

September–November 2025

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide

Stories come to life
at the library.

Nau mai tauti mai.



Our well-loved Summertime Reading Challenge has blossomed into a new era. Introducing...

Mānuka Stories

It's the same fabulous reading challenge that our tamariki love, but with a whole new meaning.

The summer-flowering mānuka is a symbol of challenge and often plays a key role in pōwhiri (welcome ceremony) where it is laid out for visitors to accept. For Māori, the mānuka also signifies connection to whenua (the land), with a strong link to the physical environment being the ultimate source of stories.

Embrace the challenge this summer, keep an eye on the website for more details, and remember...

When the mānuka blooms, it's time to read.



From shelf to shoulder!
Get your new library bag today

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Are you part of the Children's University?

Did you know you can earn learning hours by going along to any of our library-run programmes?

Visit **cuaustralasia.com** for more information 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

For library locations please visit:

christchurch.bibliocommons.com/locations

Labour Day

Monday 27 October

Tūranga is open 10am–5pm, all other libraries closed

Show Day

Friday 14 November

Tūranga is open 10am–5pm, all other libraries closed

Important

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

All about whānau



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 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 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 Library	Tuesdays, 11am
Spreydon Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre	Thursdays, 11am
Tūranga	Wednesdays, 10.30am Saturdays, 11am
Upper Riccarton Library	Mondays, 10am



Bilingual Storytimes

For tamariki aged 2 to 5 years. Come along for bilingual Storytimes! All welcome.

Ngā Pakiwaitara

Te Reo Māori

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Tuesdays, 10.30am

Korean Storytimes

Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 19 September, 10–11am
Friday 17 October, 10–11am

Wan Solwara: Pasifika Storytimes

Wan Solwara means one ocean.

Join us for stories, rhymes and action songs celebrating the amazing languages and cultures of the Pacific islands. All tied together by our special friendship with the sea.

Wan Solwara series rotates once a month between our libraries that hold Pasifika Collections: Matatiki Hornby Centre, Aranui and Tūranga.

All welcome, see website for series information

Aranui Library

Friday 5 September, 10.30–11am

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 2 October, 10.30–11am

Tūranga

Friday 7 November, 10.30–11am



Wā Kōrero–Whānau Storytimes

Bring the whānau for stories, songs and rhymes.

Redwood Library

Fridays, 10.30am

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sundays, 10.30am

South Colombo Library

Sundays, 11am



Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

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

All welcome

Best enjoyed by ages 4 to 7 years

Fendalton Library

First Friday of the month,
6.30–7.30pm



Saturday 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

CSO Music Trails through the Libraries

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

Tūranga

These performances will be signed for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Saturday 20 September, 10.30am

Wednesday 24 September, 10.30am

Friday 26 September, 10.30am

(with special guests Loopy Tunes)

Papanui Library

Friday 24 October, 10.30am

Shirley Library

Friday 28 November, 10.30am



Everyday Heroes Storytimes

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

Redwood Library

Friday 31 October, 10.30–11am

Aranui Library

Thursday 27 November, 10.30–11am



Sensory Hour

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

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Mondays, 6–7pm

Redwood Library

Mondays, 5–6pm



Spooky Storytimes

Join us for a spooktacular Storytimes of fun stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts. Maybe you could dress up in your favourite costume!

Everyone welcome

Free, no bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Friday 24 October, 4.30–5.30pm

Spreydon Library

Friday 31 October, 10.30–11am



Chocoween Treats at the Library

Love chocolate? Get spooky and create your own delicious Halloween treats to show off – or enjoy right away.

\$2, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Tuesday 21 October, 3.30–5pm

Mana Moana: Strength from the sea – wisdom for the earth

Navigating climate resilience with ancestral knowledge. Join us for a day of fun activities and crafts, Talanoa Podcast sessions with Pasifika Academia in the field and storytelling from matua.



New Brighton Library

Saturday 27 September, 11am–2pm

Family Tree Christmas Decoration

Christmas and the holidays are a time for family connections and making memories that last.

Come to Tuakiri – the floor of treasures, family history and local history – to make a family tree to decorate your Christmas tree, something to treasure and add to your box of memories.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Saturday 29 November, 2–3pm



Sending Love from the Library

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 who may be lonely.

Our Sending Love box will be available in the library from mid-November. Bring a card from home or make one with us!

All materials provided

See website for details



We're Going on a Bear Hunt: Sensory Storytimes

Join us in an interactive and sensory reading of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Go through obstacles and feel items as we read and dance through this story inside Linwood Library.

There will be a craft activity afterwards and each participant gets an 'I survived going on a bear hunt' certificate to decorate and take home.

Ages 2 to 8 years

Linwood Library

Friday 26 September, 2.30–3.30pm

Thursday 2 October, 10.30–11.30am



DINO VEMBER



at Christchurch City Libraries!

Dinosaurs didn't read ... now they're extinct.

Join us for a **roarsome** month of dinosaur-themed fun at the library this November.

There will be **pterrific** dinosaur Storytimes, **dino-mite** crafts, and activities around the network for you and your **friendosauruses**.

Check our website for more details!

