

March–May 2025

# What's on in your library

Programme and event guide

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Stories come to life  
at the library.

**Nau mai tauti mai.**

# Big Bargain Book Sale

**Friday 21 March, 9am–7pm**  
**Saturday 22 March, 9am–4pm**

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

For more info visit

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

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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](http://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 do need to book a place, you can book:



## Online:

Find the event listing at **christchurchcitylibraries.com** and 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](https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/contact-us)

For library locations please visit:

[christchurch.bibliocommons.com/locations](https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/locations)

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



## Limited edition tote bag with Gavin Bishop artwork

Need to carry those lovely library books home? This limited edition tote with artwork by Gavin Bishop is available at your local library.

# All about whānau



[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

# Wā Pēpi-Babytimes



2 years and under

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

Most programmes run during school terms only.

Aranui Library	Tuesdays, 10.30am
Fendalton Library	Thursdays, 10.30am
Linwood Library	Fridays, 11am
Lyttelton Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Matatiki Hornby Centre	Fridays, 10.15am
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 Colombo	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 and over

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

Most programmes run during school terms only.

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



## Bilingual Storytimes

Come along for bilingual storytimes! All welcome.

For tamariki aged 2–5 years.

### Ngā Pakiwaitara

Te Reo Māori

#### Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesdays, 10.30am

### Korean Storytimes

#### Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 16 May, 10–11am

## Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

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

All welcome

Best enjoyed by ages 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.

#### Akaroa Library

Fridays, 10.15am

#### Redwood Library

Fridays, 10.30am

#### Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sundays, 10.30–11am



## Ngā Waiata Rongonui

E te tī, e te tā, Tuahine Justice is on the move around the motu, you'll find her lost in the realm of waiata down at Te Kete Wānanga o Ihutai. Learn a new waiata or one from back in the day. Bring the power of accelerated learning to you and your whānau through waiata.

#### Te Kete Wānanga o Ihutai: Linwood Library

Wednesdays, 10.30–11am, fortnightly from 12 March



## Saturday Storytimes

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

### **Shirley Library**

First Saturday of the month, 10.30–11.30am

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

First Saturday of the month, 11am–noon

### **Tūranga**

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturdays 10.30–11.30am

## 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 feature dance, song and stories.

### **Lyttelton Library**

Friday 7 March, 10.30am

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Friday 11 April, 10.30am

### **Linwood Library**

Friday 23 May, 10.30am (with special guests Loopy Tunes)



## Sensory Hour

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

### **Tūranga**

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Mondays 6–7pm

### **Redwood Library**

Mondays, 5–6pm

## Everyday Hero Storytimes

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

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Thursday 27 March, 11–11.30am

### **Tūranga**

Wednesday 28 May, 10.30–11am



## Linwood Gardening Club

Come and join us for an informal get-together with other gardening enthusiasts to discuss all things gardening. Whether you're a beginner home gardener or an experienced professional, all are welcome!

### Linwood Library

First Monday of the month, 1.30–2.30pm



## New Zealand Sign Language Week kōrero

Are you interested in practising your New Zealand Sign Language skills? Join our drop-in session and build confidence in your conversational NZSL skills in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Whether you're a beginner or more experienced, this is a fantastic opportunity to practice NZSL, have fun, make new connections, and support each other along the way. Basic knowledge of New Zealand Sign Language is required.

**No bookings required, but places are limited**

### Matatiki Hornby Centre

Third Friday of the month, 5–6pm

## World Poetry Day – Build a Community Poem!

Put your creative hats on and write a line of poetry to be joined together with lines from other community members into one big, beautiful collaborative poem for World Poetry Day! We will display the work over the weekend of 22–23 March.

**Aged 12+**

### Linwood Library

**Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre**

17–21 March



## Autism Acceptance Month

Guest speakers, sensory hour, creative workshops, the colour blue and so much more this April! Keep an eye on the website for more details.

### Tūranga

7–21 March



## Jemma Armstrong on Tour



Bring your tamariki (under 8s) to hear celebrated ABC children's performer and music educator Jemma Armstrong. Jemma inspires little people to have big hearts, big curiosity, and be brave explorers of their potential, creative ideas, and the wonderful world around us.

**Places may be limited so please arrive early**

**Free, no bookings required**

### **Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre**

Wednesday 23 April, 10am

### **Linwood Library**

Wednesday 23 April, noon

### **Shirley Library**

Wednesday 23 April, 2pm

### **Ōrauwata: Bishopdale Library**

Thursday 24 April, 10am

### **Fendalton Library**

Thursday 24 April, noon

### **South Colombo Library**

Thursday 24 April, 2pm



## Dutch Day

On Sunday 27 April, The Netherlands turns orange and celebrates the Dutch King's birthday. Come dressed up in your best orange outfit and join us for an afternoon of Dutch games. Try out some crafts created on the laser cutter and browse our Dutch children's and adult collections.

### Tūranga

Auahatanga Production  
Studio, Facilitation Space  
Sunday 27 April, 2–4pm



## Japanese Cultural Celebration

Immerse yourself in Japanese culture during our week-long celebration this March. Across the week we will be offering a range of events, activities and performances in celebration of all things Japanese.

### **Tūranga**

Saturday 22 March, 1–3pm

Join us for performances, activities and Sumi-e calligraphy workshop.

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Saturday 29 March, 1–2pm

## Sumi-e Calligraphy Workshop

Sumi-e is a Japanese monochrome ink painting. Using just simple black ink, Sumi-e captures the timeless beauty of nature. Try Sumi-e calligraphy art with us.

All ages welcome

Free, no bookings required

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Saturday 29 March, 2–3pm



## Bilingual Storytimes with Kamishibai

Come and join our special bilingual Japanese Storytimes. Kamishibai literally means paper theatre in Japanese, and is a form of storytelling with story cards and a wooden frame theatre.

