

Dec 2023–Feb 2024

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide

Stories come to life at the library.
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Bilingual Story Starter Cards

Ignite your imagination

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Talk to a librarian today!



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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

Saturday 9 December, 11–11.30am

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

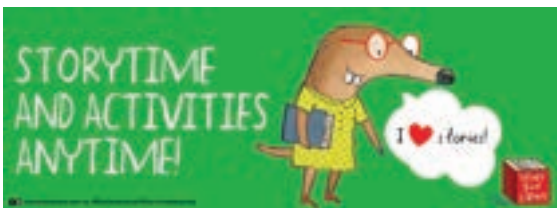
Bilingual Italian Storytimes

Ciao! Join us for this special bilingual storytime. Stories, rhymes and songs in both English and Italian.

Tūranga

Activity Room, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sunday 28 January, 11–11.30am



Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

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



All welcome, but best enjoyed by ages 4–7 years.

Fendalton Library

First Friday of the month (not January), 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



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

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 and Tuesdays, 3.30–5pm

Redwood Library

Mondays, 5–6pm

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.

Lyttelton Library

Tuesday 5 December, noon, CSO Live

Friday 8 December, 10.30–11.15am

Tūranga

Saturday 9 December, 10.30–11.15am

Akaroa Library

Thursday 14 December CSO On the Road

- Performance and demonstration 1–2pm
- Craft session 2–2.30pm
- Interactive Musical Workshop 2.30–3.30pm

New Brighton Library

Friday 16 February, 10.30–11.15am



Soft Toy Sleepover and Storytime

Join us for a fun evening storytime with songs, books, rhymes, and a craft.

Bring along your favourite soft toy to have a sleepover at the library. The librarians will take good care of your special toy for the night, and you can pick them up the next day to see what shenanigans they have been up to. Your toy will also have a special book recommendation for you as well!

Don't forget to wear your pjs and bring along a cuddly blanket!



4–12 years. Free, no booking required.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Friday 15 December, 4.30–5.30pm

Spreydon Musical Makers

Join us for a creative and musical session at Spreydon Library. We'll be crafting our own rainmakers and rattle drums, and there will be a musical scavenger hunt too! Caregivers must stay with their tamariki during the event.



6–12 years

Free, booking required.

Spreydon Library

Friday 12 January, 3–4pm

Wednesday 17 January, 11am–noon

Tuesday 23 January, 3–4pm

Dune Day at New Brighton

Celebrate your dunes with a hands-on, outdoor morning session where families can learn about saving the dunes, enjoy an afternoon beginner-friendly weaving session by the beach. Come to one or both sessions

Free, booking required.



New Brighton Library

Saturday 10 February

Session one: 10am–noon. Session two: 1–3pm

South Library Chess Group

Come and have a game of chess and meet other chess players. We'll have some chess sets available - bring your own just in case there are more players than boards.



Any age or chess ability.

South Library

Wednesdays, 1–3pm, starting 6 December





Brick your Book

Do you love Lego? Come to the library to build and play and celebrate International Lego Day at a pop-up Imagination Station.

22–28 January

Week long pop-up Imagination Stations at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library, Shirley Library and Upper Riccarton Library.

Not sure what to build? Why not Brick Your Book and be in to win!

Get the whānau together, use our Lego or yours to recreate a scene or character from your favourite book. What if Alice had Adventures in Legoland? Is there Room for bricks on the Broom? Would Mowgli find the Bare Necessities in The Jungle Brick? Take a photo of your creation and enter online or at the library.



**Special
Giant LEGO**
Papanui Library,
Friday 26 January

Taiohi Ngahau – Dance Party

Get your boogie on and join us at Tūranga to celebrate the end of the school year and the return of Summer.

DJ Danny-'ill will be laying down the beats of some old school and new school waiata. Some spot prizes to be won, so get ready whānau to bust out some of your moves.

Free, all welcome.



Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Friday, 15 December, from 5pm

Holiday fun





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.

Storywalk at Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre

Exercise your Body! Exercise your Mind! Join Kiwi and friends to scuttle, flit and waddle around outside. Stroll in the sun, listen to a story, make a craft and enjoy this Storywalk with Christchurch City Libraries.



