

Sept–Nov 2023

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide



Christchurch
City Council





Join the Friends of Christchurch City Libraries and support the great work we do.

Some of our achievements to date:

- Funding the Margaret Mahy mural above the Children's reference collection on Tuakiri in Tūranga
- Supporting the libraries' annual public programmes
- Funding specialised furniture and equipment at community libraries
- Volunteering at the libraries' annual book sale

Come and join us. It's all about having fun and doing good work.

For more information contact
friendsofchchlibrary@gmail.com

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/friends

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Are you part of the Children's University?

Did you know you could be earning learning hours by going along to any of our library-run programmes?

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 Christchurch City Libraries 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



christchurchcitylibraries.com

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
Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre	Wednesdays, 10.30am
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! All welcome.

Ngā Pakiwaitara

Te Reo Māori Storytimes

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesdays, 10.30am

Mandarin Storytimes

Tūranga

Activity Room, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Second Saturday of the month, 11–11.30am

Korean Storytimes

Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 15 September, 10am

Family Makerspace

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

Tūranga

Taupuni Auaha / Creative Space,

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturdays, 2.30–3.30pm

Saturday Storytimes

Have you missed our normal storytimes? Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, eResources and fun on Saturdays!

Shirley Library

First Saturday of the month, 10.30–11.30am

Everyday Hero Storytimes

Join a real everyday hero for themed stories, songs and rhymes each month.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesday 25 October, 10.30–11am

Fendalton Library

Tuesday 28 November, 10.30–11am

Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

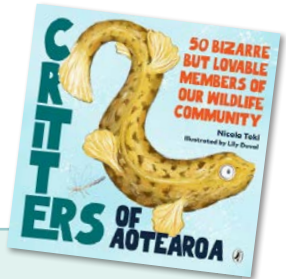
Dress up in your PJs and come along to enjoy themed stories, songs and simple crafts.



4–7 years

Fendalton Library

First Friday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm



Wā Kōrero – Whānau Storytimes

Bring the whānau for stories, songs and rhymes.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sundays, 10.30–11am



Sensory Craft for Pēpi

Bring your pēpi along to make sensory toys, arts and crafts that they can enjoy at home using simple, upcycled materials.



Under 2 years

Shirley Library

Every Wednesday during term time, 11–11.30am

Sensory Hour

An opportunity for people with sensory sensitivities to relax and enjoy the library in a safe and welcoming space. Environmental stimulants will be reduced and sensory toys and lego will be available.



All ages/whānau welcome.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Mondays, 6–7pm

Tuesdays, 3.30–5pm

Redwood Library

Mondays, 5–6pm

Invisible World – International Microorganism Day @ Tūranga

This event highlights the microbial world. On this International Microorganism Day experience a fun tamariki friendly celebration. There will be paper microscopes and short talks from microbiologists covering a range of astonishing topics!

See website for details.



Tūranga

Sunday 17 September, 10am–1pm



Tri Quizzard Tournament

Accio Quizzards! Gather your friends and family (muggles and wizards alike) and test your knowledge of the wizarding world at our fun family quiz.

BYO cockroach clusters and cauldron cakes, or your favourite muggle snack.

Free, booking required.

Teams of two to six people, please book one ticket per team. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre Puaru-nuku (hall)

Saturday 4 November, 3.30–5.30pm

Show Your Working

Are you interested in how maths shapes our lives? Come along to hear from professionals about the interesting and practical ways they use maths in their work. There will be a series of short presentations from people working in different fields, followed by a Q+A session and a chance to discuss and network over tea and coffee.

This event is being run in partnership with community organisation Mathateca.

MATHATECA
NEW ZEALAND'S PUBLIC SPACE FOR MATHEMATICS

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Thursday 30 November, 5.30–7.30pm



Days of Ice

Inspiring stories, leading edge science, immersive experience.

Tūranga

2–8 October

Pokémon VGC Tournaments

Join us at Shirley Library to compete in monthly sanctioned Pokémon VGC Tournaments!



Bring your Nintendo Switch (with charger) and your copy of Pokémon Scarlet or Pokémon Violet to join in. Have fun battling, meeting and learning from Christchurch's Pokémon VGC Community.