### **Fendalton Library**

Tuesday 25 March, 10.30–11am

### **Tūranga**

Wednesday 26 March, 10.30–11am

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Thursday 27 March, 11–11.30am

## Japanese Cultural Celebration After School Activity Zone

Don't miss these opportunities to try origami.

All ages welcome

Free, no bookings required

See website for details on where and when.



## Dune Day

Celebrate dunes with a hands-on, outdoor morning session where families can learn about saving the dunes with Ranger Jason. In the afternoon, enjoy a beginner-friendly weaving workshop where you'll learn to weave a putiputi (flower). Come along to one or both sessions.

**All ages. Under 14s must have adult supervision.**

### New Brighton Library

Saturday 1 March

10am–noon (Dune education session)

1–3pm (Weaving session)



## Seaweek Wā Kōrero–Storytimes

Join us for a special Wā Kōrero-Storytimes to celebrate Seaweek.

### New Brighton Library

Tuesday 4 March, 10.30–11am

## Seaweek Wā Pēpi–Babytimes

Join us for a special ocean-themed Wā Pēpi-Babytimes to celebrate Seaweek.

Meet others in the community and join our relaxed, fun group for interactive songs, rhymes, and books that will delight.

**Ages 0-2 years. Whānau and caregivers welcome.**

**Free, no bookings required**

### New Brighton Library

Wednesday 5 March, 10.30–11am

## Underwater Scene Diorama

Are you ready to dive into something creative and exciting? This Seaweek, we invite you to celebrate the wonders of the ocean by creating your own diorama! You'll not only have fun building your 3D marine world, but you'll also discover amazing things about the sea and how we can help protect it.

**Ages 6–12 years**

**Free, bookings required**

### Matatiki Hornby Centre

Monday 3 March, 3.30–4.30pm



# School Holiday drop-in fun

Check where and when at

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

## Peg Monster Magnets

Create a woolly peg monster to manage the mayhem!



## Autumn Bookmark

Leaf through a book and don't get lost...



## Trees in Season

Celebrate a whole year in one tree!



## Pick and pin board

Your space, your story!



## Booked Programmes ticket sales

open Thursday 6 March, 7pm

### He Pukapuka Anaroa: Tunnel Books with a Māori twist

Join us to explore making 3D tunnel books that bring Te Ao Māori elements to life.

**Whānau bookings available but suited for 7 years or older. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Free, bookings required**

#### **Tūranga**

Waruwarutū, Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection, Level 2  
Tuesday 15 April, 10–11.30am and 1.30–3pm  
Thursday 24 April, 10–11.30am and 1.30–3pm

#### **New Brighton Library**

Thursday 17 April, 10–11.30am and 1.30–3pm

#### **Ōrauwkata: Bishopdale Library**

Tuesday 22 April, 10–11.30am and 1.30–3pm

### Tinkerclub

Have you ever wondered what's inside a computer? Or what's inside a radio? Join us as we dismantle all sorts of electronics to see what makes things tick!

**8–12 years**

**Bookings required**

#### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Wednesday 23 April, 2–3.30pm



### From Page to Stage: Puppet Storytelling Workshop

Join us for an interactive, creative, and fun storytelling workshop featuring pre-made puppets!

In this workshop you'll work in a group to perform your story on our special puppet stage for the audience of caregivers and others.

Suitable for children aged 8 to 12 years old.

Caregivers are invited to watch the final storytelling performance.

**8–12 years**

**Free, bookings required**

#### **Shirley Library**

Tuesday 15 April, 10.30am–1pm



## Ancient Commanders

Travel back in time and become a Roman general. Learn how they fought and then work with others to come up with a battle plan of your own. Watch your strategies play out in real time and see if you have what it takes to face Rome's greatest enemies.

**Ages 12+**

**Free, bookings required**

### Shirley Library

Wednesday 23 April, 1–3.30pm  
(back up day: Saturday 26 April)



## 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. Please bring a drink bottle and morning tea.

**Free, bookings required**

### Matatiki Hornby Centre

**Ages 10–12 years:**

Tuesday 15 April, 9am–noon

**Ages 6–9 years:**

Thursday 17 April, 9am–noon



## Storywalks at the Library

Exercise your body! Exercise your mind! Make a craft, stroll in the sun, listen and enjoy a storywalk.

### Little River Domain

Saturday 12 April, 11am and 2pm

### Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 15 April, 11am–noon

### Margaret Mahy Playground

Wednesday 16 April, 2–3pm

### Matatiki Hornby Centre

Wednesday 23 April, 10–11am

### New Brighton Library

Thursday 24 April, 10–11am

**The  
Walking  
Festival**

## The Shared Holiday Trail

Pick up your holiday trail brochure in participating central city locations and work your way through the precinct! There will be puzzles to solve and clues to follow. A day of guaranteed fun, mooching and exploring for all the whānau.



# After school clubs



## After School Activity Zone

We have a number of 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!**

Check our website for more details on where and when.

**Booked Programmes ticket sales open  
Thursday 3 April, 7pm**

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

# After school clubs and programmes

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

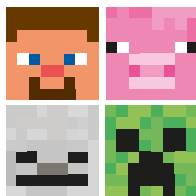
Visit [christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com) events calendar for dates and locations.

## Minecraft Mondays

Drop in and enjoy a Minecraft session!

### New Brighton Library

Mondays, between 3.30–4.30pm



## Minecraft Club

Join us to explore the creative world of Minecraft. Build your own virtual world and navigate the ever-changing Minecraft landscape with fellow gamers! To really enjoy the game you need a basic understanding of Minecraft.

