

March–May 2026

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide

Stories come to life
at the library.

Nau mai tauti mai.

Big Bargain Book Sale

Friday 20 March, 9am–7pm
Saturday 21 March, 9am–4pm

Pioneer Recreation
and Sport Centre
75 Lyttelton Street
Somerfield



For more info visit

christchurchcitylibraries.com

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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 on how to be involved in this project.

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

All libraries closed:*

Easter Friday	Friday 3 April
Easter Monday*	Monday 6 April
ANZAC Day	Saturday 25 April
ANZAC Day observed*	Monday 27 April

*Tūranga open 10am–5pm both Mondays

Important

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

All about whānau



christchurchcitylibraries.com

Wā Pēpi–Babytimes

 2 years and under

Programmes include stories, music, movement and rhymes.
Kōrero pukapuka, 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
Ōrauwata: 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.

Aranui Library	Fridays, 10.30am
Fendalton Library	Tuesdays, 10.30am
Linwood Library	Thursdays, 10am
Lyttelton Library	Tuesdays, 11am
Matatiki Hornby Centre	Wednesdays, 10.15am
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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



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



Bilingual Storytimes

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 20 March, 10am

Friday 15 May, 10am



Everyday Hero Storytimes

Join a real everyday hero for themed stories, songs and rhymes each month. There's a new hero every month, so check our website to see which library is hosting an Everyday Hero next!

Tūranga

Wednesday 18 March, 10.30-11am

Spreydon Library

Friday 24 April, 10.30-11am

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Wednesday 27 May, 10.30-11am



Te Manu Titi

Free drop-in bilingual Māori storytimes for pre-schoolers and their caregivers.

New Brighton Library

Every second Thursday, 12 March-2 April

South Colombo Library

Every second Wednesday, 22 April-17 June

Bedtime Stories at Fendalton

Dress up in your PJs and 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



Saturday Storytimes

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

Shirley Library

First Saturday of the month, 10.30-11.30am

Sensory Hour

An opportunity for people with sensory sensitivities to 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



Design a Deck Art Competition

Express your local love through creative design and go in the draw to win your art on a skate deck.

Pick up an entry form from the library and use the template to create your unique design. Return your entry to New Brighton library by **8 March 2026**.

There will be one winner and one runner up from each age category! An exhibition of all entries will run during Duke Fest from 16-29 March 2026.



AGE CATEGORIES
5-12 | 13-18 | 18yrs+

New Brighton Library

Monday 9 February-Sunday 8 March

Skate decks have generously been donated by local New Brighton skate shop **Tide & Timber** and supported by Duke Fest.

CSO Music Trails through the Libraries

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

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Friday 20 March, 10.30am

Fendalton Library

Friday 1 May, 10.30am

New Brighton Library

Friday 22 May, 10.30am



Wan Solwara Pacific Storytimes

Wan Solwara means “one ocean”.

Celebrate the amazing languages and cultures of the Pacific islands with stories, rhymes and action songs. Everything’s tied together by our special friendship with the sea.

Aranui Library

Thursday 5 March, 10.30–11am

Matatiki: Hornby Centre

Monday 16 March, 10.30–11am

Monday 11 May, 10.30–11am



Budget-friendly Joy for Kids

Every child deserves magical moments that last a lifetime, and they don’t have to come with a big price tag. This inspiring session is designed to show parents and caregivers how to nurture joy, connection, and resilience through everyday experiences, that cost little to nothing.

Spreydon Library

Sunday 8 March, 2–3pm

Free, bookings required

South Colombo Library

Friday 22 March, 2–3.30pm

Free, no bookings required



Scan this QR code to download the library app

Linwood Gardening Club

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



Monthly Puppet Show at Shirley Library

Step into the world of stories brought to life through puppetry! Come face-to-face with the Gruffalo, journey through the forest with Little Red Riding Hood, admire the Emperor’s New Clothes, and hear the magic words, “Mirror, mirror on the wall...”.

After the show, you can get hands-on with fun crafts inspired by the stories and characters you’ve just met.

Perfect for pre-schoolers, school-aged children, and their families.

Free, no bookings required

Shirley Library

Friday 10 April, 10.30–11.30am

Monday 9 March, 3.30–4.30pm

Monday 11 May, 3.30–4.30pm



Pacific Language Weeks

Noa’ia e mauri! Tālofa lava!

Let’s celebrate the language and stories of Rotuma and Samoa as we mark the first two Pacific language weeks for the year.

Gasav Ne Fāeag Rotuam Ta – Rotuma Language Week

Sunday 10–Saturday 16 May

Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Samoan Language Week

Sunday 31 May–Saturday 6 June

Check our Pasifika web page for upcoming activities and resources to join the celebrations.





Japanese Cultural Celebration

こんにちは! Immerse yourself in Japanese culture during a full week of celebrations this March with a range of events, activities and performances.

Come along and join our big celebration! Featuring traditional Japanese folktales performed by the Japanese shadow puppet group OHISAMA, along with a variety of exciting performances including songs, dances, and music.