Team registrations open 10am and close at 11:30am. Tournament starts at noon.

For more information, please contact Pokémon VGC Christchurch at pokemonvgcchch@gmail.com

Shirley Library

Saturday 23 September, 10am
Saturday 21 October, 10am
Saturday 11 November, 10am

New Zealand Chinese Language Week

17–23 September

Chinese Calligraphy and Paper Cutting Workshop

Come along to a special Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting workshop. Participants can not only get your Chinese names and practice Chinese brushwork, but also take part in paper cutting and cut out your favourite patterns.

Learn how to play Mahjong

Interested in playing Mahjong? You can make friends while playing this intelligent game. For beginner and advanced players alike.

Bilingual Storytimes

Come and join our special bilingual storytimes session with Chinese songs and rhymes.

Free, no booking required.

See website for details.

Revathi Performing Arts – Diwali

This year we'll present special art forms from Kerala to mark Diwali. We'll start with Thiruvaathirakkali, a graceful group dance performed by Kerala women. Other traditional performances will follow.

Tūranga

Tautoru | TSB space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sunday 11 November, 1–2pm

Bharathnatyam by Anuradha Ambalavanar

This dance is in praise of the Hindu God, Rama choreographed by Guru Vivek Kinra. The song for the dance is composed by the Saint poet Tulsidas. After the performance come and join in our free Diwali-themed family craft activity.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Sunday 12 November, 2.30pm

Pacific Language Weeks

Mālō e lelei! Fakatalofa! Bula vinaka!
Fakalofa Atu! Mālo ni!

Join us in celebrating the diverse languages and cultures of the Pacific.

Keep an eye out for more information on our website.

Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga

Tonga Language Week

Sunday 3 September–Saturday 9 September

Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu

Tuvalu Language Week

Sunday 1 October–Saturday 7 October

Macawa ni Vosa Vakaviti

Fijian Language Week

Sunday 8 October–Saturday 14 October

Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue

Niue Language Week

Sunday 15 October–Saturday 21 October

Te vaiaho o te gagana Tokelau

Tokelau Language Week

Sunday 22 October–Saturday 28 October

CSO Music Trails through the Libraries



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

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 25 October, 10.30am

New Brighton Library

Wednesday 29 November, 10.30am

Diamond Harbour Library

Wednesday 29 November, 10.30am

Holiday fun



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Librarian for a Morning

Come and see what happens behind the scenes at your local library. Learn how to sort, shelve, use the catalogue and more.

Free, booking required.

See website for details.



Tangaroa Whakamautai – Commander of the Sea

Join us to learn about and make small waka hourua, kāpehu whetū and the maramataka – Māori double haul voyaging vessels, star navigation compasses and the Māori moon phase calendar. Have you got what it takes? Are you up for the challenge? Then make sure you book your place!



7–15 years

(children aged 5 and 6 may attend with adult supervision, not suitable for pre-school children)

Free, booking required.

Tūranga

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

Tuesday 26 September, 10am–noon or 1–3pm

Thursday 5 October, 10am–noon or 1–3pm

South Library

Thursday 28 September, 10am–noon or 1–3pm

Papanui Library

Tuesday 3 October, 10am–noon or 1–3pm

Make your own flower press

Come along to New Brighton Library and make your own flower press using our withdrawn, hardcover books.

Free, no booking required



New Brighton Library

Tuesday 5 September, 4–5.30pm

The Enchanted Forest

Build a house from natural materials, find a place for it in our outdoor play area and transform our garden into an enchanted forest.

We'll have three models of houses to choose from, depending on your age and skill. Let your imagination do the rest!



4–11 years

Free, no booking required.

South Library

Tuesday 26 September, between 1–3pm

Walking Storytimes

Join us for a fun and interactive Walking Storytimes at the Richmond Community Gardens.

Meet your guide at the library van to begin your adventure!



2–10 years

Free, no booking required

Richmond Community Gardens

Wednesday 4 October (raincheck Friday 6 October),
10.30am–12.30pm

Soft Toy Sleepover and Storytime

Drop your soft toy off at Tūranga for a sleepover and a cheeky library adventure! Pick them up the next afternoon and hear about their shenanigans at a special storytime. The soft toys will receive a Certificate of Library Exploration and will have a book recommendation for you as well!