**Free, booking required**

### Aranui Library

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm during term time

### Spreydon Library

Wednesdays, 4–5pm

## Gamezone @ Linwood Library

We welcome all tamariki to Linwood Library for our weekly crafts and games zone! Come enjoy a variety of colouring, crafts, and games with your local librarians – we do a different activity every week.

**Ages 4–12**

**Free, no bookings required**

### Linwood Library

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm during term time

## Reading to Dogs

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

**Free, bookings required**

See website for details.



# WHO WANTS TO LEARN HOW TO CODE?

Find out more at

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)



## Code Club @ Shirley Library

Dive into the exciting world of coding and create your own games, music, and art with Scratch. Join the fun at our club, share your creations with friends and family and receive a certificate from Code Club Aotearoa. Discover the magic of coding: Register today!

Basic computer skills required.

**Ages 9–11 years**

**Free, bookings required**

**Shirley Library**

Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm



## Sustainable Crafts

Join us for a casual, drop-in craft session for the whole whānau. Each week will be a different activity, but all of them will be a great chance for kids and their caregivers to work together on a planet-friendly project.

**Ages 6–12 years**

**New Brighton Library**

Tuesdays, 3.30–4.30pm



**Any Questions**

[anyquestions.govt.nz](http://anyquestions.govt.nz)

**Real time, real person, real help with your homework.**

Get free online help with your homework. Log on between 1pm and 6pm, Monday to Friday during the school year and chat with a librarian about your homework.



## YOUth Week Graffiti Skateboard/ Surfboard Stickers

Join us to create your own graffiti art with virtual reality and print your own skateboard or surfboard stickers. You will have 15 minutes to create your graffiti image using our virtual reality and will then work with our staff to print your image onto stickered vinyl.

**Ages 12–24 years**  
**Bookings required**



### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May, 3.30–5.30pm

## YOUth Week Temporary Tattoos

Ever wanted your own tattoo? Join us to create designs for your very own temporary tattoos! All skills welcome. We'll help you learn how to create your design digitally on our iPads. *May not be suitable for people with sensitive skin.*

**Ages 12–24 years**  
**Bookings required**

### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Tuesday 20 May and Friday 23 May, 3.30–5.30pm

### **Tūranga**

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,  
Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4  
Wednesday 21 May, 3.30–5pm

## YOUth Week Clothes Swap

Need a wardrobe refresh? Pop in with your old clothes and swap them out for some new pre-loved clothes. Donations can be dropped off at New Brighton Library from Monday 12 May.

### **New Brighton Library**

Monday 19–Sunday 25 May



## YOUth Week Absolute Beginners Crochet

An introductory session to making a crochet granny square. Learn the basic stitches and leave with additional resources to continue at home.

**Ages 12–24 years**



### **Papanui Library**

Sundays weekly, 1–3pm (starting 25 May)

### **Tūranga**

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

Monday 19 May, 3.30–5pm

Saturday 24 May, 2–3.30pm

## YOUth Week Friendship Bracelets

Make one for you, for your bestie, to give away – you know the drill! We have everything you need to make friendship bracelets, so come along and get crafting!

Part of YOUth Week we have special events happening for rangatahi/youth. This years theme is Take Our Place – Whai Wāhitanga, so come visit us at the library and take your place here!

**Ages 12–24 years**

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Wednesday 21 May, 3.30–5pm

### **Tūranga**

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

Thursday 22 May, 3.30–4.30pm



## YOUth Week Make Your Own Recycled Bookmarks

Make something new out of recycled material!



Come and join our upcycling craft using plastic, dried flowers, and crafting supplies. Make a bookmark, gift tag, ornament or whatever your creativity is feeling! We have the materials, just bring yourself and your creative ideas.

**Ages 12+ years**



### **Tūranga**

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

Tuesday 20 May, 3.30–4.30pm

## Antisocial Social Club

Manga enthusiasts unite! Express yourself through different creative outlets and enjoy some kai with other likeminded rangatahi! This is a safe place for teens to get involved with various crafts and make connections. Come hang out!

**Ages 11–18 years**

### Linwood Library

First Friday of the month, 3.30–5pm

## VR Fridays

We've got two PS5 VR headsets and plenty of games to choose from. Will you smash beats with lightsabers, enter an office simulation or something else entirely?

**Ages 12+ years**

**Free, no bookings required**

### Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Fridays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm



## Kawai Club

Kawai Club is a fun, interactive session with treats and crafts for our rangatahi to enjoy! Whether it's badge-making, bracelets, or advanced colouring, we can find something for everyone.

**Ages 12+ years**

### Linwood Library

Wednesdays during term time, 3–4.30pm



## Teen Takeover

It's all yours! Takeover your space for VR (virtual reality), boardgames, tech, crafts and much more.

Lots of different activities and technology available every week.

**Ages 12+ years**

### Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesdays during term time, 3–4pm

### Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

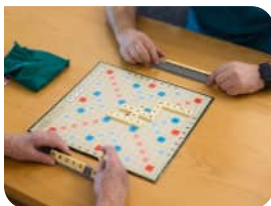
Thursdays during term time, 3.30–4.30pm

## Roll With It

You can't be bored with board games. Join us for an afternoon of tabletop games in a relaxed and inclusive environment. You're welcome to bring your own games or borrow one of ours. Got an existing boardgame club? Come along and check out our library space – food and drink are welcome.

**Ages 18+ years**

**Upper Riccarton Library**  
Saturday 31 May, 1–3.30pm



## Arts and Crafts Time

Want to connect with others or your creative side? You never grow out of Arts and Crafts. Drop in for a relaxed session of making beaded friendship bracelets (while snacks and supplies last).

**Ages 18+ years**

**Upper Riccarton Library**  
Thursday 10 April, 4.30–6pm

## Return to Reading

Go beyond the BookTok algorithm and Instagram reels to discover great reads and meet other book lovers. Whether you like it spicy or are rereading your childhood faves, this group is your space to connect with others through the joy of reading. There will be snacks.

