Bring along your home baking with listed ingredients and your recipe to share.

Tūranga

Tūhurātanga | Discovery, Level 3

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30–11.30am

March St Patrick's Day Green is the theme or be inspired by Irish baking


April Utilise chocolate chips or mini Easter eggs in your baking

May Scones go traditional or fancy them up

Disclaimer: Please list your ingredients to keep everyone safe from allergies. All food shared is not prepared in a commercial kitchen.

Yarn Crafters Get Together

Come and meet other enthusiastic yarn crafters, share ideas and skills and enjoy fun yarn-related activities and games. Welcome, all yarn craft lovers.

 **16 years+**

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Hao Room

Saturday 11 March, 1.30–3.30pm

Knitting Workshop

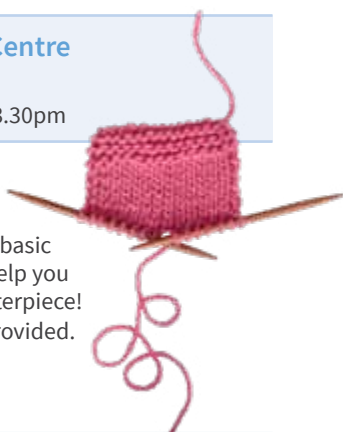
Come along and learn some basic stitches and techniques to help you create your own woolly masterpiece! Materials and instructions provided.

Free, booking required

 **10 years+**

Fendalton Library

Thursday 20 April, 2–3.30pm



Making Yarn Accessories with Technologies

Do you want to make personalised yarn accessories like clothing buttons? Come and learn about designing and creating yarn accessories. We will demonstrate and use a variety of our Creative Spaces emerging technologies.



16 years+



\$5, booking required



Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Saturday 25 March, 1–3pm

Yarn Crafters Creative Time

Want to design and make a button for your bonnet, a clip for your cardie, or a blocker for your socks?

Visit our South Auahatanga – Creative Space to experiment using creative technology like laser cutting, 3D printing, or vinyl cutting (to name a few) in your next yarn crafting project. If you don't have a project in mind but still want to come along, a custom stitch marker activity will be available. Material costs only.

No booking required



16 years+

South Library

Saturday 29 April, 1–4pm

Crochet Workshop

This workshop provides a great opportunity for crochet beginners to learn basic stitches and understand how to make popular crochet items with basic crocheting skills. Materials and instructions provided.

Booking required



12 years+



Linwood Library

Wednesday 12 April, 10.30am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Friday 14 April, 2.30–4pm

South Library

Saturday 29 April, 1–2.30pm



Yarn Crafts Exhibition

Would you like to show off the beautiful knitting and/or crochet items you've made?



Please drop off your items or the photos of these items to the following libraries between Monday 6 March and Monday 20 March. We'll organise an exhibition of the collected items and photos in our libraries.

South Library
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
Shirley Library
Fendalton Library



English Conversation Club

Drop in to our supportive Conversation Club to practice your English. While not a class, this is a good opportunity to chat with others and meet new people. Great for ESOL learners.

Hornby Library

Wednesdays, 2–3pm

Tūranga

First Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

Third Tuesday of the month, 5–6pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays, 11am–noon

Mandarin Conversation Club

The Mandarin conversation group is a drop-in group where anyone is welcome to come and practice conversations in Mandarin, in a friendly and relaxed environment. This is not a class, but an opportunity to talk with others in Mandarin and to meet new people in the community.

Free, no booking required.

Fendalton Library

First Monday of the month, 6–7pm, and
Wednesdays, 5–6pm every other week.

Music Month

Cultural groups perform throughout the month of May at various libraries.



New Zealand Music Month

Celebrate New Zealand Music Month with us! Come along listen and support local music groups and musicians as they perform for library visitors and music lovers alike.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

This event will be throughout the month of May, please check website for details

Music Month - Make Some Noise

Kids, make some noise with our digital music instruments. Specdram colour sensing music rings, iPads with Garageband, Blipblox Synth, finger drumming and more.



6 years+

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesdays 10 and 24 May, 3.30–4.30pm

Music on the Stairs

Join us as we host local musicians for Music on the Stairs as part of New Zealand Music Month throughout May.

Tūranga





Let's have a cuppa

Get to know your community and library team with a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat.

Lyttelton Library

Friday 28 April, 10.30am–noon

Linwood Library

Friday 19 May, 10am–noon

Fendalton Library

Wednesday 29 March, Wednesday 26 April and
Wednesday 31 May
10.30am–noon

Fun Day Friday bi-monthly Bingo

Join us for bi-monthly Bingo – a simple but enjoyable game of chance in which each player matches numbers on cards as the numbers are drawn randomly by a caller.

This is just for fun, no gambling or prizes are involved.