All ages welcome
Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 28 March, 11am-1pm

Bilingual Storytimes with Kamishibai

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

Perfect for 2-5 years
All whānau and caregivers welcome

Fendalton Library

Tuesday 24 March, 10.30-11am

Tūranga

Wednesday 25 March, 10.30-11am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 26 March, 11-11.30am

Japanese Cultural Celebration Afterschool Activity Zone

Join a special craft session as part of our Japanese cultural celebration. All whānau welcome!

Free, no bookings required – Caregivers, please stay in the library during the session

See website for details.



**Neurodiversity
Celebration Week**
16-20 March 2026

Neurodivergence in Everyday Life

Join us for an evening conversation with Alta Sacra about everyday life as a neurodivergent person, from their perspective as an autistic adult with ADHD (AuDHD). Alta is also a parent of an autistic child and works alongside tāngata whaikaha Māori, disabled people, whānau, and organisations to support access, inclusion, and wellbeing through rights-based approaches. Alta holds a Master of Science in Education and a Master of Applied Social Work.

We'll talk about everyday experiences, navigating services and systems, masking and unmasking, and what supportive, inclusive approaches can look like in real community settings.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Wednesday 18 March, 6-7pm



Autism Acceptance Month

Join us to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month this April.

Please see website for any events happening in this space.

Fidget making

Join us to make your own fidget toy!

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Thursday 30 April, drop in between 4-6pm



Talk Together Social Skills Workshop

Are you a parent or teacher of a neurodivergent child (0-18 years)? Come and learn how you can support their social skills with Talk Together.

You'll learn tools to help your child or teen feel more confident, make friends, navigate social situations and have a sense of belonging.

Free, no bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 23 April, 6pm

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Thursday 30 April, 6pm



Ocean Immersive Experience

Step inside the ocean. Experience powerful short films in a fully immersive 360° room where sound, movement and imagery surround you and bring the ocean to life.

Learn, reflect and be inspired to protect our ocean.



Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 28 February–Sunday 8 March, 10am–5pm
Monday 2 March–Friday 6 March, 2–4pm, 6.30–8pm

Moana Discovery Day

Hear guest speakers throughout Seaweek. Meet inspirational exhibitors at the family event Moana Discovery Day.

Saturday 7 March, 10am–3pm

See [website](#) for programme of events.

Seaweek Wā Kōrero-Storytimes

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

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 3 March, 10.30–11am

Seaweek Wā Pēpi-Babytimes

Join us for music, movement, rhymes, and stories in a special ocean-themed Wā Pēpi-Babytimes to celebrate Seaweek.

New Brighton Library

Wednesday 4 March, 10.30–11am

Seaweek Beach Clean Up

Join us for a special Seaweek event that brings together community action, learning, and kōrero over morning tea.

Take part in a Beach Clean-Up with Without Waste and Forest and Bird Youth, then return to the library for an informative talk on the New Brighton Litter Intelligence Test Patch and the impact of coastal plastics and rubbish on our ocean.

Connect with others and help protect our moana.

Free, booking required

New Brighton Library

Saturday 7 March, 10am–noon

Underwater Scene Diorama

Are you ready to dive into something creative and exciting? This Seaweek, we're inviting 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.

Free, bookings required

Age 6–12 years

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Friday 6 March, 3.30–5pm



The Walking Festival

30+
walks

Hōpara, ako me hono 
Explore, learn and connect

Saturday 28 March – Sunday 19 April

Find your next adventure and book

ccc.govt.nz/walkingfestival



School Holiday drop-in fun

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com



Craft a Critter Crew

From bags to buddies.

Autumn Eye Spy Bingo

Build your own bingo board.
Your board, your challenge!



Build a Bookmark

Create a custom bookmark
for your next adventure!

DIY Sticker Studio

Design, Print, Peel.
Stick your style everywhere.



Bookings open Thursday 26 February, 7pm

Meet the Mini-Beasts

With Canterbury Museum

Explore the incredible world of insects up close with real display cases and live stick insects. Canterbury Museum educators will be on hand to share their knowledge and answer your curious questions.

Free, drop in

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Monday 13 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Redwood Library

Tuesday 14 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 16 April, 10.30am–12.30pm



Hooray for Hat! Story Walk at Richmond Community Garden

Take a stroll with Elephant and Friends on this interactive story walk. Meet your guide at the library van in the Gardens for a fun craft activity you can take along and enjoy during your walk through the flourishing Gardens and the surrounding red zone.

You will also have a chance to visit our library van and borrow books with your library card.

Richmond Community Garden, 235 River Road

Thursday 16 April, 10.30am–noon

Rain check day: Friday 17 April, 10.30am–noon



Stationery Swap

Stock up and refresh your stationery collection during the school break! Our stationery swap is a great way to share any items you no longer use. Bring along your spare stationery and swap it for something you need, it's all free.

Donations welcome in the lead-up to the event

Free, no booking required

Shirley Library

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April, 10.30am–3pm

Librarian for a Morning

See what happens behind the scenes at your local library. Learn how to sort, shelve, catalogue and more. Please bring a drink bottle and morning tea.

Free, bookings required

See website for details.