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Various libraries

1–30 November



DINOvember @ Te Hāpua

This month is DINOvember at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, and we're celebrating all things prehistoric.

Join us at 11am for a Dino-riffic Storytimes of fun stories, songs and rhymes. Then at 11.30am our special guests from the Canterbury Museum will be here with real and replica fossils of dinosaur teeth, crabs, stegosaurus plates and even fossilised poo for you to handle!

The museum team will be ready to share their expert knowledge and answer any questions you might have. There will be colouring in and a badge maker for you to make your very own dino badge!

Everyone welcome

Free, no bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Saturday 1 November, 11am–1.30pm

Create Together: Whānau Drop-in DINOvember Edition

As part of DINOvember we'll be making dinosaur stickers. Recreate your favourite dinosaur or come up with your own unique new species!

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.

A small charge for materials may apply. Please note that some items made may have to be picked up later.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 5 November, 3.30–5pm

DINOvember Soft Toy Sleepover

Drop your soft toy off for a dinosaur sleepover and cheeky adventure at the library! The librarians and dinosaurs will take good care of your special toy for the night.

Pick them up the next afternoon and hear about their shenanigans at our special Storytimes.

Tūranga

Drop off Friday 21 November

Pick up Saturday 22 November

11am–noon for special DINO event

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Drop off Thursday 27 November by 4pm

Pick up Friday 28 November

4–5pm for special Storytimes



DINOsaur Picnic Storytime

Get ready to roar at our Dinosaur Picnic Storytime! Join us for an afternoon of dino stories, dress-ups, face painting, crafts, and outdoor games.

Bring the whole family, wear your favourite dinosaur gear, and enjoy a prehistoric adventure together.

Ages 2 to 12 years

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Saturday 29 November, 1–3pm





Diwali Celebration, the Festival of Lights

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Diwali: The Festival of Lights. Experience the rich culture of India through a variety of performances representing different regions, followed by an engaging craft activity for children. This festive event is a joyful expression of unity and empowerment a perfect way to connect, celebrate, and shine together!

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 18 October, 11am–1pm

Diwali Earring and Badge Making Workshop

Celebrate Diwali with a unique creative experience. Design and make your own earrings or badges inspired by Indian culture – a wonderful opportunity to add a personal touch to the festivities!

Ages 10+ years

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Auahatanga Creative Space
Saturday 25 October, 11am–noon

Afterschool Activity Zone

Various libraries

See website for details



Teddy Bear Picnic

Join us for stories and lots of teddy fun! Come along and enjoy a teddy-themed Storytime, craft activities, and have a picnic with your fuzzy friends! Make sure you bring your blanket, picnic food and of course, your best teddy friend. If it's raining, the picnic will be inside.

Free, no bookings required

Spreydon Library

Barrington Park
Behind Spreydon Library | Te Kete Wānanga o Ōpāwaho
Sunday 9 November, 2–2.40pm

School Holiday drop-in fun

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Test your Memory

Flip, match and play!



Story of a Sunflower

Watch your flower
spring to life!

Minecraft Bookmates

Mark your place with
a Minecraft mate!



DIY Cord Keeper

Keep your tech
tangle free!

CHILDREN
SPOTLIGHT

Borrow
Box.

Download on the
App Store
GET IT ON
Google Play
available at
amazon appstore



Antarctic Heritage Trust VR Experience

Join us for a unique VR experience! Sir Edmund Hillary's Antarctic Hut, suitable for ages 9 years and up. It focuses on Hillary's legacy in Antarctica, the establishment of Scott Base and the birthplace of New Zealand's Antarctic science programme. The VR experience takes about 15 minutes.

Linwood Library

Monday 29 September, 10am–4pm

Fendalton Library

Tuesday 30 September, 10am–4pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 2 October, 10am–4pm

Papanui Library

Friday 3 October, 10am–4pm



ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST

Fossil Fun

Calling all up-and-coming palaeontologists. Join us, as the Canterbury Museum bring along real and replica fossils of dinosaur teeth, crabs, stegosaurus plates, and a coprolite (fossilised poo) for you to handle and learn more about.

See website for details



The Great Library Thrift Flipping Bee

Transform an old t-shirt, shorts, old clothes or scrap fabric into something you want to wear or use. Bring your own garments or choose something from our stash.

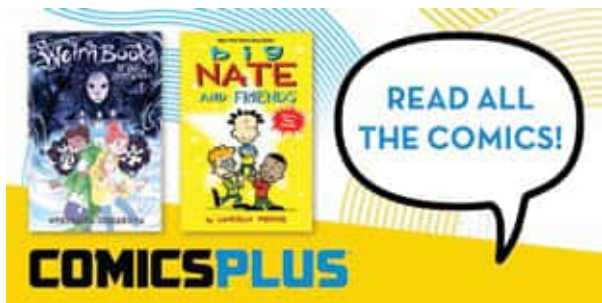
Ages 12 to 15 years

\$5, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 October, 10am–noon

Come to one or both sessions



The Wonder of Worms

Explore how worms turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost also known as worm casts. Learn the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling, and get stuck into building your very own worm farm.