Free, no booking required

Linwood Library

Friday 14 April, 2–4pm

Join our regular clubs!

Find out where and when at:

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Knit 'n' Yarn

Rummikub Club

Scrabble Club

Mahjong Group

Social Games and Cards Club

eKnow how



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Auahatanga – Creative Spaces

Where everyone can learn, make and design.

Our creative and learning spaces welcome everyone. It doesn't matter if you've just got started, or are reigniting a creative passion. We have some amazing technology available. Find out more about each piece of gear, where you can find it, and how you can use it to help exercise your creativity.

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-resources

What is a Creative Time?

These sessions provide a space for people to come in and learn how to use creative technologies through self-directed learning. It's a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing.

What equipment is available?

Each library has a different range of technologies available – please see our libraries website for which equipment is available at each session.

What if I don't know what I'm doing?

As it's a self-directed learning space, we encourage users to teach themselves how to use the equipment and software using the tutorials and resources we provide. Of course, if you need some help, we'll have staff on hand to assist however they can!

New Brighton Library

See website for details

South Library

Thursdays, 10am–3pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesdays, 10–11.30am

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4, Tūranga

Sewing and embroidery

Mondays, 6–7.30pm

Open Creative drop-in session

Thursdays, 10am–noon

Wednesday, 6–7.30pm

Youth Creative

Fridays, 4–5.30pm



Britannica[®] Library

Easy to use, and easy to find trusted information.
Three levels for age appropriate content.

Technology Help Drop-in Sessions

Get help with specific issues such as using email, searching the internet, using the library catalogue, electronic resources and any other general technology-related queries.

These sessions happen across the city. Check our website or call us on **(03) 941 7923** to find one near you.

GenConnect

Got questions about technology, apps or social media? Come along to a free GenConnect session, with high school students ready to help with all of your technology questions. During term time only.

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays, 1–1.45pm

Better Digital Futures for seniors

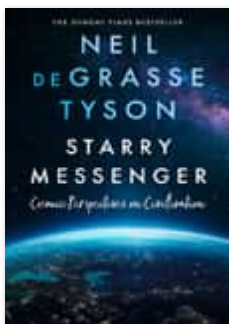
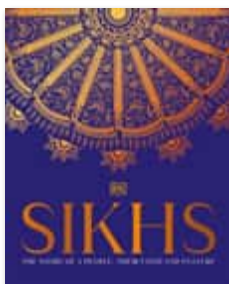
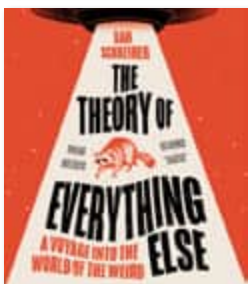


Better Digital Futures is a programme run by Christchurch City Libraries in collaboration with Stepping UP NZ. It is designed to support over 65s to learn new skills and build confidence in using computers, smartphones, tablets, and the internet. Keep an eye out on the Stepping UP website for updates, as new classes are added regularly.

Register online at **steppingup.nz**

Learn more on our website or call **(03) 941 7923**

Authors and books



Library-run Book Clubs

Love sharing your favourite reads? Come and join other book lovers in a supportive and relaxed environment. We have several casual book clubs across the city. Visit our website or call (03) 941 7923 to find one near you.

Book Discussion Scheme

BDS is a national non-profit which lends books and provides professional discussion notes to book groups. Small groups are held in libraries and led by a librarian with a new book provided each month to all members. A subscription fee is required. Visit our website for details.



BDS ESOL Book group

Groups for ESOL learners are offered at Tūranga. Read a short book especially designed for ESOL learners, then come to the library and talk about it in a relaxed, fun environment. In a friendly atmosphere you have a chance to meet new people, learn about different cultures and practice talking in English. We all read the same short book, provided by Book Discussion Scheme and written in English.

Specialist book clubs

Chinese Book Club Upper Riccarton Library
Third Wednesday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm

Korean Book Club Upper Riccarton Library
Second Friday of the month, 6–7pm

Spanish Book Club Upper Riccarton Library
Second Wednesday of the month, 6–7pm

Polish Book Club
Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4, Tūranga
Third Sunday of the month, 10.20–11.20am

Dewey Book Group

Each month, read a non-fiction book of your choice on a set theme. Over the year we'll read across the entire Dewey decimal spectrum!

Booking required

Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

Last Wednesday of the month, 6–7pm

Tuesday Terrors Horror Book Club

Welcome to the Tuesday Terrors Horror Book Club! This is a genre book group, by librarians with a love for all things horror. Each month we'll read and discuss books and other formats drawn from a specific subgenre of horror.



Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Last Tuesday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm

Te Kāhui Ohua

This monthly reading group focuses on books housed in our Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection. Each month you'll choose any book from the collection to read, fiction or non-fiction, in English or te reo Māori and share your reads with the rest of the group.