4–12 years

Free, booking required.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Drop off Thursday 5 October by 2pm

Pick up Friday 6 October at 2pm for a storytime

Upcycle your T-shirt

Bring in a plain T-shirt you are bored with and make it into something awesome! Use our design apps and our design starter ideas for beginners or create your own awesome digital art design to heat press onto your currently not so awesome T-shirt.

Please bring food and a drink to have during the lunch break. We'll have extension activities available if you finish your T-shirt early, or you can arrange to leave early with your guardian.

Ability to use mouse/keyboard, and/or apple pencil and iPad is needed.



11–14 years

\$5, booking required.

Te Hāpua Halswell Centre

Tuesday 26 September, 11am–2pm

Monday 2 October, 11am–2pm

Whānau Creative Time

Are you looking for a creative activity for the whole whānau? Do you have a particular project in mind? Our makerspace experts are available to help! With access to various creative technologies, including 3D printers, laser cutters, vinyl cutters, and more, and with a range of activities ready to go, you'll leave with something special and feeling inspired! Bring your own materials or buy from library stock.

Free to attend, cost for materials.

Children under 14 must be with an adult.

See website for details.

South Library

Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September, 9am–12pm

Friday 29 September, 9am–12pm

Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 October, 9am–12pm

Friday 6 October, 9am–12pm

Te Hāpua | Halswell Centre

Friday 29 September, 9am–12pm

Friday 6 October, 9am–12pm

School Holiday drop in fun

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Monster Bookmarks

Mark your place
with a marvellous
monster mate!



Story of a Sunflower

Watch your flower
spring to life.



Graffiti Art

Express yourself
and create your own
unique signature.



3D Paper Tulips

Bring the beauty of
spring indoors!



Kiri and Lou Stop Motion Workshop

Come along and make your own stop motion adventure.

All materials provided – just bring your imagination!
Enter our competition to win a tour of the Kiri and Lou studio and see how this award-winning show is made.

Redwood Library

Tuesday 26 September, 3–4.30pm

South Library

Wednesday 27 September, 10–11.30am

Fendalton Library

Thursday 28 September, 10.30am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 3 October, 3–4.30pm

Linwood Library

Wednesday 4 October, 3–4.30pm



7–12 years. Free, booking required.



School holiday events at Shirley Library

DIY Dog Toys

Here's a pawsome chance to get creative for your canine companion! Come along and use upcycled materials to make a fun toy for a dog that will definitely leave their tail wagging.

Free, no booking required.

Tuesday 26 September, 2–4pm

Bug Hotels

Your garden will buzz with excitement after this craft session! Join us as we use recycled material to create and decorate bug hotels to encourage some tiny insect friends into your backyard.

Free, no booking required.

Thursday 28 September, 2–4pm

Miniature Painting Workshop

Try your hand at painting a fantasy or sci-fi miniature to use in your games of Warhammer or Dungeons and Dragons! Bring your own mini, or use one of ours! Paints, brushes, and a selection of awesome miniatures are all provided.



10+ years. Free, booking required.

Tuesday 3 October, 2–4pm

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

Fiero Code Club

Learn the basics of coding at your own pace with a programme 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.



8–16 years

Free, booking required.



Visit **christchurchcitylibraries.com** to find out more.

Shirley Library

Term 4, Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm

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 our Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection.

Recommended for high school or tertiary students.
Runs during term time.

Free, drop in session.

Tūranga

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

Tuesday 5 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Tuesday 7 November, 3.30–4.30pm

Fendalton Library

Thursday 21 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Aranui Library

Thursday 26 October, 3.30–4.30pm

South Library

Thursday 16 November, 3.30–4.30pm

After school events at New Brighton Library

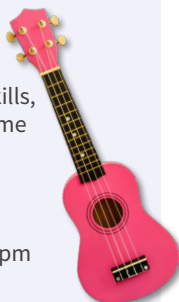
Kids' Ukulele Jam

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

Please bring your own ukulele.

Free, no booking required.

Thursdays during term time, 4–4.30pm



Minecraft Mondays

Drop in and enjoy a minecraft session.