Pacific Printmaking

Get creative these school holidays and design a wood print using traditional shapes and patterns inspired by Pacific cultures across the moana, then print it onto fabric. Bring your own plain T shirt or fabric item to personalise.

Age 8+, free booking required

Shirley Library

Wednesday 8 April, 11.30am–1pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

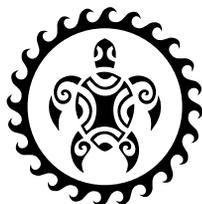
Friday 10 April, 10–11.30am

Aranui Library

Wednesday 15 April, 1.30–3pm

Tūranga

Friday 17 April, 10–11.30am



Tuia atu, tuia mai – tukutuku with Māori Library Services

Join Māori Library Services to learn about, design and make Māori decorative panels using contemporary materials.

Free, bookings required

Recommended for ages 7 years and older – all younger children must be accompanied by an adult

Tūranga

Tuesday 7 April, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

Thursday 16 April, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursday 9 April, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 14 April, 10–11.30am and 1–2.30pm

After school clubs and programmes



Afterschool 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.

christchurchcitylibraries.com

After school clubs and programmes

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

Visit christchurchcitylibraries.com events calendar for Term 2 dates and locations.

Bookings open Thursday 26 March, 7pm

Minecraft Mondays

Drop in and enjoy a Minecraft session.

New Brighton Library

Mondays, 3.30–4.30pm

Minecraft Club

Explore the creative world of Minecraft. Build your own virtual world and navigate the ever-changing Minecraft landscape with fellow gamers!

Required skills: Basic game knowledge and the ability to use a mouse and keyboard independently.

Ages 8–13 years

Free, bookings required

Aranui Library

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm during term time

Dungeon Delvers

Be the hero in a tabletop roleplaying campaign where everything rests on your roll of the dice!

Create a character and join in a shared story, where you might find yourself adventuring across unexplored lands, slinging sorcerous spells, or fighting against the dangerous denizens of dank dungeons!

Free, bookings required

Various libraries

See website for details.



Code Club

Discover the magic of coding, and create your own games, music, and art with Scratch. Share your creations with friends and family and receive a certificate from Code Club Aotearoa.

Basic computer skills needed.

Ages 8–12 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Tuesdays Term 1, 4–5pm

Shirley Library

Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm

Spreydon Library

Wednesdays, 3.45–4.45pm



Gamezone @ Linwood Library

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

Ages 5–12

Free, no bookings required

Linwood Library

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm during term time



Trading Card Club

Have a go at playing trading card games at this family-friendly event! Bring your deck to challenge someone to a casual game and trade your extra cards. There will be trial decks available for Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic the Gathering, and Lorcan for people who want to have a go but don't have a deck. All trading card games are welcome.

Ages 8+

Children under 12 years must have adult supervision

Free, no bookings required

Aranui Library

Monday 16 March, 3.30–4.30pm

Monday 18 May, 3.30–4.30pm



Youth programmes



YOUth week

Monday 18 May–Sunday 24 May 2026

The events on page 23 are part of YOUth Week and part of a series of special events for rangatahi / youth aged 12–25. This year's theme is:

Our voices matter! We deserve to be heard
Taringa whakarongo! Ki te reo o ngā taiohi.

Come visit us at the library and use your voice proudly!

christchurchcitylibraries.com

King Spray Graffiti Sticker Workshop

Step into the world of virtual graffiti! Design bold, creative stickers that reflect your style. Take home your custom sticker and show off your street art skills!

Ages 13–24

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Wednesday 18 March, 3–4.30pm

Discover the Joy of Bullet Journaling!

Curious about combining planning with self-expression? Bullet journaling is a flexible, fun, and effective method to track your tasks, goals, habits, and ideas. Whether you're a seasoned planner or a curious beginner, this workshop will inspire you to take control of your time and creativity.

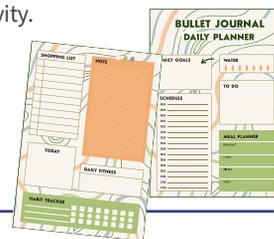
Age 14+, free, booking required

Spreydon Library

Wednesday 18 May, 5.45–6.45pm

South Colombo Library

Wednesday 20 May, 3.30–4.30pm



Junk Journaling

Have you got concert tickets, photos, or paper souvenirs you don't want to let go of? Come and join other scrap collectors for a junk journaling session. Turn your everyday junk into a collage that you can keep or display. Just bring yourself (and a friend!) and any special items you may want to include. All other materials will be supplied on the day. No experience needed, just come ready to get creative!

Age 12–25

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Tuesday 19 May, 3.30–5pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 20 May, 2.40–4.40pm

Friendship Bracelet Making

Make one for you, one for your bestie, and one to give away – you know the drill! We have everything you need to make friendship bracelets here at Tūranga, so come along and get crafting! Why not bring any leftovers to swap too?

Ages 12–25

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Thursday 21 May, 4–5pm

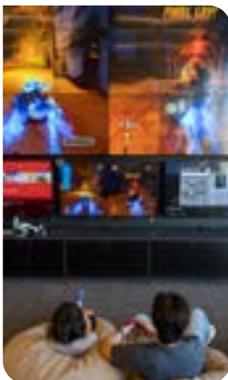


Wednesday Teen Takeover @ Tūranga

It's all yours! Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space is your space for VR (virtual reality), boardgames, tech, crafts and much more.