Ages 5+ years, children under 8 require supervision
Free, bookings required



New Brighton Library

Tuesday 23 September, 9.30–10.30am and 11am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 24 September, 11am–noon and 1–2pm

DIY Scrunchie Workshop

Build your sewing machine skills by making your own cute hair scrunchie! Kick-start your sewing journey with a simple and fun project. Basic sewing machine knowledge helpful but not required. All materials are provided.

Suitable for ages 12 to 18 years
Free, bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 30 September, 1.30–3.30pm

Kōwhaiwhai Mai Māori Decorating Crafts

Māori Library Services are pleased to offer Kōwhaiwhai Mai school holiday sessions. Learn about Kōwhaiwhai patterns and decorate your very own!

Nau mai, tauti mai – all welcome.

Suitable for ages 7 to 12 years
Free, bookings required



Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Tuesday 23 September, 10–11.30am or 1–2.30pm

Thursday 2 October, 10–11.30am or 1–2.30pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 25 September, 10–11.30 or 1–2.30pm

Matuku Takotako Sumner Centre

Tuesday 30 September, 10–11.30am or 1–2.30pm

Monster Madness

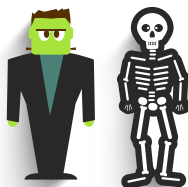
Begin October with a spooky, monster-filled day at Shirley Library. Listen to a spooky Storytime, make some scary puppets and draw your own terrifying design for a personalised monster tote bag.

All these activities and more are waiting for you at Monster Madness!

Some activities require bookings
See website for details

Shirley Library

Friday 3 October, 9.30am–5pm



Teddy Bear Sleepover

Bring along your favourite soft toy to have a sleepover at the library! The next day, join us for a fun afternoon Storytime with songs, books, and rhymes, and you'll be able to see what shenanigans your toy has been up to.

Suitable for ages 3 to 10 years
Free, bookings required



Matatiki Hornby Centre

Drop off Thursday 2 October

Pick up and Storytime Friday 3 October, 3.30–4.30pm

Escape Space @ Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Based on the popular Escape Room experiences, have a go at the Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Escape Space.

A nefarious gang of thieves have stolen the Bishopdale Elephant. Do you have what it takes to be library detectives? Book in a session with up to four people.

Suitable for ages 10 to 14 years
Free, bookings required

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Thursday 2 October



Tinker Club

Have you ever wondered what is inside a DVD player? Or how a computer is made? Join us as we dismantle, build and explore all sorts of electronics to see what makes things tick!

Suitable for ages 8 to 12 years

Free, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Monday 29 September, 10.30am–noon



Minecraft Build Challenge

Join us for a two hour Minecraft Build Challenge these school holidays! Unleash your creativity, build amazing structures, and make new friends.

Participants must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.

Ages 8 to 12 years

\$10, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Monday 22 September, 10am–noon

Monday 22 September, 1–3pm

Monday 29 September, 10am–noon

Monday 29 September, 1–3pm

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 30 September, 1–3pm

Friday 3 October, 10am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 25 September, 10am–noon



VEX Robotics

Join forces with a friend to build a VEX Robotics Basebot and collaborate to compete in the challenge of Robot Football.

Work together, innovate, strategise, and unleash the robot's potential in this robotics competition.

Ages 10 to 14 years

\$15, bookings required

Fendalton Library

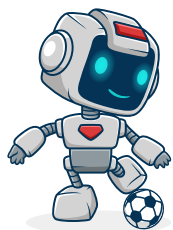
Tuesday 23 September, 10am–noon

Friday 26 September, 10am–noon

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 30 September, 10am–noon

Friday 3 October, 1–3pm





Celebrate New Zealand Chinese Language Week

31 August–6 September

中文客户如何使用图书馆资源 Library Information Session for Mandarin Speakers

加入我们在图书馆举办的特别信息讲座，主要以普通话进行。了解如何充分利用图书馆的所有资源、服务和活动。讲座期间会有很多提问的机会。最后，我们将进行一次简短的芬达尔顿图书馆参观

Join us for a special information session at the library, delivered primarily in Mandarin. Learn how to make the most of all the library's resources, services and programmes. There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions. We'll finish with a short tour of Fendalton Library.

Free, no bookings required

Fendalton Library Boardroom

Wednesday 3 September, 6.30–7.30pm

Bilingual Storytimes

Join us for a special Bilingual Storytime for NZ Chinese Language Week with a fun variety of stories, songs and rhymes to foster children's literacy.

All whānau and caregivers welcome

Fendalton

Tuesday 2 September, 10.30–11am

Shirley

Wednesday 3 September, 10.30–11am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 4 September, 11–11.30am

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturday 6 September, 11–11.30am



Afterschool Activity Zone

Come for a special activity for NZ Chinese Language Week. Join us for a variety of activities including craft, calligraphy and cultural experiences in a fun learning environment.

All whānau welcome

Free, no bookings required

New Brighton Library

Monday 1 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 2 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Fendalton Library

Wednesday 3 September 3.30–4.30pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 4 September 3.30–4.30pm

South Colombo Library

Friday 5 September, 3.30–4.30pm

The events and programmes held at Christchurch City Libraries for NZ Chinese Language Week will be delivered in Mandarin. Other Chinese languages spoken in Aotearoa include Cantonese, Hokkien, Hakka, and Teochew.