Mondays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

Tinker Club

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



9–14years

Free, drop in session.

Tuesdays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

VR Drop-in

Join us to experience the magic of Virtual Reality.



12 years+

Wednesdays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm



Youth programmes



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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 technology – 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

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, or 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



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 at Tūranga and own the Youth Space.



12–25 years

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space,

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Thursdays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

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, board games, 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 during term time, 3.30–4.30pm



COMICSPLUS

#ReadAllTheComics



Souped Up Study Hall

Did you know your brain works better with regular breaks? It's SCIENCE. To help you in your NCEA studies, we are supplementing our study halls this year with study breaks – away from the studying, of course. Will there be hot drinks? Yoga? A quick dance party? Step away from study hall at 2pm on Wednesdays in November and see!

Tūranga

Wednesdays in November, 2–2.30pm

Bread and Cheddar – Money Management for Young People

Are you working at your first job? Wondering what to do with your money once you've earned it? Whether you're preparing for your OE or trying to figure out how to save enough to move out on your own, you could benefit from ASB's "What's Next," a programme covering money matters for school leavers and young adults.

Hosted by Christchurch City Libraries.



13+ years

Tūranga

Tautoru | TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Tuesday 5 September, 5–6.30pm



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Māori Language Week

11–17 September 2023

Me whakanui ka tika! Join us in our week-long celebration of the Māori language. We have several activities and events planned across our library network including: Kauhanga Kēmu – Game Zones (including Kaupapa, Tākaro and Mū Tōrere).

Taiohi Ngahau – Dance party

Tūranga

Tautoro | TSB space, Hapori |Community, Level 1
Friday 15 September, 5pm

Kapa Haka Showcase

Tūranga

Tautoro | TSB space, Hapori |Community, Level 1
Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, noon–3pm

Wharewhare

Kupu hou (new words), prizes and an exciting wero (challenge) come and join us down at Riverside as we dive head-first into Wharewhare, the competitive world of Bingo. Celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, check out our Bingo cards and learn a thing or two!

Riverside Market

Wednesday 13 September, noon–1pm

Kawhe, Kōrero and Wharewhare

Tūranga

Foundation Café | He Hononga | Ground Floor

Friday 15 September, 11am

Afterschool Activity Zones

Join us for Poi making and Titi Tōrea making in various locations.

Please see website for details.

Mystery Movie for tamariki

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturday 16 September, 1pm

Whānau movie – Whale Rider

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sunday 17 September, 1pm



Creative and connected



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Kawhe and Kōrero

Want to practise your te Reo Māori? 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

Me Kōrero Tātou

Let's speak and build our te Reo Māori skills together! Join us at Shirley Library for a friendly kōrero, share your learning and learn from others – everyone is welcome, at any stage of their te Reo Māori journey.

Shirley Library

Thursdays, 1.30–2.30pm

Sketch at Tūranga

Drop into 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

Let's have a cuppa

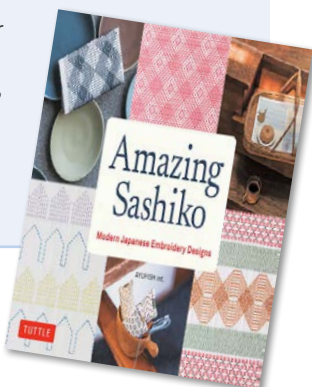
Get to know your community and library team with a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat.

Fendalton Library

Wednesday 27 September
Wednesday 25 October
Wednesday 29 November,
10.30am–noon

Linwood Library

Friday 24 November,
10am–noon



Election Special



Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī / Spark Place, He Hononga | Connection,
Ground Level

See individual events for dates and times

Make Your Votes Count

Hear how to make your votes count in the 2023 general election. Professor Bronwyn Hayward and Dr Lindsey Te Ata o Tū MacDonald will explain why we get two votes and how we can use our votes to have the most impact. Professor Hayward (MNZM) and Dr MacDonald are from the University of Canterbury's Political Science Department.

Thursday 31 August, 6.30–7.30pm

Is Artificial Intelligence Dangerous for Democracy?

