

June–August 2026

What's on in your library

Programme and event guide

Stories come to life
at the library.

Nau mai tauti mai.



Celebrate Pacific Language Weeks

**Tālofa lava! Mauri! Kia orāna!
Halo! Mālō e lelei!**

Feel the warmth of the Pacific as each language blooms and together we weave a shared lei of culture and knowledge.

Join us across the network for after school activities and traditional crafts such as making Sei, Te anō, Ei katu, Naio and more! Let's connect, share stories, and honour the rich languages of our Pacific cultures.

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

Samoa Language Week

31 May–6 Jun

Wikin te Taetae ni Kiribati

Kiribati Language Week

5 Jul–11 Jul

Vanuatu Bislama Lanwis Wik

Vanuatu Bislama Language Week

26 Jul–1 Aug

‘Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki ‘Āirani

Cook Islands Māori Language Week

2 Aug–8 Aug

Uike Kātoanga’i ‘o e lea faka-Tonga

Tonga Language Week

16 Aug–22 Aug

For programme updates and full event details:

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/pasifika



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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

Kings Birthday

Monday 1 June

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

Matariki

Friday 10 July

All libraries closed

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
Ōrauwkata: 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
Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre	Wednesdays, 10.30am
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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

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

Stories, rhymes, songs and interactive activities in Korean.

Upper Riccarton Library

Monday 6 July, 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!

Redwood Library

Friday 5 June, 10.30am

Linwood library

Thursday 30 July, 10am

South Colombo

Tuesday 25 August, 11am



Te Manu Tītī

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

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Every second Friday, 24 July–25 September

South Colombo Library

Every second Wednesday, 3 June–1 July

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

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Wednesdays, 4–5pm



CSO Music Trails through the Libraries

These free 45-minute performances are a fun way to introduce young people to live music and instruments. Performance may also contain dances, songs and stories.

Tūranga

Friday 12 June, 10.30am

Ōrauwhata:

**Bishopdale Library and
Community Centre**

Friday 31 July, 10.30am



Wan Solwara Pacific Storytimes

Wan Solwara means “one ocean”.

Join us for stories, rhymes and action songs celebrating the Pacific islands, all tied together by our special friendship with the sea.

Aranui Library

Thursday 11 June, 10.30–11am

Thursday 13 August, 10.30–11am

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre

Tuesday 23 June, 10.30–11am

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 29 July, 10.30–11am

Linwood Library

Wednesday 26 August, 10.30–11am



Ngā Waiata Rongonui

E te tī, e te tā, Tuahine Justice is on the move around the motu, you'll find her lost in the realm of waiata down at Te Kete Wānanga o Ihutai.

Come learn a new waiata or one from back in the day, bringing the power of accelerated learning to you and your whānau.

Te Kete Wānanga o Ihutai: Linwood Library

Fortnightly Wednesdays, 10.30–11am

Monthly Puppet Show at Shirley Library

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...” as stories are brought to life through puppetry!

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

All are welcome! The interactive puppet show is perfect for pre-schoolers, school-aged children, and their families.

Free, no bookings required

Shirley Library

Friday 12 June, 10.30–11.30am

Monday 13 July, 3.30–4.30pm

Friday 14 August, 10.30–11.30am





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 will be exploring different puzzle types every month.

Ages 12+

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

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

Christchurch City Libraries Poetry Competition

Write, inspire and compete!

To celebrate National Poetry Day we are running a Poetry Competition for amateur poets. Entry forms will be available at libraries and online.

See website for details

17–31 August





★ Celebrate ★ PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mabuhay! Immerse yourself in Filipino culture as we come together to celebrate the 128th Philippine Independence Day with a full week of festivities in June. Throughout the week, enjoy a vibrant programme of events, activities, and performances honouring this significant moment in Philippine history.

Join us for the main celebration at Tūranga featuring a stunning fashion show showcasing traditional Filipino attire and cultural performances.

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 13 June, 1–3pm

Bilingual Storytelling with Jay Menes

A special Filipino bilingual storytelling, where Filipino artist and children's storyteller Jay Menes will enchant audiences with his retellings of beloved Filipino folktales.

Perfect for ages 2–5 years

All whānau and caregivers welcome

Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday 10 June, 3.30–4pm

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1
Saturday 13 June, 11–11.30am

Afterschool Activity Zone

Come and have fun at our special craft session for Philippine Independence Day Celebration. Caregivers please stay in the library during the session.