**Ages 18+ years**

**Upper Riccarton Library**  
Saturday 8 March, 1–3pm



## Zine Club

This is an inclusive club, open to intermediate and high-school aged students. Arrive anytime from 3pm and stay as long as you can. During Zine Club you can learn about different zine-making techniques, meet other creators, and enjoy some arts and crafts. Whether you're a poet, artist, photographer or none of the above – there's a zine in you!

**Upper Riccarton Library**  
Thursdays, 3–4.15 pm

# Creative and connected



## Join our regular clubs!

Knit 'n' Yarn

Rummikub Club

Social Games and Cards Club

Scrabble Club

Mahjong Group

Find out where and when:

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

[christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)



## Speaker Series @ Tūranga

Hear fascinating presentations on people, places and culture from experts in their field.

**Free, no booking required**

### Tūranga

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

Thursday 13 March, 6–7pm: **Save our Seabirds**

Support Seaweeek 2025 and join us for a presentation from Alison Chick of the South Island Wildlife Hospital – a non-profit group that treats sick and injured native wildlife. Alison will talk about seabirds, the threats that cause them to end up in the hospital, and how we can create a safer environment for our native fauna.



Thursday 10 April, 6–7pm: **Will changing our gene technology laws save threatened species in Aotearoa?**

Gene technology is on the move and the New Zealand government has introduced a new bill that would remove or reduce many uses of gene technology from regulations,



creating a faster pathway to environmental release. Hear University of Canterbury Professors Tammy Steeves and Jack Heinemann talk about the future of gene technology for conservation.

Thursday 8 May, 6–7pm: **Keep an eye on our website for details on who will be presenting this month.**

## Kawhe and Kōrero

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

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

### New Brighton Library

Thursdays, 10–11am



## 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 your Te Reo Māori journey.

### **Shirley Library**

Thursdays, 1.30–2.30pm



## Tūranga Board Games Club

Meet new people and enjoy the selection of board games Tūranga has to offer in a fun, social setting. Groups and individuals are all welcome!

**Ages 16+ years**

### **Tūranga**

Tūhuratanga, Discovery | Level 3

First Thursday of the month, 5–7.30pm

## Sketch @ Tūranga

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

### **Tūranga**

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Third Sunday of the month, 2–4pm

## Let's have a cuppa

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

### **Linwood Library**

Thursday 30 May, 10am–noon

### **Fendalton Library**

Wednesday 26 March, 10.30am–noon

Wednesday 30 April, 10.30am–noon

Wednesday 28 May, 10.30am–noon

### **Spreydon Library**

Tuesday 29 April,  
10.45–11.45am



## Creative Gothic – etch your own architectural coasters



Learn how to create your own set of architecturally themed coasters.

Explore the work of Gothic Revival architect Benjamin Mountfort by adapting templates into simple ink drawings and etching these into plywood on our laser cutter.

You'll be able to craft custom badges, draw digital art on iPads, and tour the rest of our creative facilities as well.



*This event is part of the Open Christchurch 2025 Architectural Festival.*

**Ages 12+ years**

**\$5, bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Taupuni Waihanga / Production Studio,

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Sunday 4 May, 10.30am–12.30pm and 2–4pm

## Not Just Cards – Social Games Club

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month to play cards and boardgames at the Upper Riccarton Library. Some large print and low vision formats available at this location.

**Free, no bookings required**

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

First Wednesday of the month, 10–11.30am

## Zine Scene

Welcome to Zine Club at Tūranga!

A zine is a self-published, DIY mini-booklet or magazine. At Zine Scene you can design a zine, create a zine, trade zines and publish your zine for display at the library!

**Teens and adults**

### **Tūranga**

He Hononga | Connection,  
Ground Level

Tuesday fortnightly,  
5.30–7.30pm



## Creative Stitching

Explore creative mending, upcycling, repurposing and more! We'll help you breathe new life into your old, worn-out, or forgotten materials. Whether it's transforming a bedsheet into a stylish tote bag or using visible mending techniques to repair a beloved but holey top.



**Free, drop-in session. No bookings required**

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Third Wednesday of each month, 1.30–3pm

## Craft Snippets at Upper Riccarton Library

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

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Wednesday 26 March, 6.30–7.30pm

Wednesday 28 May, 6.30–7.30pm

## Crafting for Wellbeing

Foster your creativity and resilience while learning a new skill. Drop in, relax and enjoy some 'me' time as you explore a new craft every month. Note: This workshop involves sharp and hot tools and is only suitable for teens and adults who will need to safely work unsupervised.

**Free no bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

#### **Affirmation journals:**

Saturday 15 March, 2–3.30pm

#### **Coiled fabric mini bowls**

Saturday 19 April, 2–3.30pm

#### **Modular origami**

Saturday 17 May, 2–3.30pm



## Art for Adults

Art for Adults is a drop-in social and creative group that meet every week to draw and paint at your own pace. Meet new people, have conversations and make art. Any skill level welcome and every session has a theme. Materials supplied.

**Ages 18+ years**

**Free**

### **Aranui Library**

Mondays during term time starting second week  
10am–noon

## Craft Club

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

### **New Brighton Library**

Tuesdays, 1–2pm  
Fridays, 11am–noon



## Crafty Connections Crew

Come and create in a fun and relaxed environment on the first Thursday of the month. Bring along your craft to work on and get to know some fellow crafters.

**Ages 12+ years**

**Free, no bookings required**

### **Fendalton Library**

First Thursday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm

## Crafty Sundays

Bring your latest craft project and connect with other enthusiasts.