Find out more about Chinese languages in Aotearoa.



tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/chinese-languages-aotearoa



After school clubs and programmes



Afterschool Activity Zone

We have drop-in after school clubs 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 4 September, 7pm**

christchurchcitylibraries.com

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 fun technology-based after school clubs in our libraries.

Visit **christchurchcitylibraries.com** events calendar for term dates and locations.

Minecraft Mondays

Drop in and enjoy a Minecraft session!

New Brighton Library
Mondays, 3.30–4.30pm



Minecraft Club

Join us at Aranui Library 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 session, you need a basic understanding of Minecraft.

Ages 8 to 13 years
Free, online bookings required

Aranui Library
Thursdays 3.30–4.30pm (during term time only)

Reading to Dogs

Help kids read 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



Code Club

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.
Basic computer skills needed.



Ages 9 to 11 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesdays, 14 October to 25 November, 4–5pm

Shirley Library

Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm

Reading to Teddy and Friend

Do you have a reluctant reader who just needs to build confidence with a non-judgemental audience? Then reading to Ted and a friendly librarian is a great option for them.

Your child can have 15 minutes to sit with Ted and read their favourite book or one they've selected at the library.

Please ask a librarian about booking a session

Fendalton Library

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

Gamezone @ Linwood Library

We welcome all tamariki to Linwood Library for our weekly crafts and games zone!

Enjoy a variety of colouring, crafts, and games with your local librarians – we do a different activity each week.

Ages 5 to 12 years

Free, no bookings required

Linwood Library

Thursdays 3.30–4.30pm
(during term time only)



Youth programmes



Teen Takeover

It's all yours! Takeover your space. Lots of different activities and technology available every week.

Ages 11 to 18 years

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi/Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesdays, 3–4pm (during term time only)

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

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

VR Fridays

Join us every Friday for VR on Hapori! 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? If you're 12 or over you can have a go!

Regular PlayStation games are also available if you are too young to try VR.

Ages 12+ years

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Fridays, 3.30–4.30pm (during term time)



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, 3–4.15pm

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 to 25 years

Free, bookings required

Papanui Library

Sunday 28 September, 1–3pm



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

Speaker Series @ Tūranga

Come and hear experts deliver fascinating presentations on the latest in people, places and culture at Tūranga.

How to Create a Sustainable Future Through Small Business

Free, no bookings required

Ever wondered what it's really like to build a sustainable business?

Join the owners of local startups

Aho Creative and Sustained Fun to find out.

They'll share their journey and the lessons they learned while setting up their small businesses.



Tūranga

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

Thursday 11 September, 6–7pm

Climate Conversations with Jeremy Webb

Free, bookings required

Join Cass Bay local Jeremy Webb in a conversation exploring climate change scenarios, effective responses and how we can address this challenge. Jeremy has recently published a book on the topic, and at this event he will share his international perspective and look at what we can do locally to generate an effective global response.



Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Thursday 9 October, 6–7pm

Show Your Working

Free, no bookings required

Mathateca presents Show Your Working, presentations by professionals about the interesting ways they use maths in their work. Mathateca is a local charity working to celebrate mathematical ideas and learning in the wider community.

MATHATECA

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Thursday 13 November, 6–7pm

Mathateca Logic Puzzle Workshops

Boost your logical thinking in a relaxed, social atmosphere. Whether you're new to logic puzzles or looking to sharpen your skills, come along to train your brain and have a good time! We'll explore different puzzle types every month.

Ages 12+ years

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Facilitation Space, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Second Sunday of the month, 3–4.30pm

Creative Gothic – etch your own architectural coasters

Learn how to create your own 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.

\$7, bookings required

Tūranga

Taupuni Waihangā / Production Studio,
Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Sunday 12 October, 10.30am–12.30pm



Crafternoon Delight

Looking for a moment of calm in your week? Join us for a drop-in wellbeing craft session at the library – a space to relax, recharge, and get creative. Bring your own materials and enjoy working on your personal craft project in a peaceful, welcoming environment.

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Saturdays, 1–3pm

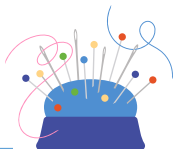
Creative Stitching

Join us to 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, no bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Third Wednesday of each month, 1.30–3pm



Zine Scene

Welcome to Tūranga's Zine Club! 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, adults

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Tuesdays fortnightly, 5.30–7.30pm



Crafting for Wellbeing

Foster your creativity and resilience while learning a new skill. A different craft will be explored each month.

Free, all materials provided

Tūranga

Tūhurātanga | Discovery, Level 3

DIY Beeswax Food Wrap

Saturday 20 September, 2–3.30pm

Bookings required

Photo Collage

Saturday 18 October, 2–3.30pm

No bookings required

Slow Stitching

Saturday 15 November, 2–3.30pm

No bookings required



Craft Snippets

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

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 24 September, 6.30–7.30pm

Wednesday 26 November, 6.30–7.30pm

Mend + Make

Would you like help to upcycle or mend a favourite wardrobe item? Need ideas for sustainably repurposing fabric into something new? We will have a sewing machine and help available for you to get creative. Aimed at adults who have some experience with sewing. Bring your own project or use some of our recycled material.