We've got the PlayStations reserved just for you, and over 40 PS5 games to choose from. Challenge your friends on the court with NBA2k25, or fight kitchen fires in Overcooked! Our Youth Librarians are here to chat too!

Cold food and covered drinks are welcome



Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesdays, 3–4pm
Term time only

VR Fridays

Join us every Friday for VR! We've got two PS5 VR headsets and plenty of games to choose from. Will you smash beats with lightsabers or enter an office simulation?

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

Ages 12+

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Fridays, 3.30–4.30pm
Term time only



Antisocial Social Club

Express yourself through creative outlets and enjoy some kai with like-minded rangatahi. This is a safe space for teens to get involved with various crafts and make connections. Come and hang out!



Ages 12–18 years

Linwood Library

First Friday of the month, 3.30–5pm
Term time only



Hoake ki te Taiao City Nature Challenge

24–27 April 2026

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



Meet the Mini-Beasts

With Canterbury Museum

Explore the incredible world of insects up close with real display cases and live stick insects. Canterbury Museum educators will be on hand to share their knowledge and answer your curious questions.

Free, drop in

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Monday 13 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Redwood Library

Tuesday 14 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 16 April, 10.30am–12.30pm



Feather in Your Capture New Zealand Bird Photography Exhibition

View selected works by award-winning local bird photographer Leanne Buchan.

Papanui Library

1–30 April

Matatiki Hornby Centre

1–30 April



Nature Makers Lab

Discover the beauty of nature and turn your observations into creations!

Bring a digital photo (.png or .jpg) of a plant or animal you've spotted in your local area and transform it into original artwork. With guided support, you'll design a personalised badge and a 3D-printed photo keychain holder – perfect keepsakes inspired by your own nature discovery.

Along the way, dive deeper by reading books and using the iNaturalist app to identify and learn more about the plant or animal you observed.

Come explore, create, and celebrate nature in your way!

\$3, bookings required

Suitable for children aged 7+ and adults

Shirley Library

Tuesday 14 April, 10.30am–noon

Urban Explorations

Walk to Victoria Square to discover the bugs in our backyard

Join entomologists Dr Rob Cruickshank and Dr Morgane Merien on an urban biodiversity walk. Discover our wonderful and diverse insects amongst the flora around Victoria Square and the Avon Riverbanks. Want to use the iNaturalist NZ app? Come early and bring your cell phones, and we will help you install the app before the walk from 1.15–1.30pm.

Afterwards, join us for a cup of tea and biscuits or a look at our exhibition back at Tūranga.

Cancelled if raining because the insects will not appear. Wear clothing suitable for the weather and comfortable walking shoes. Bring a drink bottle. Parents with strollers are welcome.

All ages welcome

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Sunday 22 March, 1.30–3pm



NZ Nature on a Tee

Join our creative workshop where you can create a unique image of New Zealand nature using a range of 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 2026 and all our wonderful native flora and fauna!

\$5.50, booking required

New Brighton Library

Friday 17 April, 2–4pm

Redwood Library

Wednesday 15 April, 2–4pm

Download the free iNaturalist NZ app to participate in the awesome City Nature Challenge for 2026!

inaturalist.nz

Saturday Storytimes – City Nature Challenge

Join us for a special nature themed Wā Kōrero-Storytimes as we get ready for the City Nature Challenge! The whole whānau are welcome to attend, we will have a half hour Storytimes, followed by a fun craft.

Free, no bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Saturday 18 April, 11am–noon

City Nature Challenge Wall Decal Workshop

Turn your photo or artwork into an awesome wall decal sticker! Bring your photo or art with you to the session or create something on the day.

Please note that it may not be possible to print all stickers by 11.30am, so there may be a small wait.

\$5, booking required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 16 April, 10–11.30am

Lily Duval is drawing critters!

Join author-illustrator Lily Duval for an art workshop. Hear about her favourite six-legged friends and get drawing and painting! Materials will be supplied.

Be sure to see Lily's artwork in *Our Insect Neighbours*, Tūranga's new exhibition celebrating City Nature Challenge 2026.

All ages welcome

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 21 March, 11am–12.30pm



City Nature Challenge Awards Night

Come celebrate our success with the team behind the City Nature Challenge.

We invite our local online community of iNaturalist NZ to get together in person, connect and network with like-minded nature lovers. The results of the Global Challenge and our own local efforts will be shared as well as spotlighting on our local heroes.

Prizes will be awarded for ten categories including most observations, most species and most unusual finds!

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Thursday 14 May, 5.30pm

Drinks and nibbles provided.

Christchurch Pride



Beat Saber Tournament

Pride Edition

Slay your way through the beats for Pride! Join in on our friendly Beat Saber tournament – will you win our trophy? This is a special session for rangatahi/teenagers, running as part of Christchurch Pride month.