Dr Zita Joyce, Head of Department of Media and Communication, and Professor Donald Matheson, Media and Communication, will focus on issues of trust and communication in Aotearoa while Dr Geoff Ford, Digital Humanities, will hone in on the newest technologies we talk about as 'AI', what is new and not new about them, and what you should know about them going into an election in Aotearoa in 2023. He'll propose some straightforward ways to cut through the messages coming your way this election.

Thursday 14 September, 6.30–7.30pm

Why does politics make us angry?

Learn how to keep the peace with friends and family even if political discussions lead to disagreements ahead of the general election. Professor Natalia Chaban and Associate Professor Mike Grimshaw from the University of Canterbury's Media and Communication and Sociology departments will give you strategies on how to keep talking without ending up in strife.

Thursday 21 September, 6.30–7.30pm

Craft Snippets at Upper Riccarton Library

A bi-monthly event where a guest artisan speaks about their crafting journey followed by 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 27 September, 6.30–7.30pm

Wednesday 29 November, 6.30–7.30pm

Crafting for Wellbeing

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

Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

Third Saturday of the month, 1.30–3pm

Super Crafty Club

Join our arts and craft for seniors sessions. Each session will have a different project for you to try. Come and create in a fun and relaxed environment.



65+ years

Free, booking required.

Aranui Library

Thursdays, 19 October–14 December, 10am–noon



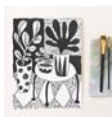


Craft Club

Bring your own craft project and meet up with others in the community.

New Brighton Library

Fridays, 11am–1pm



Pattern making with favourite clothes

Do you have a favourite top, skirt or shorts that you would love to recreate? Come along to New Brighton Library and learn how to make a basic pattern from your old clothes.

Please note – this is for basic garment pattern making. At the end of the workshop, we aim for you to have a pattern to sew at your leisure.

Free, booking required



12+ years



New Brighton Library

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September,
10.30am–12.30pm

National Novel Writing Month [NaNoWriMo]

Writers around the world take up the challenge of writing a novel during November. Christchurch City Libraries will provide drop-in 'Come Write-In' spaces at Tūranga and New Brighton Library throughout the month for aspiring and experienced writers to write in an inviting space with others taking on the NaNoWriMo challenge.

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Thursday 9, 16, 23, 30 November, 5.30–7pm

New Brighton Library

Wednesday 15, 22, 29 November, 1–3pm

English Conversation Club

Drop-in to our supportive Conversation Club to practise 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

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 practise 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.

eKnow how



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: christchurchcitylibraries.com or call us on 03 941 7923 to find one near you.

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Auahatanga – Creative Spaces

Whether you're a total beginner or an experienced maker, our library creative spaces are for you! Full of creative technologies, including 3D printers, badge makers, direct-to-garment printers, laser cutters, sewing machines, vacuum formers, vinyl cutters, and more. Staffed by a friendly crew of specialists, these spaces are hubs for collaboration and self-directed learning.

Use the Book a Creative form on our website to arrange a one-on-one tutorial or drop-in to one of the creative sessions listed below. Technologies and materials vary by location.

For more information and to register, visit christchurchcitylibraries.com, my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-spaces or call 03 941 7923

Free to attend; cost for materials

New Brighton Library

Fridays during term time, noon–5pm (9–16 years)

South Library

Wednesdays, noon–4.30pm

Thursdays, 10am–3pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesdays, 10–11.30am

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Tuesdays, 9am–1pm

Wednesdays 6–7.30pm

Sewing and Embroidery

Mondays, 6–7.30pm

Junior Creative (8–12 years)

Thursdays, 4–5.30pm

Youth Creative (13–25 years)

Fridays, 4–5.30pm

Open Creative Time – general interest

Thursdays, 10am–noon

Open Studio – general interest

Sundays, 10.30am–12.30pm

**Children under 14 must be with an adult (except for Youth Creative).*

**Our services are intended to support prototyping rather than commercial production.*

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.

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays during term time, 1–1.45pm



Direct to Garment Printer Drop-in

Come along to our Drop-In for the Direct-to-Garment Printer at Aranui Library! This device prints directly on to fabric and garments. Bring in your own light-coloured garment/fabric and a design to get started. It's \$5 for each item you print on with a limit of five per session. Use of this printer is always supervised.