2–10 years

Free, no booking required.

Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre

Wednesday 17 January, 10.30am and 2pm

Games to Grow Literacy

Looking for a free educational activity over the school holidays?

Come and try out family-friendly low-tech games and activities that support literacy skills.

This event is aimed at preschool and primary aged tamariki and their families.

Spot prizes will be available for participants.

Free, no booking required.

Upper Riccarton Library

Monday 8 January–Wednesday 10 January,
10am–noon and 2–4pm

Library eResources for Learners of English

Book now for a two part workshop of two hours each to learn and practise with the online resources the library offers to improve your English pronunciation, listening and reading skills.



12+ years

Must have basic computer skills and post-beginner and intermediate level of English.

Free, booking required.

Tūranga

Taiwhanga Rorohiko / Computer Labs,

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 December, 1–3pm

Tuesday 30 January and Thursday 1 February, 4–6pm

Sherlock Holmes Investigates

Do you want to be a detective?

Celebrate Sherlock Holmes with forensic science experiments and see if you can solve the crime!



8–13 years

An intermediate level of reading and writing is required.

Free, booking required.

South Library

Tuesday 23 January, 2–3.30pm

Whānau Creative Time

Looking for an enjoyable creative experience tailored for the whole whānau? Our makerspace experts are ready to ignite your creativity with our carefully crafted projects! With access to various creative technologies, including 3D printers, laser cutters, vinyl cutters, and more, you'll dive into a selection of activities designed to inspire your creative side. You'll leave with a completed project and a fresh wave of inspiration.

Attendance is free, however there is a small cost for project consumables. Children aged 13 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Check the website events calendar for dates, times and locations.



I Love my Pet events at Shirley Library

I love my Pet Stories

Do you have a pet? Do you like to listen to stories about pets? Would you like to get advice on taking care of pets? Come along for a fun pet-themed story session. Our expert guest will share advice on pet care and wellbeing.



Suitable for preschoolers and primary school children and their caregivers.

Free, no booking required.

Wednesday 17 January, 11am–noon

DIY Pet Toys

Here's a pawsome chance to get creative for your canine companion! Use upcycled materials to make a fun dog and/or a cat toy.

Children participating in the programme may need help from their adult caregivers.

Free, booking required.

Monday 15 January, 2–3.30pm

DIY Mini Pet Photo Frames

Want to use your pet photos to decorate your desk or bookshelf? Come along to make a mini pet photo frame with your pet photo. Participants need to take a photo of their pet with their device and bring it in.

Free, booking required.

Friday 19 January, 2–4pm

I love my Pet Colouring Competition

Be creative and win a prize!

Collect a paper copy of 'I love my pet' colouring in sheets from Shirley Library. Colour and return your completed work.

Competition is open from 1–31 January.

One entry per person.

Entries must be returned to Shirley Library by 5pm, Wednesday 31 January 2024

School Holiday drop-in fun

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Handmade Holidays

DIY a designer
gift bag.



Christmas Characters

Colour and craft a
Christmas crowd!



Rockin' Paper Boat

Set sail and rock 'n'
roll on the waves.



Fun Fans

A really COOL craft!



Collage Postcards

Cut and paste a
unique postcard!



FREE

Lunar New Year

Year of the Dragon

10–24 February 2024



Lantern Making Workshops

Join us to make a Lunar New Year lantern to celebrate the Year of the Dragon.

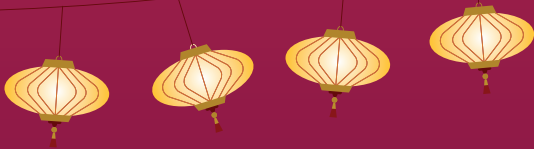
Happening at New Brighton, South, Upper Riccarton, Tūranga, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre and Fendalton Libraries.



5+ years.

15 January–4 February.

Please see website for details.



Lunar New Year Bedtime Stories

To enjoy the Lunar New Year 2024 celebration season, come along to our special bedtime stories at Fendalton Library. Enjoy wonderful stories and themed activities.