Ages 12–25

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Wahi Rangatahi / Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Thursday 26 March, 3.30–4.30pm

Creative Sticker Workshop

Pride Edition

Join us to design and print your own vinyl sticker to celebrate Christchurch Pride.

Unleash your creativity and use our design software to create your very own sticker! Watch as your unique design comes to life, and take home an original, personalised sticker made by you.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Taiwhanga Rorohiko / Computer Labs,
Auaatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Thursday 5 March, 3.30–5pm (Age 18+)

Thursday 12 March, 3.30–5pm (Age 12–18)

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Saturday 21 March, 1–2.30pm (Age 12+)



Create your own Pride Merch

Celebrate Christchurch Pride by creating a badge or printing onto a T-shirt.

You will need to supply your own T-shirt, tote bag, or fabric to print, with a cost of \$5.50 per print. Please bring lighter coloured material, as darker fabrics won't work. Limited spots will be available on the day.

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 2 small badges (25mm) or 1 large badge (58mm) per person.



New Brighton Library

Friday 27 March, 2–4.30pm

Rainbow Book Club Party

Join us for a Christchurch Pride special book club party, with snacks, games, good books and great vibes. This is a special book club party for Pride, so you don't need to be regularly attending a library book club to join in!

This is an event for rangatahi/teenagers aged 12+, running as part of Christchurch Pride month. Rock on up!

Ages 12+

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground floor
Thursday 19 March, 3.30–4.30pm



Roll for Pride

Celebrate Pride Month 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 interested in playing the fun tabletop game. No supplies needed. Open to all – LGBTQIA+ members and allies are welcome!

Free, booking required

Linwood Library

Friday 13 March, 3.30–5pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Friday 27 March, 3.15–6.15pm



Wednesday Teen Takeover

Pride Edition

It's all yours! Wāhi Rangatahi/Youth Space is your space for VR (virtual reality), boardgames, tech, crafts and much more. Plus, it's Christchurch Pride – expect a special craft/activity in a Pride theme!

We've got the PlayStations reserved just for you. Tūranga has over 40 PS5 games to choose from, plus PS5 VR for some epic Beat Saber battles. Challenge your friends on the court with NBA2k25, or fight kitchen fires in Overcooked!



Ages 12–25

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi/Youth Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 March, 3–4pm

Wā Kōrero-Pride Storytimes

Join us for special sessions to celebrate Pride 2026.

Wā Kōrero-Pride Bedtime Stories @ Fendalton Library

6 March, 6.30–7.30pm

Wā Kōrero-Pride Storytimes @ Tūranga

15 March, 10.30–11am

Wā Kōrero-Pride Storytimes @ Ōrauwata:

Bishopdale Library

18 March, 10.30–11am

Wā Kōrero-Pride Storytimes @ New Brighton Library

24 March, 10.30–11am

Wā Kōrero-Pride Storytimes @ Upper Riccarton Library

30 March, 10–10.30am

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 12–25

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursday 12 March, 3–4.30pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Wednesday 25 March, 3–4.30pm



Pride Crafty Sundays

Celebrate Pride with some crafting fun! Bring your latest craft project and connect with other enthusiasts, or try out a new craft in a safe and welcoming environment. We will have some ideas and activities to do on the day.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Sunday 8 March, 11am–1pm



Bookbinding for Pride

Join our hands-on workshop where you'll learn the art of bookbinding. Guided by knowledgeable Christchurch City Libraries staff, this session will take you through each step of the process. By the end, you'll have crafted your very own notebook to take home and enjoy.

Age 18+

\$10, bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Saturday 14 March, 10.30am–2pm
Saturday 21 March, 10.30am–2pm



Sketch for Pride

Drop by to join our special edition pride sketch session.

Whether you'd like to go old school with pencil and paper, or explore some new arty tech with our iPad Pros and Apple Pencils, we'll have everything set up for you to get sketching.

Takes place at the big table outside the lifts.



Everyone welcome

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Sunday 15 March – drop by any time between 2–4pm

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

UC Product Design Showcase Week

Curious how ideas become everyday products, games, animations, and chemistry-based creations? Discover how design works and explore creative student projects at the UC School of Product Design Showcase Week.

Take part in hands-on workshops and activities, try design tools, play games, and experiment with ideas!



Ages 10+, free entry

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
11–16 April, 10am–5pm

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



Ōtautahi in Bricks Exhibition

Some of Ōtautahi's most talented LEGO builders have come together for a unique exhibition as part of Open Christchurch 2026. Ōtautahi in Bricks is dedicated to our city's architecture with Christchurch icons recreated in miniature and in incredible detail using LEGO bricks! The Imagination Station will be running activities over the weekend for an interactive experience.

This exhibition is brought to you in association with LUG 4x2, the New Zealand Lego User Group.

Free entry

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 2 May–Sunday 3 May, 10am–5pm



Between the Lines Write In

Looking for a quiet, inspiring place to write or hoping to be surrounded by others who love the craft as much as you do? Bring your notebook, laptop, or half formed ideas to our Library Write In, a relaxed drop in session designed for writers of all levels.