Aranui Library

Tuesdays, 2–4pm

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.

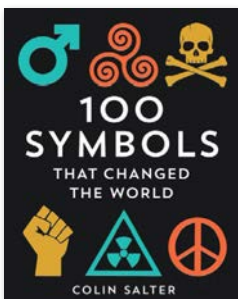
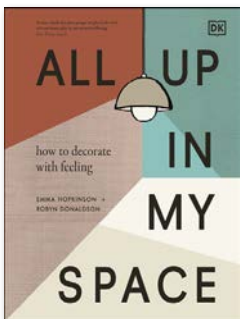
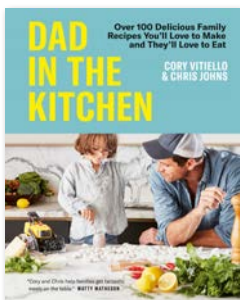
Keep an eye out on the Stepping UP website for updates, as new classes are added regularly.

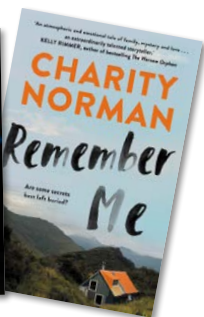
Register online at steppingup.nz, christchurchcitylibraries.com or call 03 941 7923.



BETTER DIGITAL FUTURES
for Seniors

Authors and books





Author Talks @ Tūranga

Join us for an evening of conversation with guest authors.

Free, booking required.

See website for details.

Debra Gavranich

Thursday 7 September, 6–7.30pm

Liv Sisson

Wednesday 20 September, 6–7.30pm

Charity Norman

Friday 22 September, 6–7.30pm

Library-run Book Clubs

Love sharing your favourite reads? Come and join other book lovers in a supportive and relaxed environment. We have 10 of these 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 practise talking in English. We all read the same short book, provided by Book Discussion Scheme and written in English.

Specialist Book Clubs

Korean Book Club

Upper Riccarton Library

Second Friday of the month, 6–7pm

Spanish Book Club

Upper Riccarton Library

Second Tuesday of the month, 6–7pm

Polish Book Club

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Third Sunday of the month, 10.20–11.20am

Shared Reading

Come and join our reading group with a difference. Shared reading is an opportunity to listen to a short story and a poem as a group, and then break it down and discuss it. Share your thoughts – how it made you feel, how you interpreted it, did you enjoy it? Discover some interesting and thought-provoking reading led by one of our library staff.



16+ years

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Every Wednesday, 11am–noon

Linwood Library

Mondays, 10.30–11.30am (starting 18 September)





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, run by librarians with a love for all things horror. Each month we'll read and discuss books 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.

No registration or preparation is required.

See website for details.



Te Pouhere Kōrero Māori History, Māori People.

Explore the rich narratives of Māori and indigenous history, with this e-journal from Bridget Williams Books

Heritage

**Christchurch
Heritage
Festival**

6 – 23 October 2023

Photo Hunt

Our Stories of Living and Learning

Share your photos and help tell the
story of life in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Entries open 1–31 October 2023



Working Bee weekend at Ripapa Island, 1962.
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Photo Hunt 2023: Digitise your photos!

Help tell the story of life in Christchurch at these drop-in digitisation events as part of Photo Hunt 2023 and be in to win Riverside Market vouchers.

Shirley Library

Wednesday 11 October, 9am–5pm

South Library

Sunday 15 October, 10am–2pm

Papanui Library

Friday 20 October, 10am–4pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursday 26 October, 10am–2pm

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

September Aranui Library

October South Library

November Shirley Library



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 like our Māori heritage, European immigration and settlement, the people, places and events that make our city unique.

We will explore some of the gems in our collection, including our archives, maps, information on our website, thousands of images, digitised diaries, book recommendations and more.

This is a great way to add some context to your family history research, or just to delve deeper into the area where you live, work or play.

Basic computer knowledge is needed.

\$15, booking required.

You will be booked in on all six sessions.

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room on Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Thursdays from 19 October to 23 November, 10am–noon

Introduction to Family History

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

Basic computer knowledge is needed.

\$15, booking required.

