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"Christchurch City Libraries are a great place to work - culturally diverse and really inspirational. I value the positivity and support from colleagues, like-minded people focused on delivering citizen centric programmes and services."

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## Kia Ora

Over the winter months we have marked some truly exciting milestones for Christchurch City Libraries, opening our city's newest purpose-built community facilities Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre and Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre.

Ironically, the loss of both libraries post EQ has turned into our advantage by giving us the chance to re-create facilities that better meet community needs. These strong new buildings incorporate fantastic library spaces designed specifically for all to meet, learn, create, collaborate and try new things – true community hubs with stunning spaces, tailor-made for the communities they serve. The response to the openings and high utilisation since, confirms libraries are an increasingly important and pivotal part of their communities.

With new central library set to open in mid-2018, we're getting closer to having a full array of libraries back after the earthquakes – new, improved and constantly striving to meet people's current and future needs.

Join us and become part of the future of Christchurch.

Ngā mihi,

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# Spring INTO CYCLING



*Apart from a hardy few who cycled through the colder weather spring usually sees us returning to our bicycles whether as a means of transport or for leisure. So get some spring bling on your bikes and hit the road and you'll be joining the many others that make cycling one of New Zealand's top ten leisure activities.*

Historically October was also when the first run of the season was held for cycling clubs to celebrate the more appropriate cycling weather. Christchurch has had many cycling clubs over the years, including the Atalanta Club, the first women's only cycling club in Australasia from 1892-ca.1898.

In the late nineteenth century cycle manufacturing boomed in Christchurch, with many coachbuilders transitioning their businesses to cater to the new craze. Cycling became so popular in Christchurch that the city soon got the nickname 'Cyclopolis' because so many people were riding bicycles.

Access to more affordable automobiles saw a decline in cycling during the latter part of the last century but an increased interest in personal health and fitness, affordability, and a concern for the environment has seen a new resurgence in bicycle use in Christchurch.

Visit the Beca Heritage Week's cycling exhibition in October to see more great images and stories on cycling in Christchurch.



Decorated Bikes. 1962-1963. PH16-079  
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The Atalanta Ladies' Cycling Club,  
[ca. 1892]. CCL PhotoCD 1, IMG0068

# Christchurch Photo Hunt

*Plains, Port Hills & Peninsula – Finding our way.*

**Our annual Photo Hunt returns again in October. Share your photos and help grow the city's photographic archive.**

All entries must be received by 31 October. Submitted photographs will be copied and returned.

Winning entries will be announced on 1 December.



Hang gliding – Port Hills. Photograph by Irene Absalom.  
Kete Christchurch. HWC08-S0100.



Papanui Technical School Tramping Club Hike  
Kete Christchurch. HWO8-IMG-FE071

**Enter at your local library or at  
[christchurchcitylibraries.com/christchurch-photo-hunt](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/christchurch-photo-hunt)**



# Lyttelton by train

**Do you remember when it was possible to catch a train to and from Lyttelton?**

Maybe you lived in Lyttelton and caught the train to go to high school. Or worked on the wharves but lived in town and caught the train to and from work. And what about the ferry service to Wellington – you might have taken the train to catch a sailing.

Lyttelton Museum and Christchurch City Libraries would love to hear your stories! For Heritage Week this year (13–23 October) we are getting together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Lyttelton Rail Tunnel in 1867. We want to make it a real community event.

Sadly, the passenger train (and the ferry service) came to an end in 1976 – passenger numbers had dropped off dramatically once the road tunnel opened.

But people loved travelling on the train – and we want to capture those memories. At the Lyttelton Library people will be able to share their stories via video/audio/or written form. With your permission, we'll collect them up and they can be safely stored for future generations. You might also have photos, or train tickets or timetables or any other objects relating to the train service.

Get in touch and let us know if you have stories to tell!

*For further information or to register your interest, contact: Christchurch City Libraries 941 7923*

## Lyttelton by rail

In celebration of the opening of the Lyttelton Rail Tunnel 150 years ago, members of the public are invited to share their stories, memories and images of travelling on the Lyttelton to Christchurch passenger train. These memories will be collected and recorded in the Lyttelton Library by volunteers for the Lyttelton Museum. There will be an accompanying display of images and information about the Lyttelton Rail Tunnel at the Lyttelton Library.

*Lyttelton Library*

*14 – 21 October during library opening hours*



Heathcote Station

*Credit: F E McGregor, photograph. F E McGregor, Collection. Canterbury Museum. Ref: 1983.237.5241*



## BOOK TALKS:

### **Port to Plains; Over and Under the Port Hills, the Story of the Lyttelton Railway Tunnel**

*by David Welch*



Lyttelton 1850

*The Weekly Press Jubilee Number December 15th 1900*

David Welch, author of the recently published book, “Port to Plains; Over and Under the Port Hills, the Story of the Lyttelton Railway Tunnel” shares stories about the railway tunnel, the Bridle Path and the section of the original Sumner Road, from Ferrymead via Sumner to Lyttelton. Participants are invited to join in an open discussion about local history and various research methods

*Lyttelton Library*

*Monday 16 October 6.30–8pm*

*Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre*

*Tuesday 17 October 3.30–4.30pm*



# Crafts, Hobbies & Games

**N.B** No bookings are required and all sessions are **FREE** to attend, unless otherwise stated.



## Rummikub Club

Come along to the library and play Rummikub – an exciting, interactive strategy game. We will provide some boards but you are welcome to bring your own. No need to book, just turn up and play!