What to expect:

- A calm, welcoming environment
- Dedicated time to focus on your writing
- Space to work on fiction, non fiction, memoir, journaling, etc
- Optional light conversation with fellow writers
- No pressure, no critiques, just writing

Age 18+

Spreydon Library

Sundays, 10am–noon
Mondays, 4.30–6.45pm



Me Kōrero Tātou

Let's build our te reo Māori skills together!

Join us at Shirley Library for a friendly kōrero to 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

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!

Everyone's welcome, whether you're a seasoned zine creator and want to connect with others or you've never made a zine and want to find out what the fuss is about.

Art supplies and collage resources will be provided but feel free to bring your favourite along.

Teens, Adults

Tūranga

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



Space to meet.



Find a space 

to connect and share ideas

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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! We will be exploring different puzzle types every month.

Ages 12+

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Facilitation Space, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4
Second Sunday of the month, 3–4.30pm
8 March, 12 April and 10 May

Crafternoon Delight

Visit our 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 craft project in a peaceful, welcoming environment.

Whether you're into knitting, drawing, journaling, or another creative hobby, this is a chance to slow down and connect with others. There's no need to book, just come as you are and take a well-deserved break.

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Saturdays, 1–3pm



Tūranga Board Games Club

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

Ages 16+

Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3
First Thursday of the month, 5–7.30pm



Sketch @ Tūranga

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

Tūranga

He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Third Sunday of the month, 2–4pm



Let's have a cuppa

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

Fendalton Library

Every Wednesday, 10.30am–noon

Linwood Library

Friday 1 May, 10–11.30am



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 are available at this location.

Free, no bookings required

Upper Riccarton Library

First Wednesday of the month, 10–11.30am

Spreydon Library

Mondays, 2–4pm



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 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 25 March, 6.30–7.30pm
Wednesday 27 May, 6.30–7.30pm



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.

Free, ages 18+

Aranui Library

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



Crafty Connections Crew

Get crafty 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+

Free, no booking required.

Fendalton Library

First Thursday of the month, 6.30–7.30pm



Crafting for Wellbeing

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

Drop in, relax and enjoy some 'me' time.

All materials provided

Free, no booking required

Tūranga

Tūhuratanga | Discovery, Level 3
Saturdays 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 2–3.30pm



Speaker Series @Tūranga

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

Richer Lives, Not Just Richer Economies

Life expectancy has soared from 30 years in 1800, to nearly 80 today. What role did economic growth play in this transformation? Economist Stephen Hickson makes the case that economic growth is essential to human flourishing and living better lives.

Free to attend, bookings recommended.

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection,
Ground Floor
Thursday 12 March, 6–7pm



Declutter for Wellbeing

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

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Thursday 9 April, 6–7pm



Keep an eye on our website for details about our April and May events.

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!

Upper Riccarton Library

See website for details.



Craft Collective

Get crafty in our free craft sessions and try your hand at something new each month. No prior skills or knowledge are 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

English Conversation Club

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

Tūranga

Every third and fourth Tuesday of the month 5.30–6.30pm
Every first and second Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays, 11am–noon

Fendalton Library

Thursdays, 10–11am

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Mondays, 2–3pm

Papanui Library

Thursdays, 2–3pm

Spreydon Library

Tuesdays, 1.30–2.30pm



Mandarin Conversation Club

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 meet new people in the community.

Free, no bookings required.

Fendalton Library

Wednesdays, 5.30–6.30pm



Spanish Conversation Club

Practise speaking Spanish in a friendly atmosphere, at our relaxed drop-in group. It's not a formal class, but rather an opportunity to engage in Spanish conversations and connect with others in the community.

Ages 13 +

Free, no bookings required.

Matatiki Hornby Centre

First Tuesday of the month, 5–6pm



NZ MUSIC MONTH Te Marama Puoro o Aotearoa MAY 2026

Celebrating the music from NZ
and those that make it.

Beginning as a month to encourage radio stations to play more local tunes, NZ Music Month has grown into a wide cultural celebration of music-making across homes and venues in Aotearoa.

CSO Music Trails through the Libraries

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

Fendalton Library

Friday 1 May, 10.30am

New Brighton Library

Friday 22 May, 10.30am



Live performances

Celebrate Youth Week and New Zealand Music Month with live performances from talented young local musicians.

Free, no booking required

Spreydon Library

Sunday 3 May, 2.30pm

South Colombo Library

Sunday 24 May, 2–3pm



Papanui High School Choir

“Waiatahi” and “Kimi Ora” choirs perform for New Zealand Music Month at Papanui Library and before they enter The Big Sing.

Papanui Library

Monday 25 May, 12.30–1pm

Take the Library Stage

Come along and celebrate music month by performing a musical item, on your own or in a group. A microphone, speaker and music stand will be available to use, or bring your own. All ages welcome.

Fendalton Library

Saturday 16 May, 1.30–3.30 pm

Free, offline registration required. Phone 03 941 7923 and ask to speak to a librarian, or come into Fendalton Library in person to book your 10-minute slot.

Linwood Library

Thursday 7 May, 5–6.30pm

Age 12+

Basic equipment will be provided or bring your own.