### **Tūranga**

Café Corner, He Hononga |  
Connection, Ground Floor  
Every Sunday 11am–1pm



## Craft Collective

Join this free craft session and try your hand at something new each month. No prior skills or knowledge required but a 'give it a go' attitude is a must! All materials provided.

**No bookings required**

### **Shirley Library**

First Wednesday of the month, 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 bookings required**

### **Fendalton Library**

Wednesdays, 5.30–6.30pm

## Spanish Conversation Club

The Spanish Conversation Club is a relaxed drop-in group where everyone is welcome to practice speaking Spanish in a friendly atmosphere. It's not a formal class, but rather an opportunity to engage in Spanish conversations and connect with others in the community.

**Ages 13+ years**

**Free, no bookings required**

### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

First Tuesday of the Month, 5–6pm

## English Conversation Club

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

### **Tūranga**

Third Tuesday of the month, 5–6pm

First Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Thursdays 11am–noon

### **Fendalton Library**

Wednesdays, 10–11am

### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Mondays 2–3pm

### **Papanui Library**

Thursdays, 2–3pm

# eKnow how



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## Technology Help Drop-in Sessions

Do you need help using your computer, smartphone, iPad, or tablet? Come along to our drop-in sessions for help with email, searching the internet, using the library catalogue, eBooks, and general computer queries.

Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone, or use one of our computers for help with anything digital.

**Free, no bookings required**

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

## Techmate Drop-in

Local tech experts Techmate are here to help with your devices and general technology needs.

### **Aranui Library**

Every second Monday, 10am–noon

### **Fendalton Library**

Every second Monday, 10am–noon

### **Linwood Library**

Tuesdays, 11am–1pm



## Create Together: Whānau Drop-in Workshop

This monthly drop-in session is an opportunity for families to learn together and explore our creative STEAM equipment. We will have a different creative focus each session. Check our web calendar to see what we are making before the session!

**Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of their visit.**

**This is a free event but there may be some optional material costs.**

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Auahatanga Creative Space

First Wednesday of the month, 3.30–5pm



## Introduction to the Media Conversion Station

Are you interested in converting your photographs, videos, cassettes, film negatives, slides or floppy disks into digital files? Join this session to find out more about the media conversion station at Tūranga, including an overview of the equipment, some opportunities for hands-on learning and information about how to book a self-service session to begin your digitisation project. Start converting your precious memories into digital files, ready for viewing and sharing!

**Free, bookings required**

### Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity / Level 4

First Wednesday of the Month, 4–5pm

Third Sunday of the Month, 11am–noon



## 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 your technology questions. During term time only.

### Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays, 1–1.45pm



## Direct to Garment Printer Drop-In

Come along to our Drop-In for the Direct to Garment Printer at Aranui Library! The Direct to Garment Printer is a device that prints directly on to fabric and garments. Bring in your own light-coloured garment/fabric and a design to get started. \$5.50 for each item you print on with a limit of 5 per session. Use of this printer is always supervised.

**NOTE:** *The Direct to Garment Printer is readily available outside of this drop-in time.*

### Aranui Library

Fridays, 2–4pm



# Auhatanga – Creative Spaces

Here 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!

## Tell me more!

- 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.
- Our services are intended to support prototyping rather than commercial production, sizes and limits apply.
- Technologies and materials vary by location.

For more information visit

[my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-resources](https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-resources)

### **Auhatanga – Matatiki Hornby Centre**

See website for details

### **Auhatanga – New Brighton Library**

*Creative Bites*

Please see website for details of available activities.

### **Auhatanga – Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Wednesdays, 10–11.30am

Fridays, 3–4.30pm

### **Auhatanga – Tūranga**

Auhatanga | Creativity, Level 4

All sessions are term time only.

*Creative Times*

Tuesdays, 11am–2pm

Wednesdays, 6–7.30pm

Fridays, 3.30–5pm

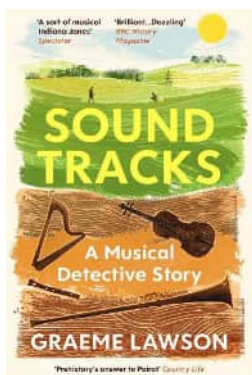
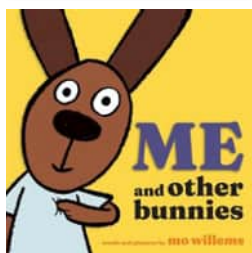
*Open Studio (13–17 years)*

Fridays, 4–5.30pm

*Open Studio – General interest*

Sundays, 10.30am–12.30pm

# Authors and books



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# Author Talks @ Tūranga

Free, bookings required

## Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1



Friday 21 March, 6–7pm: **Olivia Spooner**



New Zealand author Olivia Spooner's first historical novel *The Girl from London* quickly became a NZ bestseller, as did her second novel *The Songbirds of*

*Florence*. Both were inspired by people and events in World War II – the sinking of the MS Rangitane, and the experiences of members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corp (the Tuis) who worked in Egypt and Italy.

Join Olivia Spooner in conversation with author and broadcaster Liz Grant for an exploration of how these fascinating real-life events in New Zealand's history became best-selling novels. Not to be missed!



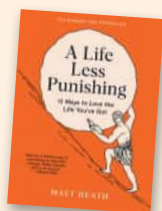
Thursday 27 March, 6–7pm: **Matt Heath**



Matt Heath is a well-known broadcaster, producer, actor, podcaster, TV personality and sports commentator. He is the author of *A Life Less Punishing: 13 Ways to Love the Life You've*

*Got*. This witty, wise, irreverent and eminently readable book may lead us to live a happier, better life.

Join adventurer and explorer Matty Jordan in conversation with Matt Heath. They wrestle with 13 Ways to Love the Life You've Got. It's bound to be a fun night!