All whānau welcome!

Free, no bookings required

See website for locations and times
8–14 June

School Holiday drop-in fun

4-19 July

Check where and when at

christchurchcitylibraries.com

Swoop into a Story

Let your next chapter
take flight



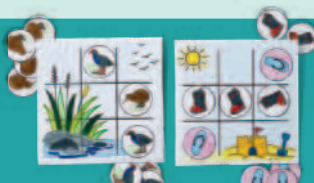
Snow Globe Spinner

Spin up some
winter magic!



Kiwi Noughts and Crosses

Challenge a mate
and have a go!



Emoji Mood Wheel

Your mood, your rules



Teddy Bear Sleepover

Librarians will care for your soft toy overnight. The next day, join us for a fun afternoon Storytime and find out what shenanigans your toy has been up to.

Ages 3-10 years, adult supervision required

Free, no bookings required

Ōrauwata: Bishopdale Library

Drop off Tuesday 14 July, 9am-5pm

Pick up & Storytime Wednesday 15 July, 3-3:30pm

KidsFest

Tickets open
Tuesday
9 June
at 9am

Sat 4 July–Sun 19 July

Makey Makey Music with Scratch

Learn how to create and code your very own electronic instrument using Makey Makey and Scratch. You'll learn how to build a musical instrument out of cardboard and make it come to life!

No prior coding experience or electronics knowledge necessary.

Ages 8–10 years

\$10, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Monday 6 July, 10am–12.30pm

Te Hāpua; Halswell Centre

Tuesday 7 July, 10am–12.30pm

Tūranga

Facilitation Space, Level 4

Thursday 9 July, 9.30am–noon

Thursday 16 July, 1.30–4pm

New Brighton Library

Tuesday 14 July, 10am–12.30pm



Whānau Board Games

Bring the whānau to play social board games in this drop-in session. You're welcome to use our in-library games, or bring your own. You can also see what board games are available to borrow from our collection for \$5.

All ages, under 14s must have adult supervision

No bookings required, seats are limited

New Brighton Library

Wednesday 8 July, 2–4.30pm



Wonder of Worms

Explore how worms turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost and get stuck into building your very own worm farm, all while learning the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. You'll have plenty of wriggly helpers who can help you to continue the mahi at home.



Please bring a clean 1.5 or 2lt plastic soft drink bottle.

Ages 5–12 years

Free, bookings required

Te Hāpua; Halswell Centre

Wednesday 15 July, 9.30–10.30am and 11am–noon

New Brighton Library

Thursday 16 July, 9.30–10.30am and 11am–noon



Tūranga Teen Book Club

Join us this school holidays for a relaxed and welcoming book club just for teens! We'll gather in a cosy space to chat about what we're reading, discover new recommendations, and connect with fellow book lovers.

Bring a book you're currently enjoying or have already read, all genres are welcome. Be part of a community that loves books as much as you do.

Ages 12–18 years

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Wāhi Rangatahi / Youth Space,
Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesday 8 July, 3–4pm

Te Hōtēra Kārara – Bug Hotels, Journals and Food in a Jar

Join Māori Library Services to learn how to grow food at home, design and make your own bug hotel, and journal to record your guests and see how well your plants grow.

Ages 8–15 years

\$5, bookings required

Matuku Takotako Sumner Centre

Thursday 9 July, 10am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Library

Tuesday 14 July, 10am–noon

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Tuesday 7 July, 10am–noon

Thursday 16 July, 10am–noon



Ready, Set, Read

Join us for a special Storytimes with songs, and activities, building on early literacy skills.

Receive your very first library bag filled with books handpicked by a librarian and matched to your interests.

It's the perfect way to begin a lifelong love of reading!

Ages 4–6 years

\$4, bookings required

New Brighton Library

Monday 6 July, 10.30–11.30am

Shirley Library

Wednesday 15 July, 2–3pm

DIY Scrunchie Workshop

This fun, beginner-friendly workshop is a great way for teens to get comfortable using a sewing machine while making their own scrunchie to take home.

Basic machine knowledge is helpful but not necessary – support will be on hand. All materials are provided.