New Zealand String Quartet – Te Rōpū Tūrū o Aotearoa

The Creation Voyages, from New Zealand Poet Laureate Robert Sullivan's award-winning children's book *Weaving Earth & Sky*, is an exciting new performance from the New Zealand String Quartet – Te Rōpū Tūrū o Aotearoa. Through music and storytelling, with imagery by Gavin Bishop, the NZSQ vividly reimagines Aotearoa's creation myths in an engaging, whānau-friendly performance.



Illustration: Gavin Bishop

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Friday 8 May, 10am and noon performances



Library Choir

Ever wondered what Tūranga would sound like to sing in? You can find out by joining our multi-storied Library Choir!

L.A. Mitchell and friends are back again, to guide us through this unique celebration of New Zealand music.

Come along and let's unify our voices in this life affirming event.

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Sunday 10 May, 2–3pm



Musical Storytime Tour with Greg Malcolm

Join musician Greg Malcolm to celebrate NZ Music Month with a fun, musical, visual and dramatic journey through songs and stories. Beautiful melodies and nursery rhymes of the past are fused with contemporary fun songs, encouraging children and the young at heart to be imaginative and creative thinkers.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Wednesday 6 May, 10.30am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 7 May, 11am

Matuku Takotako:

Sumner Centre

Wednesday 20 May, 11am

New Brighton Library

Thursday 21 May, 11am

Linwood Library

Thursday 28 May, 10.30am



NZ Music Month Battle of the Libraries Music Quiz

Participate in the New Zealand Music Month Quiz and help your local library be crowned as the winner in the battle of the libraries! Prizes to be won!

Happening during the month of May at participating libraries.

See website for details.



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

New Brighton Library

Every second Thursday, 12.30–2.30pm



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Technology Help Drop-in Sessions

Do you need help using your computer, smartphone, iPad, or tablet?

Drop-in for help with emails, searching the internet, using the library catalogue, eBooks, and general computer queries.

Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone, or use one of our computers.

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.



Introduction to Photoshop: Photo and Image Restoration

This one-day intensive course will introduce the basics of Photoshop, approaching it through photo and image restoration.

Photoshop is a large and complex application, and we will only scratch the surface of its capabilities. Nevertheless, by the end of the day participants should have a solid foundation to start their journey into image editing.

Strong basic computer skills required, no Photoshop experience needed.

Ages 18+

\$20, bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

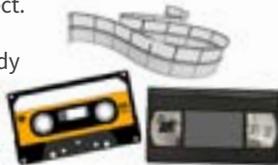
Saturday 9 May, 10.30am–3.30pm

Introduction to the Media Conversion Station

Are you interested in converting your photographs, videos, cassettes, film negatives, slides or floppy disks into digital files? Learn about Tūranga's media conversion station, including an overview of the equipment, some opportunities for hands-on learning and 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.



Fendalton Library

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30–11.30am

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

First Wednesday of the month, 4–5pm

Third Sunday of the month, 11am–noon

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.

Age 18+

\$20, booking required

Tūranga

Computer Lab, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Saturday 24 March, 10.30am–3.30pm

Saturday 23 May, 10.30am–3.30pm

GenConnect

Got questions about technology, apps or social media? Join a free GenConnect session, with high school students ready to help with your technology questions. Runs during term time only.

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursdays, 1–1.40pm

Studio Starters: Video Editing with DaVinci Resolve

This is an intensive one-day beginner course in video editing. We will be using DaVinci Resolve, a professional video-editing application.

We will provide footage for the students to practise with.

Resolve is a complex programme, and we will only be scratching the surface of its capabilities, but at the end of the day, the student should have a basic understanding of how to edit footage and sound.

Ages 18+

\$20, booking required

Tūranga

Computer Lab, Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Saturday 11 April, 10.30am–3.30pm



Auahatanga – Creative Spaces

Where everyone can learn, make and design.

Our creative and learning spaces welcome everyone whether you have just started or are reigniting a creative passion.

We have some amazing technology available at Christchurch City Libraries. The purpose of our service is to support prototyping and printing small quantities, as we are a non-commercial organisation.

To find out more about each piece of gear, where you can find it, and how you can use it to help exercise your creativity, visit:

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-spaces

Aotearoa Island Reads – International Women’s Day edition

Looking for the ultimate reading list? This International Women’s Day, listen to a line-up of dynamic women panellists discuss their top three reads they’d each pack as desert island companions. Make a sensational start to autumn with ‘Aotearoa Island Reads’ presented by the Friends of the Library.



Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Monday 9 March, 6–7pm

Book Discussion Scheme

BDS is a national non-profit which lends books and provides professional discussion notes to book groups. Small groups are 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 Groups

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. You’ll have a chance to meet new people, learn about different cultures and practise talking in English. We all read the same short book, which are provided by Book Discussion Scheme and written in English.