Fendalton Library

Friday 2 February, 6.30–7.30pm

Lunar New Year Celebration of Culture

A spectacular display of colours, costumes, music and performances to welcome **the Year of the Dragon**. You're welcome to come in your traditional clothing, and enjoy traditional crafts and activities after the show.

Tūranga

Tautoro / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 10 February, 1–4pm

Lunar New Year Lion Dance Storytelling

Join our lion dance storytelling and learn how to dress in lion dance costumes and to do the basic movements, then participate in a casual lion dance performance for fun.

Free, no booking required.

South Library

Tuesday 13 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Lunar New Year Lion Dance Workshop

Learn how a lion dance works!

This workshop will be delivered jointly by the well-known Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team and Christchurch City Libraries staff.

You will learn how to make a lion head with recycled materials and the basic movements, then participate in a casual lion dance performance for fun.



10–16 years.

Free, booking required.



Upper Riccarton Library

Saturday 17 February, 10am–noon

Lunar New Year Family Celebration

We bring you peace and joy in the Lunar New Year with **the Year of the Dragon**. Come and enjoy a variety of Chinese traditional games and themed activities.

Upper Riccarton Library

Saturday 17 February, 1–3pm

Lunar New Year Family Makerspace

Have fun and enjoy a special Lunar New Year-themed Makerspace to celebrate **the Year of the Dragon**

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturday 17 February, 2.30–3.30pm

Lunar New Year Bilingual Storytimes

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with our special bilingual storytime. Join us and celebrate **the Year of the Dragon** with Christchurch City Libraries.

13–23 February. Please see website for details.



Learn how to play Mahjong

Celebrate Lunar New Year by learning how to play a Chinese favourite pastime, mahjong! It's open for beginners and no mahjong or Chinese character knowledge is needed. Come by yourself or bring a friend to any of our sessions and enjoy this brain training game.



18+ years

Free, no booking required. See website for details.

Lunar New Year Afterschool Activities

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience crafts and activities. Have fun with your friends and whānau in this special season of celebration.

New Brighton Library

Monday 12 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Halswell Library

Tuesday 13 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Aranui Library

Wednesday 14 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Hornby Library

Thursday 15 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Fendalton Library

Friday 16 February, 3.30–5pm

Shirley Library

Monday 19 February, 3.30–4.30pm

South Library

Tuesday 20 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 21 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 22 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Ōrauwata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre

Friday 23 February, 3.30–4.30pm



Christmas Storytime and Carols

Join us to celebrate the festive season with Christmas stories and songs.

Spreydon Library

Wednesday 20 December, 10.30–11.30am

Sustainable Gift Wrapping

Cut, stick, draw and stitch a masterpiece!

Design and create a fabric bag to keep or gift over the holiday period, using material and other supplies gathered from the stash swap.

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 20 December, 3.30–4.30pm

Christmas Balls Knitting Workshop

Get ready for Christmas with gorgeous Norwegian-style knitted Christmas balls. You'll leave this workshop



with your own knitted Christmas ball, the basic pattern and lots of motifs to continue at home with.

This workshop is not suited for the absolute beginner: basic knitting skills, such as casting on and off, increasing and

decreasing, are needed. If you can manage the basics and you're ready to tackle some colour work and knitting on double pointed needles, this is for you!

All materials provided, please bring your own DP needles and wool if you prefer a certain colour.

Free, no booking required.

South Library

Monday 4 December, 10.30am–noon

Check website for holiday hours at your local library.

Sending Love from the Library

Come along to make a Christmas card for Sending Love. Write a special message in your card and put it in our Sending Love box. These Christmas cards will be distributed to people in our communities who may be experiencing loneliness.

Sending Love is about people and communities coming together to make a gesture towards another. It is one person putting love and thought into a card to pass a smile and a sense of feeling remembered and loved to another person. This is a way to show our community about the power of a simple act of kindness, and the effect this can have on the recipient. It is also about raising awareness of the sad reality of the loneliness many experience, especially around this time of year.

Our Sending Love box will also be available in the library from mid-November for those who would like to contribute a card from home.

All materials will be provided.

Children aged under eight years to be accompanied by an adult.