Linwood Library

Saturday 25 October, 2–3pm



Art for Adults

Art for Adults is a drop-in social and creative group that meet every week. Draw and paint at your own pace, any skill level welcome, materials supplied.

Free, ages 18+ years

Aranui Library

Mondays, 10am–noon
(during term time starting second week)



Craft Collective

Come and get crafty with us. Join in this free craft session and try your hand at something new each month.

All materials provided

Shirley Library

First Wednesday of the month, 11am–noon
September and November

Crafty Connections Crew

Come and create in a fun and relaxed environment. Bring 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 Sunday

Bring your craft project and connect with other enthusiasts.

Tūranga

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

Urban Explorations: Street Art Stroll

Join Dr Reuben Woods from Watch This Space for an urban walk to learn about our neighbourhood's amazing street art! Rain or shine, the walk starts and ends at Tūranga. Join us for a cup of tea and collaborate on an art project afterwards.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Sunday 26 October, 1.30–2.30pm



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.

See website for venues and times

Mandarin Conversation Club

A drop-in group where anyone is welcome to come and practice conversations in Mandarin, in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Free, no bookings required

Fendalton Library

Wednesdays, 5.30–6.30pm



Spanish Conversation Club

A relaxed drop-in group where everyone is welcome to practice speaking Spanish in a friendly atmosphere.

Ages 13+ years

Free, no bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

First Tuesday of the Month, 5–6pm



French Conversation Club

Practice your French in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. Join our drop-in group sessions to boost your confidence, improve your skills, and meet new people.

Free, no bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Last Wednesday of the month, 5–6pm



Come Write In

Join our drop-in group to work quietly on your writing projects.

Ages 18+ years

Tūranga

Facilitation Space, Auahatanga | Level 4
Thursdays, 5.30–7.30pm

Spreydon Library

September and October Sundays, 1.45–3.45pm
and Mondays, 4.45–6.45pm





TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

14–20 September

Ngā Waiata Rongonui

E te tī, e te tā, Whaea Justice is on the move around the taone, you'll find her lost in the realm of waiata (songs) 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.

Linwood Library

Wednesday 10 September, 10.30–11am

See website for more dates and times

Kiriata Huna

Walk with us in the footsteps of a fearless leader whose journey paved the way for generations to stand in their whenua (land). Bring your popcorn or your favourite movie snacks for this Te Wiki o te Reo Māori screening.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Spark Place, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Saturday 13 September, 1pm

Ngā Pakiwaitara

E te tī, e te tā, kua tae mai nei te wā. Kuhu mai ki roto i te whare o Tūranga mō te kaupapa ko Ngā Pakiwaitara. Come and learn some kupu hou (new words), reminisce with your tamariki (children) on some nostalgic pukapuka (books) and have some fun with our different waiata and pukapuka throughout the programme.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesday 16 September, 10.30–11am

Mihi Box

Celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori in your library by making your own mihi box to help share all the parts that make you uniquely you. A mihi is a way to share connections of iwi, hapū, waka, maunga and other relationship links.

Mahi Toi – Afterschool Activity Zone

Learn about and make your own poi or tītī tōrea at one of our special activity zones.

Free, all welcome

Fendalton Library

Monday 15 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Tuesday 16 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Aranui Library

Wednesday 17 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Papanui Library

Thursday 18 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Tūranga

Friday 19 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Te Manu Tītī

Piki ake ki ngā parirau a Whaea Justice! Come find Whaea Justice and her manuhiri as she flies around our libraries with a bilingual Storytime. Fill your wairua/cup with some new pukapuka (books) and waiata (songs) that might take you back in time! This is for all whānau to enjoy!

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 18 September, 10.30–11am

See website for more dates and times

Kawhe Reo

Grab a coffee from the café and join us for some Māori language themed kēmu (games), a kōrero (chat) or to come and explore some of our te reo Māori resources.

South Colombo Library

Wednesday 17 September, 11am–1pm

Tūranga

He Hononga | Ground Floor

Friday 19 September, 11am–1pm

He kai kei āku ringa

There's food inside my hands and we are wanting to share it with you! Join us in mahi toi (arts and crafts) as we celebrate the whakataukī (proverb) for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Friday 19 September, 1–3pm

eKnow how



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



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Studio Starters: Video Production Workflow (beginner overview)

Curious about how videos are made? This beginner-friendly course walks you through the entire video production process, from planning your story to filming and editing. It's a great way to explore all the creative steps involved in making a video. Perfect for anyone who wants to dip their toes into video creation and see what it's all about.

Ages 18+ years

Bookings required, please see website for details

Tūranga

Computer Lab, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Studio Starters: Video Editing with DaVinci Resolve

This is an intensive one-day beginner course in video editing. We'll use DaVinci Resolve, a professional video-editing application. Resolve is a complex programme, and we'll only scratch the surface of its capabilities, but the student should gain a basic understanding of how to edit footage and sound. This will provide a solid foundation for further exploration with this application. We provide footage for the students to practice with.