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī | Spark Place, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Last Friday of the month 5.30–6.30pm

Korean Book Talk is back!

Join us as Heechan Kim introduces us to wonderful and interesting wildflowers that we might have overlooked through his photos.

Heechan Kim, a doctor of oriental medicine and hobby photographer lives in Christchurch.

These passions have combined to create a unique discussion of plants, personal history and medicine.

Heechan Kim: *"I will tell you about the breeding of unique plants, the strategies of flowers that adapt to their habitats, and the story of a flower I met in New Zealand that made me miss my hometown, along with the photos I took."*

All are welcome to this free event.

Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 14 April, 6–7pm

Heritage



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Check out the Mobile Discovery Wall as it moves around our community libraries over the next few months.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre.....March–mid April

Fendalton Library.....Mid April–May



Family History

Bring your family history questions to our regular drop-in events. A member of the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be on hand to help.

Shirley Library

First and third Saturdays of the month, 10am–noon

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

Beginners Guide to Local History

Are you interested in learning about the history of Ōtautahi-Christchurch? Come and join our local history librarians as we explore topics such as our Māori heritage, immigration and settlement as well as the people, places and events that make our city unique.

Basic computer knowledge is needed.

See website for details.

Introduction to Family History

Join our family history librarians for a six-week course which will introduce you to our key research resources. Bring as much as you already know of your forebears – names, dates, places – and we'll help you fill in some gaps. Basic computer knowledge is needed.

See website for details.



Rangahau a Iwi – Iwi Research

Are you interested in iwi history and research? Come along to our Iwi Research events where each month we highlight a new iwi. Our Pou Kohikohinga Māori will be around to share insights, resources and key texts available in our collections.

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Waruwarutū / Ngā Pounamu Māori,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Te Rarawa

Saturday 18 March, 11am–noon

Te Ātiawa

Thursday 20 April, 6–7pm

Te Aupouri

Saturday 13 May, 11am–noon





Māori Land Court Drop In Advisory Clinic

Do you have a Māori Land Court enquiry?
Then this is for you!

Every second Wednesday of the month, from noon–2pm, staff from the Māori Land Court will be available at Tūranga to answer questions and provide advice on a range of topics, from succession applications, to land trusts.

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Waruwarutū / Ngā Pounamu Māori,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Second Wednesday of the month starting 10 May,
noon–2pm

Pou Kohikohinga in Residence - Meet our Māori Collection Specialists

Do you have questions about the Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection? Do you have kaupapa Māori research questions or need help looking into your whakapapa? Our Māori Collection Specialists are available to answer any of your queries.

Free, no booking required

Shirley Library

Tuesday 14 March, 9am–5pm

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Thursday 27 April, 9am–5pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 17 May, 9am–5pm



Finding your Ancestor's Military Record

An introduction to the digital and physical resources that can help you find service records and information for soldiers, nurses and other military roles.

Free, booking required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 20 April, 11am–noon

New Brighton Library

See website for details

South Library

Wednesday 26 April, 11am–noon

Spotlight on Soldiers! Drilling down into the 19th century

Did your ancestor serve in New Zealand or British forces in the 19th century?

Want to know the difference between a volunteer, a militia man or an armed constable?

Sign up for this session and learn about the family history and other resources that will help you sort your Hussars from your Highlanders and your frogging from a flogging.

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Thursday 27 April, 2–4pm

Heritage Highlights:

Working for the City:

An introduction to CCC Archives

The Christchurch City Council Archives date back to the beginning of CCC in 1862 and holds records for both the original Council and the many amalgamated bodies that have joined with us since. It holds a rich resource of material documenting the history of our city – from our built environment (buildings, bridges, streets), to our services (drainage, electricity, health, transport), our culture (theatres, libraries, swimming pools) and our people. Come along to hear the CCC Archivist Annabel Armstrong-Clarke provide an insight into this fascinating record of our past.

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī / Spark Place, He Hononga

| Connection, Ground Floor

Wednesday 29 March, 10–11am

Heritage Highlights:

Dr William Donald: the man who managed Lyttelton

Dr William Donald was a doctor, dentist, administrator, magistrate, advocate for Māori, and a Masonic Grand Master of Canterbury. Described by Charlotte Godley as “a very good sort of man, although rather rough at first”, Dr Donald is now a forgotten man and his many exploits and achievements largely unknown. Come along to this session to find out more about this man of many parts and the tale of the missing champagne.

Presented by Family History Librarian, Annette Williams

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī / Spark Place,

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Wednesday 24 May, 10–11am

Canterbury Stories

Explore the changing scenes of Christchurch at Canterburystories.nz. You can now access more than 53,000 images from the 1860s through to the 2020s! You can also create an account to add comments to images and to create your own sets of images that you can share!