SPECIALIST BOOK CLUBS:

Korean Book Club

Upper Riccarton Library

Second Friday of the month, 6–7.30pm

Spanish Book Club

Upper Riccarton Library

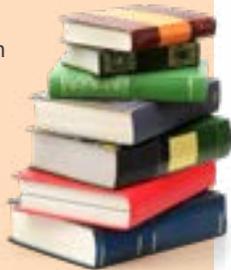
Second Tuesday of the month, 6–7pm

Polish Book Club

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

First Sunday of the month, 11am–noon



Library-run Book Clubs

Love sharing your favourite reads? Join other book lovers in a supportive and relaxed environment, at our city-wide casual book clubs. Visit our website or call 03 941 7923 to find one near you.

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 latest 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



Te Kāhui Ohua

This monthly reading group focuses on books housed in our Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection. Each month you’ll choose a 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

Waruwarutū / Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection,

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Last Friday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm

Tuesday Terrors Horror Book Club

Run by librarians with a love for all things horror, 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



Matatiki Lunchtime Book Club

Calling all book lovers! With no set book to read, join us for a friendly chat at our relaxed and social group which meets every month.

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Last Wednesday of the month, noon–1pm

Shared Reading

Shared reading is an opportunity to listen to a short story and a poem as a group before breaking it down and discussing it. Share your thoughts – how did it make you feel, how did you interpret it, did you enjoy it?

Discover some interesting and thought-provoking reading led by one of our library staff.

Ages 16+

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Wednesdays, 11am–noon

Linwood Library

Mondays, 10.30–11.30am

Shirley Library

Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am



LGBTQ+ Book Club

This club is for people with an interest in LGBTQ+ stories to share, discover, and discuss their favourite titles and authors.

If you're new to the book club, you can bring along any book – a library book, your own copy, on Libby, Kobo, Audiobook, PDF or just as a fond memory.

Ages 16+

No bookings required

Aranui Library

Last Saturday of the month, 2.30–3.30pm



Heritage



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

March	Papanui Library
April	Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre
May	Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Family History

Bring your family history questions to our regular drop-in events.

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesdays, 11am–1pm

A member of the Canterbury Genealogy Society will be on hand to help.

Shirley Library

First and third Saturdays of the month, 10am–noon



Spotlight On: Local Schools

Are you interested in finding out more about the school lives of your ancestors? This free workshop will look at historical information about local schools, students and teachers. We'll cover changes in education in Canterbury in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and explore what records, images and information you can find in the library's physical and digital collection.

Ages 14+

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Wednesday 13 May, 10am–noon

Beginners Guide to Local History

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.

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

It's a great way to enrich your family history research, or delve deeper into the area you live, work or play.

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

You will be booked on all six sessions.

Ages 12+

\$15, booking required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Wednesdays from 20 May–24 June, 2–4pm



Heritage Highlights

An Anzac themed speaker talk. See library website for details.

Ages 14+

Free, booking required

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground floor
Thursday 23 April, 2–3.30pm



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...

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

You will be booked on all four sessions.

Ages 16+

\$15, booking required

Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,
Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Thursdays from 21 May–11 June, 2–4pm



Rangahau-ā-Iwi – Iwi Research

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

Free, no booking required.

Tūranga

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

Te Rarawa

Tuesday 3 March, 5.30–6.30pm

Rangitāne

Tuesday 7 April, 5.30–6.30pm

Ngāti Pikiao

Tuesday 5 May, 5.50–6.30pm



Māori Land Court Drop In Advisory Clinic

Do you have a Māori Land Court enquiry? 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

Tuesday 7 April, 12–2pm



Pou Kohikohinga in Residence – Meet our Māori Collection Specialists

Do you have questions about the Ngā Pounamu Māori Collection and kaupapa Māori research? Or, do you need help looking into your whakapapa? Our Māori Collection Specialists are available to answer your queries.

Fendalton Library

Thursday 12 March, 10am–3pm

Linwood Library

Thursday 23 April, 10am–3pm

Shirley Library

Thursday 21 May, 10am–3pm



Exhibitions

OUR INSECT NEIGHBOURS

A CLOSER LOOK AT THEIR HIDDEN WORLD



21 MARCH – 17 MAY 2026

TE PITO HUAREWA SOUTHBASE GALLERY,
TŪRANGA, 60 CATHEDRAL SQUARE, CHRISTCHURCH

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Lily Duval*

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Our Insect Neighbours: A closer look at their hidden world

Creeping, flitting, hopping or climbing – our insect neighbours sure do get around! Step inside Te Pito Huarewa to see all sorts of wonderful critters and learn something new.

Maybe you'll spy a native praying mantis, learn a purakau about a sandfly or marvel at Dr Morgane Merien's bug-catching contraptions!



Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
21 March–17 May

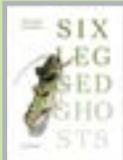
Catch up on the insect buzz!

Come and celebrate the opening of **Our Insect Neighbours** exhibition with local insect aficionados and enjoy an evening of engaging discussion on all things 'bug'.

Free, all welcome

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Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Friday 20 March, 5.30pm



Lily Duval is drawing critters!



Join author-illustrator Lily Duval for an art workshop. Hear about her favourite six-legged friends and get drawing and painting! Materials will be supplied.

Be sure to see Lily's artwork in *Our Insect Neighbours*, Tūranga's new exhibition celebrating City Nature Challenge 2026.

All ages welcome, free, bookings required

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Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 21 March, 11am–12.30pm

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