Ages 12–18 years

Free, bookings required

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Thursday 16 July, 10am–noon



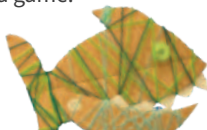
Shark Awareness Day

Celebrate Shark Awareness Day with games, crafts and interactive learning. Activities include "Feed the Shark" a fun maths game with ping pong balls and numbered fish, and "Chomp" an exciting card game.

Ages 5–12 years

Linwood Library

Monday 13 July, 2.30–4pm



Did They Really Do That? Cantabrians' Quest for World Records

A Tuakiri Investigates pop up exhibition. Cantabrians have always embraced a challenge, and the 1970s and 1980s were peak decades for attempting to break world records! From feats of endurance to quirky stunts, explore the bold endeavours that captured imaginations and made headlines. There's a chance to win a prize too!

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Saturday 4 July–Sunday 30 August

Librarian for a Morning

See what happens behind the scenes at your local library. Learn how to sort, shelve, use the catalogue and more.

Free, bookings required

Bring a drink bottle and morning tea

Spreydon Library

Wednesday 8 July, 10am–noon (10–12 years)

Wednesday 15 July, 10am–noon (6–9 years)

Aranui Library

Wednesday 15 July, 9am–noon (10–12 years)

Friday 17 July, 9am–noon (6–9 years)



Mythical Storytime

Join us for a mythical Storytime with the Teece Museum! We'll explore heroic stories, beautiful artifacts, and mischief from the gods! Get up and close with the artifacts and help create your own mythology.

Ages 5–9 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Taururu TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1

Wednesday 15 July, 10.30am–12.30pm

Cosy Storytimes

Learn how to make hot chocolate spoons, before snuggling down to listen to an older fiction story. Remember to bring your own blanket!

Ages 7–12 years

Free, bookings required

Parklands Library

Wednesday 8 July, 4–5pm



Step into a Book: Green Screen Experience

Visit our fun green screen photo booth and pose with a book you love. We'll help you appear right inside the pages with its characters!

Bring your favourite book or pick one from our shelves.

Ages 5–12 years

Free, no bookings required

Spreydon Library

Thursday 9 July, 2.30–4.30pm

South Colombo

Friday 17 July, 2.30–4.30pm



Alice in Wonderland Tea Party

Join us for a fun tea party, scavenger hunt and craft based on the book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Drinks (juice/water), biscuits and snacks will be provided. We can't cater to allergies so please bring a tea party snack for your kid to enjoy if needed.

Dress up is encouraged. The craft includes a crown and a heart wand that we will make at the start of the session so everyone has something to wear.

Ages 5–12 years

Free, bookings required

Linwood Library

Wednesday 8 July, 2.30–4pm



Magic and Make-Believe Day

Come down to Shirley Library for a day of magic, imagination and fun! Hunt through the library to build your own mythical creature and help hatch dragon eggs through the magic of Virtual Reality!

You can also join a magical Storytime with books, rhymes and bubbles.

Some activities require bookings

See website for details

Shirley Library

Wednesday 8 July, 10am–5pm



Discover Your Voice! Podcasting

Whether you love talking about books, music, movies, or current events – this session gives you the mic.

You'll learn how to use real podcast equipment and record yourself on our Rodecaster podcasting desk, which you can enter into the Top of The Pods podcasting competition if it's of interest to you.

Top of the Pods entries are suitable for students in Years 5–10. For more information about Top of the Pods visit: gcsn.school.nz

Ages 8–18 years
Free, bookings required

Spreydon Library
Friday 17 July, 1–3pm



Mahjong for Teens

There's no experience needed for this beginner friendly program, which introduces teens to the basics of Mahjong through guided play and hands on learning.

Build strategy and problem solving skills while enjoying a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Ages 10–18 years
Free, bookings required

Matatiki Hornby Centre
Monday 6 July, 2–4pm
Monday 13 July, 2–4pm

Tūranga
Facilitation Space, Level 4
Wednesday 15 July, 2–4pm

Movie and Popcorn

Bring along your cosiest blanket, and join us for an afternoon of movies and popcorn.

Ages 5+

Free, no bookings required

Parklands Library

Wednesday 15 July, 3.30–5pm



Archives Adventures

Explore Ōtautahi Christchurch's past through archival objects like photographs, letters and diaries in a hands-on adventure. Learn how to look after archives and what we can learn from these precious treasures.