Ages 18+ years

Bookings required, please see website for details

Tūranga

Computer Lab, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4



Studio Starters: Video Editing (Premiere Pro)

Explore video editing with Adobe Premiere Pro. Join our guided workshop to learn this industry-standard software, from basic editing to creative techniques to bring your videos to life. We'll work through tutorials together, step by step. Whether you're brand new to editing or just curious to try something creative, this is a great place to start. No experience needed – just bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Ages 18+ years

Bookings required, please see website for details

Tūranga

Computer Lab, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Introduction to 3D Modelling with Blender

Blender is a free 3D digital-modelling and animation application. This intensive one-day introductory workshop will take you through the interface and teach you basic modelling skills. The focus of the course is building simple, static models, however if time permits, we may do some very basic animation as well. Blender is a complex program, and we will only scratch the surface of what is possible. However, by the end of the day, you should have a solid foundation from which to pursue Blender further.

Ages 18+ years

Bookings required

Please see website for details



Auahatanga Maker Sessions: Door Décor

Use design software to create a personalised sign to hang on your door. Choose a font, watch your sign being laser cut, then assemble and colour. You will leave with an original sign of your very own.

This is an introductory session that will give you basic skills needed to begin other creative projects.

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Wednesday 17 September, noon–1.30pm



Introduction to the Media Conversion Station

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!

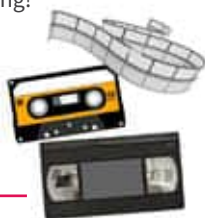
Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

First Wednesday of the month, 4–5pm

Third Sunday of the month, 11am–noon



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. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.



Free, optional material costs may apply

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Auahatanga Creative Space

First Wednesday of the month, 3.30–5pm

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 crew of friendly specialists and are hubs for collaboration and self-directed learning.

Tell me more!

- Sessions are free to attend, however materials can be purchased as used on the day.
- View 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 for prototyping rather than commercial production, sizes and limits apply.
- Technologies and materials vary by location.

For more information visit

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-spaces

Auahatanga Creative Space Sessions

Come along to one of our free introductory sessions and learn about the creative technologies available at Tūranga.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

First Saturday of the month, 2–3pm

Second Tuesday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm

Authors and books



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Author Talks

Free, bookings required

Book Launch: Don't Stop This Old Spell by Juliet McAra

Join us in celebrating the launch of the debut poetry collection by our very own Juliet McAra. Her work was shortlisted for the prestigious John O'Connor Award for a first collection in 2024.



Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Hao Community Room

Friday 19 September, 5.30–7pm

Peter Langlands

Hear Rob Cruickshank in conversation with Foraging New Zealand author Peter Langlands. A night of discovery that is sure to change the way we see our world!



Tūranga

Tautoru/ TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Tuesday 30 September, 6–7pm

Aotearoa Island Reads



Looking for the ultimate recommended reading list? Join popular columnist and Lyttelton local Joe Bennett discussing favourite books with a line-up of interesting and lively guests. They'll talk about the top three reads they'd each pack as

desert island companions, and why. Make a sensational start to summer with 'Aotearoa Island Reads' presented by the Friends of the Library. A fun event not to be missed!



Tūranga

Tautoru/ TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesday 5 November, 6–7pm

Julie Wylie

See a demonstration of Musical Play, and celebrate the launch of *Unleashing the Power of Musical Play* with Julie Wylie MNZM and Dr Susan Foster-Cohen.

Rich in practical insights and personal reflections from teachers and therapists, the new book is accessible to everyone, regardless of musical training. Musical Play is a revolution – join us to find out why.



Tūranga

Tautoru/ TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Saturday 29 November, 11am–12.30pm

Library-run Book Clubs

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



Book Discussion Scheme

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

Visit our website for details



BDS ESOL Book Group

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

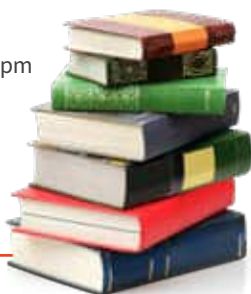
Polish Book Club

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. Alternative formats include ebooks, eAudiobooks, audiobooks or Large Print. Join us to discuss your last read, favourite narrator or discover something new.

Assistance setting up and navigating Libby – a free app for borrowing e-books and audiobooks – 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.

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Last Tuesday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm



Te Kāhui Ohua

This monthly reading group focuses on books 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 group.

No registration or preparation is required

Tūranga

Waruwarutū | Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection
Tuakiri / Identity, Level 2 (September and October)
Auaha Hīhī | Spark Place, He Hononga | Connection,
Ground Floor (November)
Last Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

Shared Reading

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 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



Heritage

Photo Hunt

Enter from
1–31 October

Christchurch
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Lyttelton Tunnel construction, 1961–64

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Digitise your Photos

Help tell the story of life in Canterbury at these drop-in digitisation events as part of Photo Hunt 2025 and be in to win Riverside vouchers.