You will be booked in on all six sessions

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room on Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Wednesdays, 18 October–22 November, 2–4pm

Spotlight on...!

A bi-monthly stand-alone workshop series on heritage related topics.

Free, booking required.

See website for details.

Rangahau ā 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

Ngāti Koata

Saturday 16 September, 11am–noon

Ngāti Maru

Thursday 12 October, 6–7pm

Rangitāne

Saturday 11 November, noon–1pm



Māori Land Court Drop-In Advisory Clinic

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

Second Wednesdays 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 enquiry types, from succession applications, to land trusts.

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

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

Second Wednesday of the month, 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 your queries.

Aranui Library

Friday 8 September, 9am–5pm

Lyttelton Library

Wednesday 15 November, 10am–5pm

Unfortunate Females: finding the lost and fallen women of Christchurch

Was your female ancestor a destitute woman in 19th century Christchurch? Come to this family history workshop and explore ways to uncover her hidden story.

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,
Tuakiri | Identity Level 2

Tuesday 10 October, 10.30am–noon

Who's Been Sleeping in My House?

A two-hour session that shows you how to uncover the social history of a house. Presented by local history librarians from Christchurch City Libraries.

Ever wondered about the people who once lived under the same roof as you? Who were they, what did they do? Are there any skeletons in the closet that reveal fascinating secrets? We show you how to find answers to these questions to uncover the social history of your house.

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,
Tuakiri | Identity Level 2

Wednesday 18 October, 10am–noon

Sustainability



The Great Library Seed and Plant Swap

Bring along your spare seeds, seedlings or cuttings to share with your community.

Check out our website to find when it's happening at a library near you.



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Sustainable Spring: Seed Pot Making

Reuse and recycle in Sustainable Spring by coming along to learn how to make newspaper seed pots with our Seed Pot Maker Kit!

We'll also be folding newspaper pots with origami and by using a tin of food! Then plant up a seed, take it home and watch it grow! You can also make plant tags out of recycled materials. **All materials supplied.**



5+ years (children under 8 years must be with an adult)

Free, drop in session.

This is a great lead-up event to our Seed Swap on 14–16 September.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 12 September,
10.30–11.30am and 3.30–4.30pm



Biketober

Biketober is rolling around again! The full programme is a city-wide celebration of cycling with something for everyone, including several events and activities that will be taking place at Tūranga. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more details on the series of Tuesday evening cycle seminars, bike accessory-making sessions in our Creative Spaces, and more.

Tūranga

Throughout the month of October



Sustainable Gift Wrapping

Get ready for a Sustainable Christmas! Join us and learn some sustainable gift-wrapping techniques.

Some materials will be provided but please bring along any spare material that could be repurposed into wrapping or gift tags.



8+ years (children to be accompanied by an adult).

Free, no booking required.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 19 October, 11am–noon and 3.30–4.30pm

South Library

Monday 27 November, 10.30–11.30am

Stash Swap

Bring along your unwanted fabric, haberdashery, buttons, wool, lace, trims, paints, brushes, zips, needles, card, stamps, in fact any old crafting supplies. You choose what you swap, no cash involved!

Tūranga

Sunday 10 September, 10.30am–noon

Papanui Library

Saturday 28 October, 10am–4pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Saturday 4 November, 11am–2pm

Paper Making

Ever wanted to make your own paper or seed balls? Come along and learn how to make these by using old newspapers.

Free, no booking required.

New Brighton Library

Friday 15 September, 4–6pm

Wednesday 27 September, 2–4pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 28 September, 2–3pm

South Library

Thursday 5 October, 10.30am–noon

Sustainable Living Series



Come along and check out the range of sustainability themed activities happening across Tūranga, New Brighton, Linwood and Aranui Libraries throughout September.

Be inspired by a range of speakers illustrating ways to explore and protect our environment. Check out ways to reuse, recycle and

upcycle plants, craft supplies, clothes and toys in our workshops, craft sessions and swap meets. We'll have a range of activities to suit all age groups.

Join us for an evening of conversation with guest author Liv Sisson.

Wednesday 20 September, 6–7.30pm

Free, booking required.

See website for details.

Sustainable Documentary Series

Documentary screenings with a focus on sustainability will be shown every Saturday through-out the month of September.

