Kura Takiura

Learning at Christchurch City Libraries

Programmes on offer:

Navigating the Library*
Location: All libraries
Duration: 30 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

An introduction to the library and what it offers. This is the session for those new to the library as it includes what a library is, what they can do there and finishes with a scavenger hunt to help familiarise ākonga with the library.
*For visits to Tūranga, this session will focus on the children's collections on Hapori | Community, Level 1

Stories Aloud
Recommended up to Year 6
Location: All libraries
Duration: 30 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

A fun read-aloud session. Ākonga will enjoy a variety of engaging stories to build a positive connection with the library, books and the stories found within.

Book Discovery
Recommended for Year 3+
Location: All libraries
Duration: 30 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

Discover your next great read - with no spoilers! Utilising the expertise of librarians, this session will share a range of books to spark curiosity to inspire a vibrant reading culture.

Library Skills - Explore
Recommended up to Year 5
Location: All libraries
Duration: 30 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

Explore what makes books special. Ākonga will discover how to care for books and the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Library Skills - Discover
Recommended for Year 3+
Location: All libraries
Duration: 45 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

Ever wondered how librarians know exactly where the books are? Ākonga will be introduced to our library catalogue, the Dewey Decimal System and digital resources to learn how to use and access our collections.

Library Skills – Research
Recommended for Year 6+
Location: All libraries
Duration: 45 minutes
Group size: Maximum 30 ākonga

Discover the potential of library resources. Ākonga will be guided on how to research and find information using our library resources.

Cultural Programmes
Locations: All libraries and on request at your school.

Upon request, we will work with you to co-design Māori, Pasifika and ESOL bespoke programming.

History Programmes
Location: Tūranga

History curriculum-aligned sessions about Aotearoa's past and present. Topics include:
- Place and Environment – Naming
- Culture and Identity – Origins, voyages, and adaptation
- Economic Activity – Living and working
- Canterbury Earthquakes
- Primary Resources

Visit our website for more details

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Auahatanga Creative Space Showcase

Recommended for level 1+
Location: Tūranga and Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
Duration: 45 minutes
Group size: Maximum 15 ākonga

Learn about what's in our Auahatanga Creative Spaces and how to access them to bring your creative ideas to life. It includes a tour of the space, technology, a showcase of available opportunities and hands on tasters.

Media Studio Showcase

Recommended for Year 9+
Location: Tūranga
Duration: 15 minutes
Group size: Maximum 10 ākonga

Learn about what's in our Media Studio and how you can use it to unleash your creativity.

Creative Design Workshop

Recommended for Year 7+
Locations: Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, Tūranga, Matatiki Hornby Centre and New Brighton Library
Time: 9:30am -2:30pm
Group size: Maximum 12 ākonga

Learn vector artwork design with Affinity Designer and apply it to products like a t-shirt or stickers. For programme details and funding, please visit our website. For more programme details and funding support, please visit our website.

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Crafting Empathy

Recommended for Year 6+
Locations: Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, Tūranga, Matatiki Hornby Centre and New Brighton Library
Time: 10am -1pm
Group size: Maximum 12 ākonga

In Minecraft, collaboratively build a virtual village while gaining insight into reliance, empathy, and ethical decision-making. For more programme details and funding support, please visit our website.

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Miniature Maker

Recommended for Year 4+
Locations: Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, Tūranga, Matatiki Hornby Centre and New Brighton Library
Session 1 Time: 9:30am -2:30pm
Session 2 Time: 1 hour (at your school)
Group size: Maximum 12 ākonga

Embark on a hero's journey with our Miniature Maker workshop! Ākonga will develop a character through creative writing, design a 3D model, create a background using an AI image generator and laser cut a terrain tile inspired by their story. For more programme details and funding support, please visit our website.

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Podcasting Essentials

Recommended for Years 5-10
Locations and Days:
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre and Tūranga
Time: 9:30am -2:30pm
Group size: Maximum 12 ākonga

An introduction to script writing, recording, production techniques and editing to produce a finished podcast. For more programme details and funding support, please visit our website.

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Coding Creations: Exploring Robotics, Coding, and AI

Recommended for Year 7+
Locations and Days:
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
Time: 9:30am -2:30pm
Group size: Maximum 12 ākonga

This hands-on programme using VEX Robotics and block-based coding (text based optional). Ākonga will learn key computational thinking skills by programming robots and understanding core concepts such as inputs, outputs, and automation. For more programme details and funding support, please visit our website.

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