Wednesday 2 April, 6–7pm: **Hannah-Rose Watts**



*"Welcome to the land of Aotearoa, where waterfalls cascade from mountains that touch the clouds, ancient trees whisper, and wild, untamed wilderness lies."*

Clip on your waist strap and tighten your boots. This practical and vibrant guide from experienced adventurer Hannah-Rose Watt is for anyone interested in exploring our wilderness.

Join well known environmentalist and author-illustrator Lily Duval in conversation with Hannah-Rose for an evening of shared experience, joy and exploration of the richness of Aotearoa.



# Library-run Book Clubs

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

## Book Discussion Scheme

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



[Visit our website for details](#)

## BDS ESOL Book group

Groups for ESOL learners are offered at Tūranga. Read a short book especially designed for ESOL learners, then come to the library and talk about it in a relaxed, fun environment. In a friendly atmosphere you have a chance to meet new people, learn about different cultures and practice speaking 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  
11am–noon



## 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!

**Bookings required**

### Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3

First Tuesday of the month, 6–7pm

Last Wednesday of the month, 6–7pm

## An Alternative Book Group

A book group for adults who “read” in alternative formats. Join us to discuss your last read, favourite narrator or discover something new. Alternative formats include: ebooks, eAudiobooks, audiobooks or Large Print.

Assistance setting up and navigating Libby will be available for group members where possible during this event.

**Free, no bookings required**

### Upper Riccarton Library

Third Wednesday of the month,

10–11.30am



## 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 and other formats drawn from a specific subgenre of horror.

**Free, no bookings required**

### 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 – and share your reads with the rest of the group.

**No registration or preparation is required**

### Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī | Spark Place,  
He Hononga | Connection / Ground Floor  
Last Friday of the month 5.30–6.30pm



## 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.

**Ages 16+ years**

### Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity / Level 4  
Wednesdays, 11am–noon

### Linwood Library

Mondays, 10.30–11.30am

## Queer Book Club

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ stories and community by sharing your favourite books.

Whānau and friends welcome.

**Ages 16+ years**

**No bookings required**

### Aranui Library

Last Tuesday of the month, 4.30–5.30pm





# NZ MUSIC MONTH

## MAY 2025

### Library Choir

Ever wondered what Tūranga would sound like to sing in? You can find out by joining our multi-storied Library Choir! Guided by musician LA Mitchell and friends, let's unify our voices in this life affirming celebration of NZ music.

**Free, bookings required**

#### **Tūranga**

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1  
Sunday 11 May, 2–3pm

### New Zealand String Quartet

Four of New Zealand's premiere musicians bring their dynamic and insightful playing to Tūranga. Don't miss them!

#### **Tūranga**

He Hononga | Connected,  
Ground floor  
Thursday 15 May,  
11–11.40am



### Latin American live performance

Join us in celebrating NZ Music Month with vibrant Latin American music and a special performance by Hector and Carlos. Experience the rich rhythms that define Latin American culture and enjoy an unforgettable live performance. Don't miss out!

#### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Saturday 17 May, 1pm





## Nor West Brass performance

### **Papanui Library**

Sunday 18 May, 2–3pm

## Indian Classical Music

Come and listen to the sounds of South India!

Enjoy a special cultural performance featuring the Veena, a traditional south Indian string instrument presented by Revathi Performing Arts in celebration of NZ Music Month.

### **Matatiki Hornby Centre**

Sunday 25 May, 11am



## Saturday Sound Check Recitals

Come along on a Saturday morning in May and enjoy some great, free, live music – an accordion band, a choir, and some smaller instrumental and vocal groups.

### **Shirley Library**

Every Saturday in May, 11am–noon





# Hoake ki te Taiao City Nature Challenge

**25–28 April 2025**

Help put Ōtautahi Christchurch's biodiversity on the global map!  
Take part by recording as many species as possible.

**Upload your photos of plants, bugs, animals and fungi via [iNaturalist.nz](https://www.inaturalist.nz)**



Find out more by visiting

[ccc.govt.nz/citynaturechallenge](https://ccc.govt.nz/citynaturechallenge)



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## Lily Duval is drawing bugs!



Join author-illustrator Lily Duval to talk about her favourite six-legged friends. Get drawing and painting and enjoy this City Nature Challenge themed art workshop. Materials will be supplied. Some places will be available at the door.

**All ages welcome**

**Free, bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Tautoru / TSB Space  
Hapori | Community, Level 1  
Sunday 13 April, 11.30am–1pm



## Urban Explorations: Walk to Victoria Square to discover the bugs in our backyard

Join entomologist Dr Rob Cruickshank on an urban biodiversity walk. Want to use the iNaturalistNZ app? Come early and bring your mobile phone – we'll help you install the app before the walk 1.40–2pm.

Join us for a cup of tea and biscuits on return to the library. Wear clothing suitable for the weather and comfortable walking shoes. Bring a drink bottle. Parents with strollers are welcome.

*This Urban Exploration is weather dependent because the bugs will not appear in the rain.*

**All ages welcome**

**Free, bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Sunday 9 March, 2–3.30pm

## Feather in your capture exhibition

NZ Bird photography by  
Leanne Buchan.

### **Papanui Library**

1–28 April



## Creative Workshops

Join us for creative workshops where you will get to create a unique image of New Zealand nature using a range of different art techniques. These images will then be transferred onto a cotton t-shirt or bag, using a DTG (direct-to-garment) printer.

This is a great way of highlighting New Zealand's City Nature Challenge 2025 and all our wonderful native flora and fauna!

Bring along your plain, light-coloured garment to press the design onto (ideally a t-shirt) - please wash prior, so the starch doesn't interfere with the printing.

Embrace the beauty of all our native species and unleash your creativity with this fun, hands-on activity! Create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork that you can wear or use.