Free, no booking required.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 5 December, 11am–noon and 3.30–4.30pm

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Thursday 7 December, 3.30–5pm



Craft a green gift

Craft a green gift for your families or friends before festival celebrations!

Shirley Library, Bunnings Shirley and Richmond Community Garden jointly provide you an opportunity to make a personalised pot plant as a gift.

This programme is in two parts. Meet at Shirley Library to learn about taking care of pot plants, design your own pot decoration stickers, and participate in a scavenger hunt for your ticket. Then, you will go to Richmond Community Garden with the ticket to plant and decorate your pot.

You are expected to travel between Shirley Library and Richmond Community Garden with your own transport to participate in both parts of the programme.

Free, booking required.

Shirley Library

Wednesday 13 December, 1–5pm

Raincheck day Friday 15 December

Whakanuia Kirihimete

It's that time of year again when we celebrate Christmas. Join Māori & Multicultural Library Services for Christmas card making and Pasifika decorations at the following libraries.

Free, drop-in sessions.



Recommended for 7 years+. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hornby Library

Friday 15 December, 11.15am–12.15pm and 1–2.30pm

Akaroa Library

Monday 18 December, 10.30am–noon and 1–2.30pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Tuesday 19 December, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

South Library

Wednesday 20 December, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

Tūranga

Big Table, He Hononga | Ground Floor

Thursday 21 December, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

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 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 in our libraries.

Visit christchurchcitylibraries.com events calendar for Term 1 dates and locations.



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.



10–16 years

Shirley Library

Term 1



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 1, Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm



Reading to dogs

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

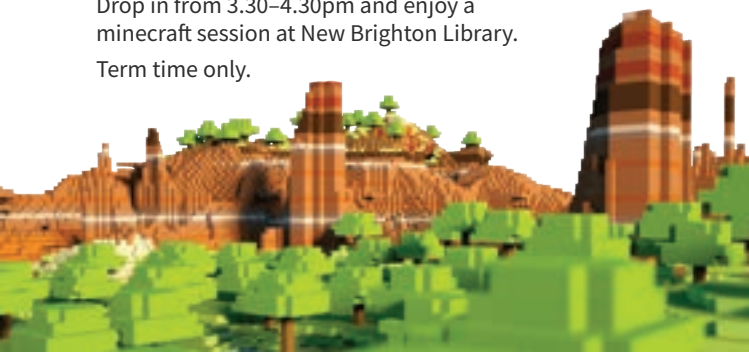
Free, booking required.

See website for details.

Minecraft Mondays

Drop in from 3.30–4.30pm and enjoy a minecraft session at New Brighton Library.

Term time only.



Imagine the taonga that await you

**Stories come to life at the library.
Nau mai tauti mai.**

Discover summertime reads and events

christchurchcitylibraries.com



Campfire Stories: Summertime Reading Party

Kia ora e te whānau, come join our campout!

Celebrate the year gone by and join us for stories, games, mystical reading predictions and prizes. Our campfire has plenty of room and our snacks are tasty – we'd love to see you there!



12+ years

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Wahi Rangatahi | YA Space, Hapori | Community,
Level 1

Friday 1 December, 3.30–5pm

Summer Story Fun

A day of fun and storytelling for whānau with special guests Lynne Te Aika and Justice-Manawanui Arahanga-Pryor, see Curious Collections from Canterbury Museum, hear music, win prizes and find more books to enjoy.

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturday 2 December, 10.30am–4pm

Summertime Reading at the Pool

Join us at your favourite water spot at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre for Summertime stories and games poolside. Enjoy stories, outdoor games, summertime selfies, crafts and more. We'll also have a swim safety talk from one of our Swimsmart team, along with some fun gear to try on.

Spot prizes and fun for the whole family.

Free, no bookings required.

Note: In the event of bad weather, this session will be held inside the library.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 17 January, 2–3.30pm

The Library Van will be following the sun this summer so keep an eye out for it popping up at your favourite places!

Summertimes in the Park

Redwood Library has the perfect setting to host Stories in the Park, right on the doorstep. Enjoy the summer and come and listen to some stories, play some games and enjoy a sausage sizzle all in our local Redwood Park.