Free, no booking required.

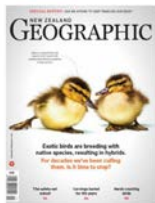
New Brighton Library

Saturdays throughout September, 1.30–3.30pm



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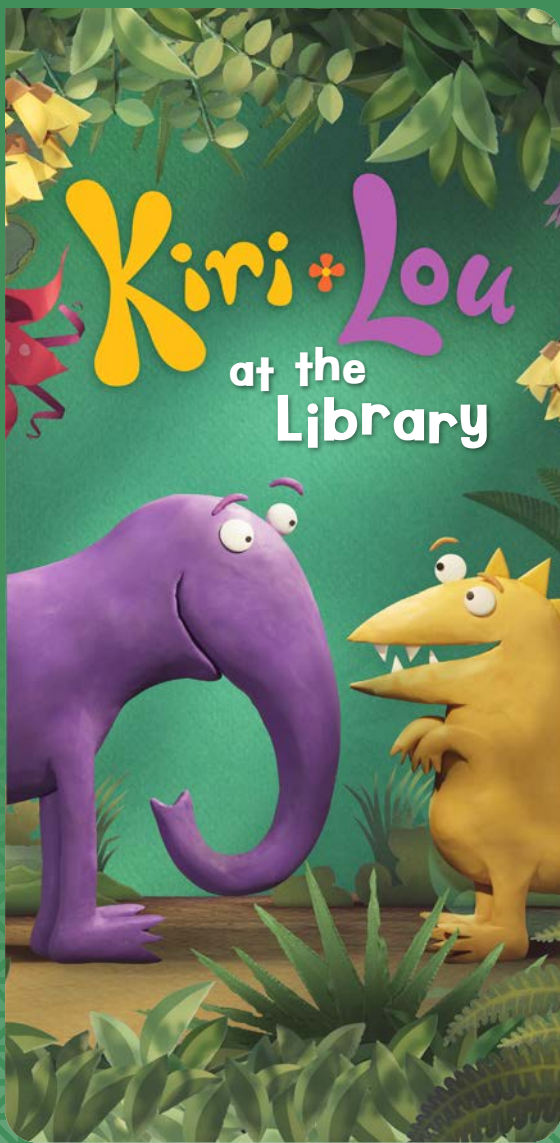
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Exhibitions



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Kiri and Lou at the library

Saturday 10 June–Sunday 22 October 2023

An exhibition exploring the world of feelings, childhood emotions, friendship and stop-motion animation.



All ages

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa | Southbase Gallery, Tuakiri, Level 2

Kiri and Lou at a library near you!

Keep an eye out around our network libraries this spring for Kiri and Lou crafts, storytimes, scavenger hunts, activities and more!



Tōtaranui Kāhui Ako: Tūrangawaewae Exhibition

Papanui, Redwood and Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Libraries are proud to be hosting the Tōtaranui Kāhui Ako schools group Tūrangawaewae Exhibition. There will be a selection of the children's artwork on display, and we invite you to come and see their work.

1 September–12 October, daily.

Paper to Pixel Travelling Exhibition

An exploration of the local history content that has been collected, digitised and made available online by Christchurch City Libraries over the past 20 years.

See website for location details.





Ōtautahi Creative Spaces

Sanctuary

A Creative Occupation of Tūranga.

Amplifying the voices of Ōtautahi Creative Spaces' Rangatahi artists: Sanctuary is an exhibition that explores the power of creativity for wellbeing, set within a cosy living room space.

Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa | Southbase Gallery | Tuakiri, Level 2
Friday 10 November–Sunday 4 February

Self-portrait Workshop

Join our artists in exploring a variety of ways to create a self portrait. You'll come away with new ways of looking and thinking about how to represent yourself.



14+ years

Free no booking required, spaces may be limited.

Tūranga

Spark Place
Thursday 21 September, 1.30–3.30pm

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WATCH THIS SPACE: Ōtautahi Creative Spaces are coming to Tūranga this spring. Keep an eye out around the library for an imaginative series of events, takeovers and activations!

Come and get creative with us!

*Imagination
Station*

After School Classes at your local library!

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



Come explore, create, and have fun
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