Don't forget to download the free iNaturalist NZ app to participate in the awesome City Nature Challenge for 2025!

[inaturalist.nz](https://inaturalist.nz)

No artistic skills necessary.

**Recommended 5 years and over. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.**

**\$5.50, bookings required.**

### **Redwood Library**

Wednesday 16 April, 2–4pm

### **New Brighton Library**

Wednesday 23 April, 2–4pm

### **Aranui Library**

Thursday 24 April, 1–3pm

## Observing the Natural World

12–27 April

What might you find? Drop in to see live stick insects, cool museum specimens, sea creatures and learn about the City Nature Challenge and iNaturalist app.

Meet Dr Morgane Merien from Canterbury Museum and hear how you can help observe the natural world around you.

### **Fendalton Library**

Monday 14 April, 11am–2pm

### **Matatiki Hornby Library**

Wednesday 16 April, 11am–2pm

### **Linwood library**

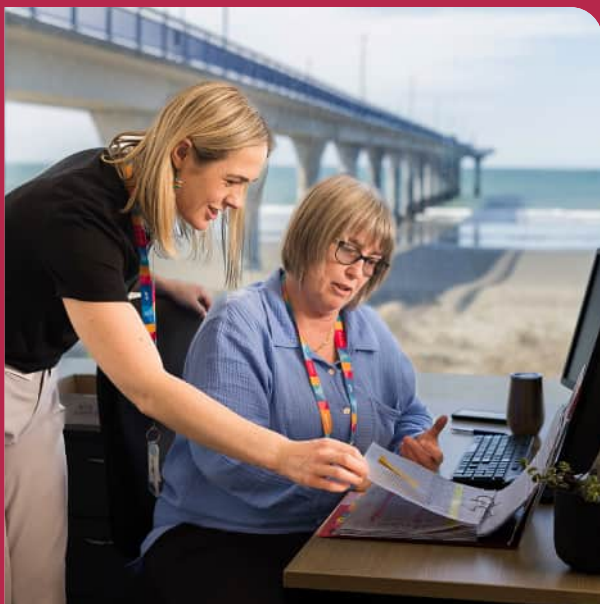
Tuesday 22 April, 11am–2pm

### **Papanui Library**

Thursday 24 April, 11am–2pm



# Heritage



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

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| <b>March</b> | Aranui Library               |
| <b>April</b> | Ōrauwata: Bishopdale Library |
| <b>May</b>   | Redwood Library              |



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## 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, and the people, places and events that make our city unique.

This course uses online resources so basic computer skills are required.

**\$15, bookings required**

**You will be booked on all six sessions**

### **Tūranga**

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room on

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Thursdays from 8 May to 12 June, 10am–noon

## Rangahau a Iwi – Iwi Research

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

**Free, no bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Waruwarutū /Ngā Pounamu Māori,

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

#### ***Ngāti Kahungunu***

Tuesday 4 March

5.30–6.30pm

#### ***Te Āti Awa***

Tuesday 1 April

5.30–6.30pm

#### ***Ngāti Porou***

Tuesday 6 May

5.30–6.30pm



## 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

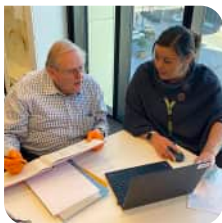
### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

## Māori Land Court Drop In Advisory Clinic

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

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 bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Waruwarutū/Ngā Pounamu Māori,

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Every 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 questions.

### **Parklands Library**

Thursday 20 March, 9am–1pm

### **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

Thursday 10 April, 9am–1pm

### **New Brighton Library**

Thursday 22 May, 9am–1pm

## Celebrating the Art of Handwriting

Come and see a demonstration of the cursive creative craft which is calligraphy. This art is a link to the important handwritten documents of our past such as those found in wills, deeds, passenger list and personal diaries. After the demonstration, attendees can try some calligraphy out for themselves.



**Free, no bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Family History Space, Tuakiri, Level 2

Saturday 12 April, 2.30–3.30pm

## Find your NZ ancestor's military record

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

**Free, bookings required**

### **Papanui Library**

Wednesday 9 April, 10–11.30am

### **Spreydon Library**

Thursday 10 April, 2–3.30pm

### **Fendalton Library**

Wednesday 30 April, 2–3.30pm

### **Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre**

Tuesday 6 May, 2–3.30pm



Wairarapa Archive 16-97/1-24

## Finding Family: International edition

Discover more about your overseas ancestors with our Family History librarians! You will learn key research skills and explore resources covering England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and beyond. Basic computer skills are required.

**Ages 16+ years**

**\$15, bookings required**

### **Tūranga**

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room / Tuakiri Level 2

Tuesdays 27 May and 3, 10, 17 June, 2–4pm

*You will be booked on all four sessions*





# Christchurch Pride



## Thursday Youth Takeover: Pride Edition

Make the library YOUR space this Thursday! We've got games, VR and a special themed craft for Pride – we'd love to see you there!

**Ages 12–24 years**

### **Tūranga**

Wāhi Rangatahi | YA Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1  
Every Thursday in March, 3.30–4.30pm

## Pin it on with Pride

Drop-in and create your own badge that you can wear with pride. Draw or collage your own design or colour in one of our templates.

**Ages 12–24 years**

### **Upper Riccarton Library**

Friday 7 March, 3–4.30pm

### **Papanui Library**

Saturday 29 March, 10–11.30am



## Pride Macrame Bracelets

Come and make Pride themed macrame bracelets! Connect and celebrate in a safe and chill environment. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome.

### **Papanui Library**

Saturday 15 March, 10.30am–noon

## Rainbow Book Club Party

Join us for a Pride Week special book club party – there will be snacks, games, good books and great vibes. This is a special, one-off event so you don't need to be regularly attending a library book club to join in!