Saturday 20 January. See website for details.

Picnic in the Park

Bring your blankets, your whānau and come and join us at Barrington Park for a sausage sizzle and picnic in the summer sunshine! There will be fun and games with a Storywalk, giant board games and crafts. Sausage sizzle generously provided by the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board.

Spreydon Library / Barrington Park

Friday 26 January, 11am–12.30pm

Teddy Bears Picnic at Te Pou Toetoe

A fun day out with your favourite Ted! Come along to Te Pou Toetoe / Linwood Park and enjoy teddy themed Storytimes, craft activities and a picnic with your furry friends! Have your library card ready to borrow lots of Teddy books from the library van and our friends at Eastside Toy Library are bringing lots of ride-on fun.

Free, no booking required. All whānau welcome. Bring your blanket and picnic food and of course your best teddy friend. See website for details.

Te Pou Toetoe / Linwood Park

Saturday 27 January, 11am–2.30pm

Margaret Mahy Playground

Come, play and enjoy stories and activities. Great prizes to be won!

Fridays in January, 10am–2pm

Orana Park

Wild Wednesdays! Come on out and enjoy stories and activities around the campfire. Great prizes to be won!

Wednesdays in January, 10am–4pm

Pop-up library at the great ape enclosure throughout December and January.

Youth programmes



christchurchcitylibraries.com

Manga Mayhem!



Do you love manga? Come along to our book group every third Monday. Talk about your favourite manga, make recommendations and enjoy some fun activities.



11+ years

Fendalton Library

Every third Monday starting 15 January, 2.30–3.30pm

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 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

Literature Live

Literature Live is a monthly interactive book and theatre club where you join a cast of characters for live action role play, hosted in partnership with NZLarp.

Each month you can sign up to join a cast of colourful characters as they solve mysteries, explore foreign lands, and generally wreak havoc!

Not sure what live action role playing is? Never fear! These sessions are designed for beginners in the world of improvisational role play, as well as those with more experience. Come and flex your acting and reading muscles in tandem.



16+ years

Tūranga

Activity Room, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Events run one Saturday a month from 1–5pm

Check out our website calendar to see which sessions are coming up and book now!

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.



13–25 years

Tūranga

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

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.



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, 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 during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

My Book Bag

Kickstart your holidays with a bag of books curated just for you! Looking for something new and fresh to read this summer? Whether you're after your next favourite work of fiction, or to learn something new from our non-fiction collection, if you tell us what you like to read, we'll find some things that we think you'll enjoy! My Book Bag is the perfect way to discover new series and hidden gems!

To get your bag of books, register online. Pick up will be the week of 18 December.

Pick up from any of the following Libraries: Tūranga, Upper Riccarton, Aranui, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre and Fendalton.



12–24 years

Zine Making Workshop

Come along and learn to make a zine.

Poetry, comics, art ... whatever you can dream up, you can zine up!

Materials are provided but you are welcome to bring along any other items you would like to include or use.



12–18 years

Free, no booking required.

You can also check out our zine pop up collection in our library for some inspiration.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 22 February, 3.30–4.30pm

Antisocial Social Club

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

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 20 December, 10.30am–noon

Wednesday 31 January, 10.30am–noon

Wednesday 28 February, 10.30am–noon

Spreydon Library

Tuesday 12 December, 11am–noon

Tuesday 20 February, 11am–noon

Linwood Library

Friday 23 February, 10am–noon

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 31 January, 6.30–7.30pm

Stash Swap

Our Great Stash Swap is back!

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!

See website for details.



Creative Crafts

Come and join us for a fun craft session. We'll have a different project each month and crafts will vary from card making to macrame, candle making to bath bombs and anything else in between. No prior skills necessary, just willing hands and a curious mind. All materials provided.

South Library

Second Monday of the month starting 12 February,
10.30am–noon

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, 10am–noon, resuming 15 February

Craft Club

Bring your own craft project and, meet up with others in the community when you drop in.