This adventure involves delicate historic materials and no bags, food or drink are permitted.

Ages 8–12 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Research Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Thursday 9 July, 2–3pm

Let's Dig It!

Step into the world of archaeology, with a workshop run by professional archaeologists! Young explorers will handle real artefacts, try out archaeological activities, and discover how we piece together the stories of Aotearoa New Zealand's past.

Ages 8–12 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor

Tuesday 7 July, 10.30–11.30am and 2–3pm

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!

See 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 dates and locations.

Bookings open Thursday 28 May, 7pm

Minecraft Mondays

Drop in and enjoy a Minecraft session.

New Brighton Library

Mondays, 3.30–4.30pm



Minecraft Club

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

To really enjoy the game you need a basic understanding of Minecraft.

Ages 8–13 years

Free, bookings required

Aranui Library

Thursdays, 3.30–4.30pm (during term time)

Shirley Library

Fridays, 3.30–4.30pm (during term time)

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)



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, 4–5pm

Shirley Library

Thursdays, 3.45–5.15pm

Spreydon Library

Wednesdays, 3.45–4.45pm



Dungeon Delvers

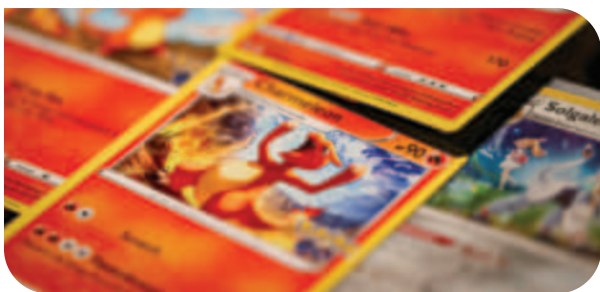
Be the hero in a tabletop roleplaying campaign where everything rests on your roll of the dice!

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



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 Lorcana for people who want to play but don't have a deck. All trading card games are welcome.

Ages 8+, under 12s must have adult supervision

Free, no bookings required

Aranui Library

Every third Monday of the month, 3.30–4.30pm

Reading to Dogs

Help children develop their literacy skills and love of stories, by having them read aloud to a furry friend. This is a partnership between libraries and the Animal Management Team.

Free, bookings required

See website for details



Storytime in your language



Mānawatia a Matariki mā Puaka

Celebrating Matariki and Puaka

He Kai Kei Āku Rika – Whānau Fun Day

Visit our whānau fun day with stalls supporting understanding of food sovereignty and security. There will be rongoa (Māori herbal medicinal products), food growing and gathering specialists, crafts, games, waiata/songs, and Storytimes.

Tūranga

Saturday 20 June, 10am–3pm

Matariki ki Rehua – Whānau Day

Celebrate Matariki Puaka at Rehua Marae on Springfield Rd, St Albans with Matariki activities, kai/food and craft stalls.

Rehua Marae

Saturday 20 June, 1–4pm

Te Hōtēra Kārara – Bug Hotels, Journals and Food in a Jar

Join Māori Library Services to learn how to grow food at home, design and make your own bug hotel, and journal to record your guests and how well your plant grows.

Ages 8–15 years

\$5, bookings required

Tūranga

Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Tuesday 7 July, 10am–noon

Thursday 16 July, 10am–noon

Matuku Takotako Sumner Centre

Thursday 9 July, 10am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Library

Tuesday 14 July, 10am–noon



Te Manu Tītī

Join us for bilingual Māori Storytimes with a Matariki twist at South Colombo and Akaroa libraries.

See website for details

Matariki–Puaka Dune Day

Bring the whole whānau down to support the dunes. Meet in the library for a kōrero with Ranger Jason before heading out to plant. Please bring your own gloves. Under 14's must have adult supervision.

Suitable for all ages

Free, drop-in but spaces are limited

New Brighton Library

Saturday 27 June, 10am–noon



Matariki Wā Kōrero

Join us for Matariki Storytimes at one of our local libraries or community spaces.

Free, no bookings required

Check our website calendar for times, places and dates

Matariki Ngā Pakiwaitara

Join us for bilingual Māori Matariki themed Ngā Pakiwaitara/Storytimes at Tūranga.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Hapori | Community, Level 1

Every Tuesday in June, 10.30am

Waiata Rongonui with a Matariki Twist

Join us for bilingual Māori waiata rongonui/songs.