This is a special event for rangatahi/teenagers, running as part of Christchurch Pride.

**Ages 12–24 years**

**Free, no bookings required**



### Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi | YA Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1  
Friday 7 March, 3.30–4.30pm

## Read with Pride

Looking for your next read? Or maybe you're looking for a specific genre or trope? Come and have a look at our book bundles, made specifically to celebrate Pride Month! We will have book bundles hand-picked by our librarians available for you to pick up and checkout. Perfect if you are in a rush! Come along and you may just find your next best read.

This is a special event running during Pride Month. Book Bundles will feature Young Adult Fiction.

### Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi | YA Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1  
All of March 2025

## Pride Craft

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

No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, imagination, and a desire to be creative. There will also be other Pride crafts available throughout the month on Auahatanga.

This is a special event for rangatahi/teenagers and young adults, running as part of Christchurch Pride.

**Ages 12–24 years**

**Free, no bookings required**

### Tūranga

Creative Space, Auahatanga |  
Community, Level 1  
Friday 14 March, 3.30–5pm



## Create Your Own Pride Merch

Use our Direct to Garment printer to print on a t-shirt or bag. Choose to either print a Pride flag on fabric or print your own image with a Pride frame added. You will need to supply your own t-shirt, tote bag or fabric to print on free of charge in support of Christchurch Pride! Please bring lighter coloured material, as darker fabrics won't work. Limited spots will be available on the day.

Create a badge: Choose from a variety of Pride Flags or draw your own image with a Pride border to put onto a badge. You can create either two small badges (25mm) or one large badge (58mm) per person, free of charge in support of Christchurch Pride!

**Ages 12+ years. Under 14s must have adult supervision.**  
**free, drop-in event**

### New Brighton Library

Wednesday 5 March, 2–5pm



## Roll For Pride – Dungeons & Dragons

Celebrate Christchurch Pride by going on an epic adventure into the fun world of Dungeons & Dragons!

This event aims to be a beginner-friendly session for anyone who is interesting in playing the fun tabletop game. No supplies needed! LGBTQIA+ members and allies are welcome!

**Ages 13+ years**  
**Free, bookings required**

### Linwood Library

Friday 14 March, 3.30–5pm

### Shirley Library

Friday 28 March, 3.30–5pm



## Beat Saber Tournament for Pride

Slay your way through the beats this Friday for Pride! Join in our friendly Beat Saber tournament – will you win our trophy?

**Ages 12–24 years**  
**Free, no bookings required**

### Tūranga

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

Friday 21 March, 3.30–5pm

Friday 28 March, 3.30–5pm

# Exhibitions



## Like Bodies Like Minds

### True stories about body image and mental health

This unique project, bringing together body image and mental health, was created under Te Whare Tapa Whā model during the interview, storytelling, and illustrative process. All 11 individuals were involved in the weaving of their stories and creation of their illustrations. We hope those engaging with this colourful, heart-warming and real exhibition will leave with more understanding of other people's experiences or feel less alone with their own struggles.

#### Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa/ Southbase Gallery,  
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2  
12 April–2 June 2025

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LIKE BODIES  
LIKE MINDS

## *An evening with Ruby and Angela*

Celebrate the opening of our new exhibition and spend the evening with Ruby Jones and Angela Barnett. They will touch down in Ōtautahi Christchurch to officially open Like Bodies Like Minds at Tūranga. Hear their reflections on the Project and join the conversation. Is powerful storytelling and imagery the path to social change?  
**Free, bookings required**



### **Tūranga**

Te Pito Huarewa/ Southbase Gallery,  
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2  
Friday 11 April, 5.30–7.00pm

## *Creative Workshops with Ruby and Angela*

A rare opportunity to attend workshops with the creatives behind the Like Bodies Like Minds project. Whether you are a writer, a designer, or you are just finding your way – these sessions could be just what you need. See website for details.

**Free, bookings essential**

### **Tūranga**

Te Pito Huarewa/ Southbase Gallery,  
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2  
Saturday 13 April, 10am–12.30pm and 2–4pm

## *Fair Day*

A gender euphoria clothing swap, zine fair and market to celebrate our diverse and wonderful rangatahi community. Like Bodies Like Minds is an Exhibition at Tūranga (11 April to 2 June) created by Ruby Jones and Angela Barnett detailing true stories about body image and mental health. Come and see the exhibition and stay for the fair! This community event brings together support services, information and all the fun of the fair!

### **Tūranga**

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori |  
Community, Level 1  
Saturday 17 May, 10.30am–3pm



## Te Wharenui

See a special dance film shot inside the joyful and vibrant Wharenui Harikoa exhibition, currently on show at the Canterbury Museum Pop-Up, 66 Gloucester Street. Lissy collaborated with contemporary dance artist Jack Gray to capture the wharenui through the medium of choreography and film. The dance explores themes embodied in Wharenui Harikoa, including intergenerational healing, Tūpuna (ancestral) connection, joy and aroha (love).



### Tūranga

Te Pito Huawera, Southbase Gallery  
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2  
1–30 March 2025

## World Peace Hana 3 Art exhibition

As part of Japanese Cultural Celebration, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre is hosting an exhibition of works by Love Painting, Japanese Art Group PCW and mural artist Haruko Furukawa.

**All ages welcome**

**Free, no bookings required**

### Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Monday 17 March–Monday 31 March

## Tuakiri Investigates: Diaries and letters home

Diaries and letters that normally hide in our archives are being highlighted in this interesting exhibition focusing on war correspondence.

Come and see the letters, diaries, photos, records and medals, of some local soldiers. See what the war was really like for them and how important it was to keep in touch and to record events.

### Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2  
28 March–25 May

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