At the wishing well at Christchurch airport, 1997,
Tai Mann, CCL-Exh-Talanoa-0079, CC BY-NC-ND 4.0.

Tai Sila, Ann Rees and Josephine Mulipola at the wishing well at Christchurch Airport.

canterburystories.nz/collections/community/talanoa/ccl-cs-17939

Call out for Commonwealth Games images

We are nearly at the 50 year anniversary of the Commonwealth Games! Do you have any related photos that you would like to contribute to the collection and to potentially be included in an exhibition? You can upload your own images to the Discovery Wall at discoverywall.nz, or contact us if you have a large collection to contribute or digitise.



Commonwealth Games, 1974, Susan Hanham, CCL-PH22-SuHa-002, CC BY-NC-ND 4.0.

Catherine and Susan Hanham in their home-sewn Commonwealth Games outfits at QEII Park.

discoverywall.nz/media/148081

Open Christchurch 2023

Open Christchurch, the festival of architectural excellence, returns on 6 and 7 May. For this weekend only, you can experience many of the city's best buildings and spaces from the inside, for free. With behind-the-scenes access, unique experiences and activities on offer, this is a chance to encounter new spaces or delve deeper into buildings you love. Discover Ōtautahi-Christchurch through architecture.

teputahi.org.nz



Tūranga Sketch Tour: a Focus on Sir Miles Warren

Join us for a relaxing morning touring the works of one of Christchurch's most influential architects, Sir Miles Warren. Spend time chatting and sketching on location, taking in the stories and ideas behind three of his key inner-city projects.

All levels of artistic experience welcome.

Sketch materials provided, or bring your own.

Wear clothing suitable for the weather and comfortable walking shoes. We will be following a 3km circuit of the city. BYO blankets/cushions/portable seating, plus water bottles and snacks.



14 years+



\$5, booking required

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Sunday 7 May, 10am–noon



Don't forget to check out our afternoon creative workshop where you can learn how to turn your sketch into a laser etching.



Tūranga Creative Studio: Make Your Own Laser Etching

Learn how to transform your architectural pen and ink drawings into laser etchings using the creative equipment on offer in our production studio. Simply bring along an ink-based line drawing from the morning's "Tūranga Sketch Tour" (or something similar that you have completed earlier) and we'll guide you through the process of making your very own plywood etching to take home.

You'll also have an opportunity to tour the rest of Tūranga's creative facilities – to inspire your future artistic projects.



14 years+



\$10, booking required

Tūranga

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,
Auaatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Sunday 7 May, 2–4pm



Exhibitions



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Raising Sakinah | Finding Peace



Art and photography for unity, healing and wellbeing.

Raising Sakinah | Finding Peace honours the Shuhada, those taken from us on March 15, 2019. In the aftermath of the mosque shootings, survivors and supporters joined Janneth Gil and collaborators to transform tragedy through creative community. Their responses immortalise their experiences and tributes artistically, inviting viewers to take action towards positive social change.

Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa | Southbase Gallery,
Tuakiri | Level 2
Saturday 25 March–Sunday 21 May

Raising Sakinah: Mindful Printmaking Workshop

Explore basic printmaking techniques, the themes of healing and wellbeing and take home your own original artwork to showcase!

Free, booking required



10–15 years

Tūranga

Ngā Purapura / Activity Room,
Hapori | Community, Level 1
Thursday 13 April, 1.30–3.30pm
Monday 17 April, 1.30–3.30pm

Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion

Enjoy a free screening of the Christchurch Documentary Project followed by a panel discussion with members of the Muslim community.

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sunday 26 March, 2pm

Raising Sakinah: Badge Making Workshop

Write your own messages of peace and transform them into a badge of your own using paper from the 1000s of origami cranes made as tributes to the victims of the March 15th Mosque attacks.



6 years+

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Saturday 8 April, 2.30–4pm

Saturday 20 May, 2.30–4pm



Outstanding Polish Women

An exhibition featuring stories of Polish women who have made a mark on the world through their work, as well as those who have had the heart and courage to change the world for the better.

Organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Wellington.

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

13 May–5 June

The story so far: towards an archaeology of Ōtautahi-Christchurch

In the 12 years since the earthquakes first hit Christchurch, a huge amount of archaeological work has been carried out. This exhibition showcases some of the highlights so far.

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

21–30 April

*Imagination
Station*

After School Classes at your local library!

Imagination Station now offers after school classes at five local libraries including Upper Riccarton, New Brighton, South, Fendalton & Tūranga.



Come explore, create, and have fun
with Imagination Station!

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natlib.govt.nz/about-us/collaborative-projects/new-zealand-libraries-partnership-programme