New Brighton Library

Fridays, 11am–1pm

Maths on Paper

Do you enjoy logic puzzles like sudoku, playing pen-and-paper games, admiring the art of fractals, or making origami? From



tessellations to topology, behind these hobbies is a rich world of recreational mathematics to explore!

In collaboration with Mathateca, Tūranga is delivering an all-day drop-in session for you to come along and discover all sorts of fascinating mathematical ideas through the medium of paper.

Join us anytime over the course of the day to try out paper-based activities and learn something new. In the afternoon, there will also be a guest speaker going deeper into the interesting maths we can do with paper.



All ages welcome.

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Facilitation Space, Auahatanga | Level 4

Saturday 17 February, 10.30am–4.30pm

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



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 onto fabric and garments. Bring in your own light-coloured garment or fabric and a design to get started.

\$5.00 for each item you print on with a limit of 5 per session. Use of this printer is always supervised.

Aranui Library

Tuesdays, 2–4pm, resuming in January.

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Auahatanga – Creative Spaces

Where everyone can learn, make and design. Full of creative technologies, including 3D printers, badge makers, direct-to-garment printers, laser cutters, sewing machines, vacuum formers, vinyl cutters and much more. These spaces are staffed by a friendly crew of specialists and are hubs for collaboration and self-directed learning. Come along to one of the sessions listed below to embark on or continue in your creative journey!

Please note - technologies and materials vary by location; for more information visit my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-resources

Auahatanga – South Library

Open Creative Time

Wednesdays, noon–4.30pm

Thursdays, 11am–3pm

Booked Creative Time (bookings required)

Thursdays, 10–11am

Our Auahatanga – Creative Space – South Library will be closing over the Christmas and New Year's period to allow our team time to recharge, and plan ahead for 2024. The space will be closed from Monday 18 December and will reopen on Wednesday 10 January.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesdays, 10–11.30am

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

All sessions are term time only except Youth Creative Midday Sessions

Tuesdays, 11am–2pm

Junior Creative (8–12 years)

Thursdays, 4–5.30pm

Youth Creative (13–25 years)

Fridays, 4–5.30pm

Open Creative Time – General interest

Wednesdays, 6–7.30pm

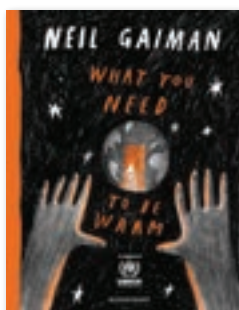
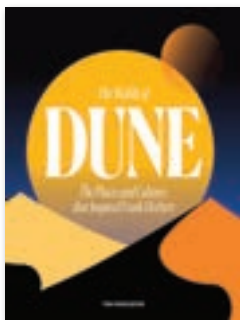
Open Studio – General interest

Sundays, 10.30am–12.30pm

What do you need to know?

Sessions are free to attend, however materials can be purchased as used on the day. Check our calendar for pop-up activities in the holidays. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult, excepting Youth Creative. Our services are intended to support prototyping rather than commercial production, sizes and limits apply.

Authors and books



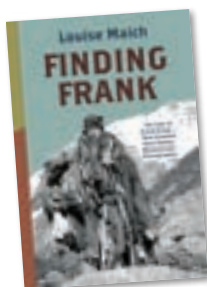


Author Talks @ Tūranga

Join us for an evening of conversation with guest authors.

Free, booking required. See website for details.

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1



Finding Frank: The Life of Frank Erceg - New Zealand Deer Hunter, Mountaineer, Photographer

Author: Louise Maich

Sunday 3 December, 2.30pm

Frank Erceg is still remembered as one of New Zealand's most prominent deer hunters of the 1950s and 1960s, but, no book has been written specifically about him, his life and his achievements – until now. Author Louise Maich has spent over two decades piecing together her Uncle Frank's previously untold story through family research, letters, compelling recollections and yarns.

Cult Trip: Inside the world of coercion & control

Friday 16 February, 6pm

Join the international journalist in a conversation with WORD Christchurch director Kiran Dass to discuss problematic dynamics in spiritual groups – and how she came too close.



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

Library-run Book Clubs

Love sharing your favourite reads? Come and join other book lovers in a supportive and relaxed environment. We have several 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

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.