Pre-schoolers and their caregivers welcome

Free, no bookings required

Linwood Library

Wednesday 24 June, 10.30am

Matariki After School Activity Zones

Design and make origami star boxes and/or origami stars to celebrate Matariki.

Free, drop-in craft programme

Check our website calendar for a date and time near you

New Zealand Chinese Language Week



新西兰中文周

29 June–5 July 2026

面向普通话客户的影音数码转换介绍 Introduction to the Media Conversion Station for Mandarin Speakers

您是否有兴趣将照片、视频、磁带、胶片底片或老式投影片转换为数字文件？欢迎参加本次讲座，了解Fendalton图书馆的影音数码转换区，包括设备概览，以及如何预约自助使用时段来开始您的数字化项目。

特别要求：需具备基本的电脑操作能力

适合年龄：18岁以上

费用：免费

是否需要预约：无需预约

Are you interested in converting your photographs, videos, cassettes, film negatives, or slides into digital files?

Join this one-off session to find out more about Fendalton Library's media conversion station, including an overview of the equipment and information about how to book a self-service session to begin your digitisation project.

Competent computer skills required.

Ages 18+

Free, no bookings required

Fendalton Library

Wednesday 1 July, 6–7pm

Chinese Gongfu Tea Experience

Join an intimate, small-group Chinese Gongfu tea experience designed especially for NZ Chinese Language Week.

Experience the art of Chinese Gongfu tea through tea culture, Chinese language, guided tastings and reflective conversation woven throughout the experience.

Ages 18+

\$5, limited spaces bookings required

Upper Riccarton Library

Thursday 2 July, 6–7.30pm

Bilingual Storytimes

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

These Storytimes will be delivered in Mandarin.

Ages 2–5 years

All whānau and caregivers welcome

Upper Riccarton Library

Monday 29 June, 10am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Library

Thursday 2 July, 11am

Afterschool Activity Zone

Join us for a special activity with Confucius Institute for NZ Chinese Language Week. There will be a variety of activities including craft, calligraphy and cultural experiences.

All whānau welcome

Free, no bookings required

New Brighton Library

Monday 29 June, 3.30–4.30pm

South Colombo Library

Tuesday 30 June, 3.30–4.30pm

Fendalton Library

Wednesday 1 July, 3.15–4.15pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 2 July, 3.30–4.30pm

Ōrauwata Bishopdale Library

Friday 3 July, 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



Youth programmes



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My Book Bag: Cosy Edition

Ready to discover your next cosy read? Tell us what you love to read and we'll handpick the perfect books for you. With My Book Bag, you'll uncover new series and hidden gems.

Ages 12–24 years

Free, bookings required

Tūranga, New Brighton and Spreydon

See website for registration details

Antisocial Social Club

Express yourself through different creative outlets and enjoy some kai with other like-minded rangatahi! This is a safe place to get involved with various crafts and make connections.

Ages 12–18 years

Linwood Library

First Friday of the month, 3.30–5pm

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 beat 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 (during term time)



Wednesday Teen Takeover

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

Our Youth Librarians are here to chat too. Whether you need an extra player for Catan, book recommendations, or help exploring tech, they're here to make the space yours.

Cold food and covered drinks are welcome.

Tūranga

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

Wednesdays, 3–4pm (during term time)

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Wednesdays, 2.30–4.30pm

Creative and connected

Te Pae o Rēhia ki Tūranga



A free boardgame festival for Canterbury

5 June, 2–7.30pm

6–7 June, 10am–4.30pm

Tūranga



 **Cancer Society**
Te Kāhui Mātepuupuku o Aotearoa

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Speaker Series @ Tūranga

Free to attend, bookings recommended

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

Peter Langlands

Peter will talk about his book *Foraging New Zealand* to celebrate Matariki mā Puaka 2026 – food sovereignty, and food security.

Tūranga

Auaha Hihī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Thursday 11 June, 6–7pm



Gene Technology

Come and hear University of Canterbury Professors Jack Heinemann and Tammy Steeves discuss the use of synthetic biology to save threatened species.

Tūranga

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



Keep an eye on our website for our August event details.





Bookbinding for Winter

Join us for a 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

Thursday 11 June, 4–7.30pm

Friday 12 June, 1–4.30pm

Saturday 13 June, 10.30am–2pm

Enjoy our regular craft and game clubs!