Lyttelton Library

Wednesday 15 October, 2–4pm

Fendalton Library

Saturday 18 October, 11am–1pm

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Thursday 23 October, 10am–noon

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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? Join our local history librarians as we explore topics like our Māori heritage, European immigration and settlement, the people, places and events that make our city unique. We will explore some of the gems in our collection, including our archives, maps, the 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. 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, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Thursdays from 16 October to 20 November, 2–4pm

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

September Upper Riccarton Library

October Fendalton Library

November Papanui Library





Graving Dock, 1883

Christchurch City Libraries, CCL-KPCD03-0020

Spotlight On: Looking Locally – Researching an event or place

Ever wondered what life was like in your suburb in the 1930s? Or when the graving dock opened in Lyttelton? And what is a graving dock? This free two-hour workshop will help you find resources to explore or expand on an event or time period in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Join our local history librarians as we guide you through different resources, with plenty of time for your own research.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

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

Wednesday 26 November, 2–4pm

Find your Australasian Ancestors

A dive into useful resources for tracking your ancestors in New Zealand and Australia. Join our Family History librarians for a four-week course. Bring as much as you already know of your Australasian forebears and we will help you fill in the gaps.

Ages 16+ years

\$15, bookings required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Tuesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 September, 10.30am–12.30pm

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.

Ages 16+ years

\$15, bookings required

Basic computer skills are required



Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako/Teaching Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Wednesdays 29 October–19 November, 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 bookings required

Tūranga

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

Tūhoe

Tuesday 2 September, 5.30–6.30pm

Ngāti Maniapoto

Tuesday 7 October, 5.30–6.30pm

Ngāti Raukawa

Tuesday 4 November, 5.30–6.30pm



Māori Land Court Drop-in Advisory Clinic

Do you have a Māori Land Court enquiry? Every second Wednesday of the month, staff from the Māori Land Court are available at Tūranga to answer questions and provide advice on a range of query types, from succession applications to land trusts.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Waruwarutū/Ngā Pounamu Māori, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Second Wednesday of the month, noon–2pm



Pou Kohikohinga in Residence – Meet our Māori Collection Specialists

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

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursday 11 September, 9am–1pm

Akaroa Library

Wednesday 15 October, 10am–4pm

Aranui Library

Thursday 20 November, 9am–1pm

Heritage Highlights: Te Kaha: what was there before

In this free talk Christchurch archaeologist Clara Watson will speak about the 2022 archaeological investigations that took place at the site of One New Zealand Stadium at Te Kaha. Clara will talk about the lives of the people that lived at the site in the nineteenth century and explain how the archaeological features and artefacts that were discovered reveal interesting details about what life was like for them.

Ages 13+ years

Free, bookings required



Tūranga

Auaha Hīhi/ Spark Place, He Hononga
Connection, Ground Floor
Friday 24 October, 10–11am

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So your Ancestor Owned a Business

Come along to this hands-on workshop in which you will learn how to search a variety of information resources to help you identify when a business began, trace its growth and development and find information about the owners.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako/Teaching Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Thursday 4 September, 2–4pm





The Gardens and the People – Roots of Generosity, Branches of Beauty

The Botanic Gardens is a great source of pride for the people of Christchurch. Since its inception many gifts, donations, bequests and memorials have enhanced the beauty of the gardens. Sue Molloy, Botanical Resources Coordinator invites you to hear about the fascinating stories behind these objects.

Ages 13+ years

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī/ Spark Place, He Hononga
Connection, Ground Floor
Wednesday 22 October, 2–3pm

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2025

What did your Ancestors do? Discovering Local Occupations

Did you have ancestors living in Ōtautahi Christchurch? In this two-week course we'll introduce you to resources and research tips to help you discover what they did for their jobs.

From millers to milliners, stenographers to smiths, we'll compare what information was recorded about working men and women in different sources, explore the library's digital and archive collections, and give you an overview of some of the local Christchurch industries, big and small.

Ages 16+ years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako/Teaching Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Thursday 11 and 18 September, 2–4pm

Sustainable spring



Great Library Seed and Plant Swap

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

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

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Sustainable Spring

Check out the range of sustainability themed activities happening at Christchurch City Libraries during spring. Be inspired by speakers testing out new ways to explore and live alongside our environment. Explore ways to reuse, recycle, upcycle and grow with plants, craft supplies, clothes, craft sessions and swap meets. We will have a range of activities to suit all age groups.

See website for details



Creative Time (Sew-Good Special Edition)

Use our sewing and overlocker machines to repair your clothes and celebrate Sustainable Spring with us on Auahatanga. You can use the full range of equipment available including 3D printers, vinyl and craft cutters, heat press and more. You'll see examples of both invisible (camouflaged) and visible (decorative) clothes repair.

These sessions are geared towards adults and young adults.

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Tuesday 2 September, 11am–2pm

Hand Painted Garden Markers

Come along for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll design and decorate beautiful garden markers to label your spring plants and seedlings.

All materials and stones will be provided

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Saturday 20 September, 2–3pm



Wā Kōrero – Sustainable Whānau Storytimes

Celebrate sustainability with others in our community and your whānau. Join us for a fun variety of stories, songs, and rhymes which connect children's literacy and sustainability.