Tūranga

Last Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

See website for details.

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



Heritage



Unfinished Business Exhibition

Do you know that Linwood Avenue was supposed to be a canal? Or that Victoria Square could have had a 167-metre-tall tower?

Unfinished Business is an exhibition that reveals the fascinating history of unusual and quirky Ōtautahi-Christchurch schemes that never took off. The exhibition includes original plans, drawings and documents that relate to the unfinished schemes.

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

13 December 2023–14 January 2024

During opening hours



Birds eye view of proposed Christchurch canal – 1906 Alexander Turnbull Library.

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

December	New Brighton Library
February	Spreydon 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'll 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

Wednesdays from 14 February for 6 weeks, 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 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.

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\$15, booking required.

You will be booked in on all six sessions

Tūranga

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

Tuesdays from 13 February for 6 weeks, 2–4pm

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 Ranginui

Tuesday 12 December, 6–7pm

Ngāi Tahu

Saturday 20 January, 11am–noon

Ngāti Kuri

Thursday 15 February, 6–7pm

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, 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, noon–2pm
starting 14 February (no clinics in December and January)



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.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Friday 8 December, 9am–5pm

Papanui Library

Thursday 18 January, 9am–5pm

New Brighton Library

Thursday 8 February, 9am–5pm

A cartoon illustration of a living room. In the center is a white two-seater sofa. To the left of the sofa is a tall, thin floor lamp with a white conical shade. On the wall above the sofa, there are thirteen framed pictures of eyes. The eyes have various expressions and are set against different backgrounds. Some are simple line drawings, while others are more complex, like one with a colorful, abstract background. The floor is covered with a large, patterned rug that has a central 'X' shape made of colorful, dotted triangles. The entire scene is set against a light green background.

Ōtautahi Creative Spaces

Sanctuary

A Creative Occupation of Tūranga.

Bringing together 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

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

Come and join us!

Gender Euphoria Clothes Swap

Come join us for a gender affirming clothes swapping event. Find something that makes you feel your best. We will be bringing along clothes with a creative twist. Please check out the library's website closer to the time to find out more details about taking part.

Free, drop-in.

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sunday 10 December, 2-4.30pm

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50th Celebration
Christchurch 1974
Commonwealth
Games

26 JANUARY / 27 JANUARY 2024

It's been 50 years already and it's time to celebrate one of New Zealand's greatest sporting events with all the people that made it the "Friendly Games".

Friday 26 January 2024: Connect

This is a mix and mingle at the Christchurch Town Hall, from 5–8pm. A great chance for people to catch up with old acquaintances, meet others who were involved in the 1974 Games and be able to spend time chatting and reminiscing. Finger food included and a cash bar will be available.

Saturday 27 January 2024: Celebrate

A three-course meal at Te Pae (the Christchurch Convention Centre), 5–11pm.

This will be a special evening of celebration as you join other former athletes (and some current commonwealth athletes), volunteers and supporters as we look back at what was fondly known as the Friendly Games. With fabulous food, entertainment, guest speakers, recognitions and interviews, it will be a night not to be missed. Cash bar available.

Tickets available through **Humanitix.com**

Visit **olympic.org.nz** for more information

Tūranga will be hosting an exhibition to celebrate this anniversary.



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A team enters the grounds watched by the Commonwealth Games victory hostesses, 1974.



We're so excited to welcome you to Elmer's Ōtautahi Elephant Trail, a colourful sculpture trail coming to Ōtautahi-Christchurch starting 25 November!

This Wild in Art event comes in collaboration with Andersen Press, in support of the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust - a local, independent charity who work to equip people to find new pathways through life after a brain, spinal, or other complex injury.

From 25 November 2023 to 18 February 2024, Tūranga will be home to Elmer HQ, the central hub for Elmer's Ōtautahi Elephant Trail! Here you will be able to collect rewards from the trail, buy Elmer merch, and find all the information you need to know about the trail!

Check out elmerchch.co.nz for more information



A Wild in Art event supporting the Laura Fergusson Foundation to raise funds for the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust.



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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
with Imagination Station!

www.imagination-station.org.nz



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