See website for venues, dates and times



eKnow how



Technology Help Drop-in Sessions

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

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

Free, no bookings required

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

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Techmate Drop-in

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

Free, no bookings required

Aranui Library

Every second Monday, 10am–noon
Tuesdays, 10am–noon

Fendalton Library

Every second Monday, 10am–noon

Linwood Library

Tuesdays, 11am–1pm
Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri, 10.30am–12.30pm

New Brighton

Every second Thursday, 12.30–2.30pm

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre

Tuesdays, 10am–noon

Papanui Library

Fridays, 10am–noon

Redwood Library

Thursdays, 10am–noon

Shirley Library

Tuesdays, 10am–noon

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Mondays, 10am–noon

Tūranga

Wednesdays, 10am–noon



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, 1–1.45pm

Introduction to the Media Conversion Station

Are you interested in converting your photographs, videos, cassettes, film negatives, slides or floppy disks into digital files? Join this session to find out more about the media conversion station, 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!

Ages 18+

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

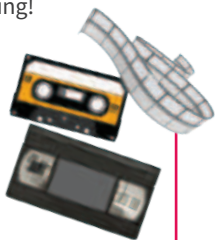
Auahatanga | Creativity, Level 4

Second Friday of the month, 6–7pm

Fourth Saturday of the month, 2–3pm

Fendalton Library

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30–11.30am



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

Authors and books



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Author Talks @ Tūranga

Free, bookings required

Terra Nova Illustrated – David Wilson



Come and be the first to hear about David's latest book, *Terra Nova Illustrated: Pictures from Captain Scott's Last Antarctic Expedition 1910–1913*, based on over a decade of research.

David is briefly visiting New Zealand; this is a rare chance to meet him in person and hear about the finds from his fascinating and dedicated research. This event is co-hosted by Canterbury Museum and Te Ūaka The Lyttelton Museum.

Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesday 8 July, 6–7pm

Foraging with Peter Langlands



Supporting our Matariki theme of food sovereignty and food security, Peter Langlands – Aotearoa NZ's only licensed professional forager – joins us for a conversation on foraging in Mother Nature's pantry.

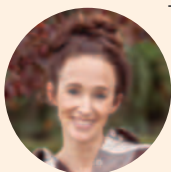


Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Thursday 11 June, 6–7pm

Also catch Peter at our *Whānau Day, Saturday 20 June at Tūranga* – he'll have a stall and copies of his book for sale.

Sarah A. Parker



To celebrate the release of the much-anticipated fourth book *The Ballad of Falling Dragons*, Sarah is touring New Zealand to meet her readers.

Sarah's *To Bleed a Crystal Bloom* series is an epic fantasy romance, which has sold millions of copies internationally and is a New York Times bestseller.



Tūranga

Tautoru / TSB Space, Hapori | Community, Level 1
Wednesday 24 June, 6–7pm

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Cosy up with a good book this August!

Looking for the perfect excuse to curl up with a great read this winter? Join our Winter Reading Challenge and discover new authors, explore different genres and have some fun!



Ages 18+

Pick up a challenge card from one of the following participating libraries to get started:
New Brighton, Shirley, Parklands, or Aranui

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



Sporty Reading: A Sports Biography Book Club

New!

A casual discussion about the latest sports biography you've read, or any old favourites. We will also have guest speakers occasionally to chat to us about their sporting life and favourite sports biographies.

Free, no bookings required

Fendalton Library

Last Tuesday 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



ESOL Book Club

New!

Learning English and love reading? Come and join other ESOL learners to talk about books in our friendly, relaxed library environment. With no set text you can choose your own book. All reading levels are welcome.

Free, no bookings required

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

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.

New to the club? Bring along any title you like – whether it's a library book, your own copy, an ebook (Libby or Kobo), an audiobook, a PDF, or even just a fond memory.

Ages 16+

No bookings required

Aranui Library

Last Saturday of the month, 2.30–3.30pm



Language learning for everyone

Heritage



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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

Tour of Tuakiri | Identity – Your Local and Family History Floor

Join our monthly tour and learn about the wealth of family and local history resources available at Christchurch City Libraries. Staff will highlight our extensive collections – from the Family History | Whakapapa hub and historic Canterbury photographs to archives, maps, and specialist research materials. A great introduction for future use and research.