All whānau and caregivers welcome

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Sunday 7 September, 10.30–11am

Wā Kōrero – Sustainable Storytimes

Celebrate sustainability with your preschooler and others in our community. Join us for a fun variety of stories, songs, and rhymes which connect children's literacy and sustainability.

Perfect for ages 2 to 5 years

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesday 10 September
10.30–11am



eMagazines for Sustainable Living

Always available on Libby by OverDrive



Find out more at

christchurchcitylibraries.com



Libby.

Crafting for Wellbeing: DIY Beeswax Food Wrap

Learn how to make a DIY beeswax food wrap in this fun session. These are a great sustainable alternative to plastic wraps – natural, re-usable and compostable.

Ages 12+ years

Bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Saturday 20 September, 2–3.30pm



Sketch @ Tūranga

Brewing Creativity: Sustainable sketching with nature's hues. Come experiment creatively with a unique palette of natural materials – tea, coffee, charcoal, and shellac.

All materials supplied, all levels of experience welcome

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Sunday 21 September, 2–4pm

Urban Explorations: Foraging with Peter Langlands

Join Peter Langlands, author of *Foraging New Zealand*, for an urban walk around Tūranga's neighbourhood to learn about our remarkable edible wild foods.

Be sure to catch Peter's talk at Tūranga on 30 September, 6pm. See page 41 for details.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Sunday 28 September, 2pm–3.30pm



Conservation for Kids

Hear Styx Living Laboratory Trust talk about our local environment and what we can do to help look after it. Packed with information and activities, everyone will go home knowing more about the flora and fauna of our beautiful area. A great way to celebrate Conservation Week.

Ages 4 to 12 years and whānau

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Wednesday 3 September, 3.30–4.30pm



Waste Reduction Courses with Kate + Co

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī / Spark Place, He Hononga | Connection,
Ground Floor

Tickets \$10 each, book online at wastedkate.co.nz

Foodlovers' Masterclass

Friday 5 September, 5.30–7.30pm

Learn why we waste food and how to stop it. This is a fun but informative session, and you will leave inspired with plenty of tips and tricks to reduce food waste.

Parenting, cloth nappies and more

Saturday 6 September, 10.30am–12.30pm

Pregnant or expecting? Got little ones already? Either way, this course is perfect if you're curious about waste reduction with babies and toddlers in the home. You'll be surprised how much extra rubbish comes along with the little ones, and it's actually quite avoidable.

Waste-ed with Kate + Co

Sunday 7 September, 10.30am–12.30pm

This course is perfect for people who don't know where to start and those who want to learn more about where their waste goes and what they can do about it.



Spring Garden Picnic

Join us for a delightful spring picnic party co-presented by Shirley Library and Richmond Community Garden.

This event provides a perfect opportunity to enjoy the beauty of spring. We'll have a chance to listen to spring garden themed stories, explore the spring garden, join craft activities, and visit the library van. Make sure you bring your blanket and picnic food. All ages welcome! Suitable for preschoolers and primary school children and their whānau.

Free, no bookings required

Richmond Community Garden, 235 River Rd

Friday 26 September, 11.30am–1pm

Raincheck day is Saturday 27 September



Stash Swap

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

Aranui Library

5 September

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

13 September

Tūranga

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

14 September, 11am–1pm

Papanui Library

21 September

Linwood Library

18 October, 10.45am–1pm

Seed Swap Workshop

Dig into the Seed Swap with a hands-on workshop with the crew from New Brighton Community Gardens. From seeds to seedlings and everything in between.

All ages welcome, children under 14 require supervision

New Brighton Library

Saturday 6 September, 1–2pm



The Wonder of Worms

Learn how worms turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost also known as worm casts. Learn the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling, and get stuck into building your very own worm farm. With plenty of wriggly helpers, learn how to care for worms and continue the mahi at home. This experience blends sustainability, science, and a little bit of squirmy fun!

Ages 5+ years, children under 8 require supervision
Free, bookings required

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 23 September, 9.30–10.30am and 11am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 24 September, 11am–noon and 1–2pm

Declutter for Wellbeing

Join Liz Zhang as she discusses how to simplify your life. Liz has trained with Marie Kondo and is writing her own book on decluttering and simplifying life. Learn some tips and tricks to help you in your daily life.

Ages 16+ years

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library

Tuesday 7 October, 10–11.30am

Saturday 11 October, 10.30am–noon



Plant it Forward: Houseplant Cutting Share/Swap

Plant it Forward! Share, swap and select new houseplant cuttings at our pop-up plant propagation station. Houseplants are a fun hobby and help clean the air.

All indoor plant cuttings welcome

Matatiki Hornby Centre

During September

Linwood Library

1–8 September

Exhibitions



...Never to Leave

An Artist's Journey Through Havana. The Cuban embassy brings you artworks by Yosvany Martínez.

Tūranga

Te Pito Huawera / Southbase Gallery,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
24 September–9 November

Inside Out

What happens when young minds tackle big ideas like 'the limits of language'? SCAPE Public Art's *Inside Out* competition invited students to design public art in response to that theme.



See models by the finalists, made in workshops with library staff at Auahatanga – Creative Spaces. Part of SCAPE Public Art Season 2025.

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
31 October–17 November

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