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Last Saturday of the month, 10.30–11.30am

Beginners Guide to Local History

Are you interested in learning about the history of Ōtautahi Christchurch? Come and join our Local History librarians as we explore topics like our Māori heritage, European immigration and settlement, the people, places and events that make our city unique.

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

This is a great way to add context to 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+

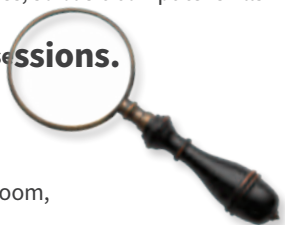
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Tūranga

Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Room,

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Wednesdays from 20 August–24 September, 10am–noon





Heritage Highlights: 154 years of Funerals in Canterbury

With 154 years of experience in Canterbury, Andrew Bell from Bell, Lamb & Trotter will be sharing some of the changes that their Funeral service has seen over the years, from the introduction of embalming to New Zealand in 1896 to the launch of water cremation in 2025.

Adults

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī, He Hononga | Connection, Ground Floor
Tuesday 23 June, 6–7pm

Rites and Respectability: Burying the Dead in 19th Century Christchurch

Discover some of the quirks and curiosities of burials in 19th century Christchurch, from inquest intricacies to gravestones that speak to you from the past.

Then try going on a grave hunt of your own.

Adults

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Auaha Hīhī, He Hononga |
Connection, Ground Floor
Thursday 25 June, 2–3pm



Rangahau-ā-Iwi – Iwi Research

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

Tūranga

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

Muaūpoko Tuesday 2 June, 5.30–6.30pm

Ngāti Koata Tuesday 7 July, 5.30–6.30pm

Te Aupōuri Tuesday 4 August, 5.50–6.30pm

Māori Land Court Drop In Advisory Clinic

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.

Tūranga

Waruwarutū/Ngā Pounamu Māori, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2
Tuesday 4 August, 12–2pm

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.

Redwood Library

Tuesday 16 June, 10am–3pm

Ōrauwkata Bishopdale Library

Thursday 23 July, 10am–3pm

Matatiki Hornby Centre

Thursday 20 August, 10am–3pm

Check out the **Mobile Discovery Wall** as it moves around our community libraries.

June Matatiki Hornby Centre

July Upper Riccarton Library

August Fendalton Library



Exhibitions

AHAKOA HE ITI, HE POUNAMU

Tuakiri Treasures from our collection



Every library holds taonga – some nestled safely away, others passed through countless hands. Ahakoa He Iti, He Pounamu brings these treasures together.

Gathering objects that speak to them, our library kaimahi offer a new way to see the collection. Books, photographs and curious objects sit side by side. Come explore the unexpected, discover new favourites, and see what taonga are waiting to be found.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa Gallery, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

6 June–26 July

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Treasures of the Tuakiri Archive

Ahakoā he iti, he pounamu, although it is small it is precious. Even small treasures can have a big impact. What treasures will you find hiding in the Tuakiri Archive?

Explore Ōtautahi Christchurch's past through archival objects and discover what we can learn from these precious treasures in a hands-on experience.

Some of our favourite items have made their way into the Ahakoā He Iti, He Pounamu Exhibition, which will be your favourite?

Ages 13+

Free, bookings required

Tūranga

Research Room, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Saturday 20 June, 11am–noon

Wednesday 22 July, 12–1pm



Meet the Objects

Join the Tuakiri team for a series of informal lunchtime talks exploring highlights from the exhibition. Hear our kaimahai share the personal stories, surprises, and connections behind the taonga they have selected, and discover what makes these items special.

Free, no bookings required

Tūranga

Te Pito Huarewa Gallery, Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Tuesday 9 June, 12.15–12.45pm

Thursday 25 June, 12.15–12.45pm

Wednesday 15 July, 12.15–12.45pm



Did They Really Do That? Cantabrians' Quest for World Records

A Tuakiri Investigates pop up exhibition. Cantabrians have always embraced a challenge. The 1970s and 1980s were peak decades for attempting to break a world record – any world record! From feats of endurance to quirky stunts, explore the bold endeavours that captured imaginations and made headlines. There's a chance to win a prize too!

Tūranga

Tuakiri | Identity, Level 2

Saturday 4 July–Sunday 30 August

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