Bishopdale Library Fridays 1pm–3pm  
Fendalton Library Thursdays 1pm–3pm

## Mahjong & Board Games Coffee Club

Enjoy a social evening of Mahjong and other board games in the Red café at Upper Riccarton Library. For all ages. Come and meet new people and try your hand at this fun four person game of strategy and luck.

Upper Riccarton Library  
Fridays 5.30pm–7.30pm



## Social Games Club

Join us for a friendly game or two: we have Upwords, Scrabble, cards, Chess, Mahjong and more.

Spreydon Library  
Saturdays 10am–12noon



## Card Club

Come along and join a fun and friendly game of cards!

Shirley Library Fridays 1.30pm–3.30pm

## Not Just Cards

Try your hand at a game of Scrabble, Upwords, Chess or Cards.

South Library  
Mondays  
2.30pm–4.30pm



## Scrabble Club

No obligation, just come along when you can and join our friendly group. Some boards provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Linwood Library  
Fridays 10.30am – 12noon  
Bishopdale Library  
Wednesdays 1pm–3pm  
Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre  
Wednesdays 1.30pm–3.30pm  
Shirley Library  
Wednesdays 1.30pm–3.30pm

## Book Buddies

Do you enjoy reading? Do you fancy trying something new? Would you like to share your thoughts about books? Do you want to read more? Are you unsure what to read next?

Bookbuddies is a book group for 8-11 year olds. Each week's session is themed with different activities and books.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre  
Saturdays 10.30am–11.30am, 8-11 years



## Knit 'n' Yarn

Bring your knitting, crochet, or craft of your choice, and have fun with this social group.

Fendalton Library  
Thursdays 2pm–3.30pm  
Hornby Library  
Tuesdays 10am–12noon  
Linwood Library  
Wednesdays 11am–1pm  
Papanui Library  
Fridays 10.30am–12noon  
South Library  
Thursdays 1.30pm–3.30pm  
Upper Riccarton Library  
Tuesdays 1pm–3pm  
Thursdays 10.30am–12.30pm



## Magic: The Gathering

Bring your Magic: The Gathering decks to Shirley Library! Come along to play, swap cards or hang out. Snacks provided!

Shirley Library – Held on the first Saturday of each month  
1pm–4pm, 8–18 years



## The Great Library Seed Swap

Got some home-saved (or leftover bought) seeds to share? Pop them into Lyttelton, Spreydon, South, Hornby or Akaroa Library and we'll put them out for everyone to share. See your local library's Great Library Seed Swap listing online for more details.

This is for everyone! Don't worry if you don't have any seeds to share this year, you might next year. We welcome vegetable, herb, flower, native and heritage seeds – and you can even bring any spare seedlings you have potted up.

Seeds can be dropped in anytime before or during seed swap week – if you're bringing in seedlings, please drop them off at the beginning of the week.

**Grow** those seeds, **save** new seeds, and **share** your surplus next year! Thank you and happy gardening.

4–11 September during Library opening hours

## Ōtautahi Creation Station

What gets you out of bed in the morning? If the answer is being creative, then come on down to the Ōtautahi Creation Station at your local library!

Connect with others in your community. Have a cuppa and a chat, while creating your own work of art. It's totally free, no experience required. Initiative from Ōtautahi Creative Spaces.

New Brighton Library  
Mondays 10am–12noon  
Aranui Library  
Wednesdays 10am–12noon  
Central Library  
Peterborough  
Thursdays 10am–12noon

## Musical Instrument Practice Slots

Book a time to go solo or have a silent practice with up to four bandmates. We have electronic drums, a digital piano, a Roland session mixer, mics and headphones available for budding musicians. You can also bring in your own electric instruments, e.g. guitar or bass and plug into the session mixer.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre – We have 3 slots available at a variety of times every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 3.30pm–7pm.

One off bookings are also available for community groups.

*Please note, under 12's must be supervised by an adult. Places are limited, bookings essential.*





# Library in your pocket

I love my phone, I use it for everything. It is my GPS navigator, translator, workout tool, eBook reader, iPod, and the list goes on. The library gives you access to loads of great eResources you can access via your phone, some of which have great easy to use apps.

**Simone Entwistle**  
Electronic Resources Librarian

## CCL Mobile

This is the library in your pocket. You can search the catalogue, place holds and check your account. It even has a fun option of scanning the ISBN of a book to see if the library has it in the collection, very useful in bookshops!

## PressReader

Get the latest news without paper, thousands of newspapers from around the world and over 500 magazines available. Try fitting The Otago Daily Times in your back pocket.

## RBdigital Magazines

Over 600 eMagazines that you can download and read offline. Have the latest copies of magazines on your phone, so no more having to flick through out of date waiting room magazines.

## Lynda.com

Take distance learning to the next level, with heaps of courses from programming to art, music, business, photography, gaming, design and more.

## Libby

The new app by OverDrive where you can download eBooks and listen to eAudiobooks on the one app. Super easy to use and thousands of titles to choose from.

These are just a few of my favourite apps but there are many more you can try using your library card and pin. All FREE with your library membership.



Last year Upper Riccarton Library started a pilot programme in conjunction with Riccarton High School called GenConnect. The idea was to boost the quality of interactions between the younger generations and older adults by providing free technology help. The pilot was a success and this year it has become a regular programme that runs every Wednesday from 1–1.45 pm during term time.

Technology-oriented intergenerational programmes have proven to be a very approachable way to breach the generational gap by providing an opportunity for interaction. Young people that were born in the age of digital technology are called “digital natives”, and can navigate most aspects of it with ease as they have an innate understanding of how it works. But people that are “digital immigrants” and that have to learn how to use technology might find that it takes a bit of practice and perseverance before they feel comfortable using it. Technology is a great thing but it is not particularly intuitive.

This is where GenConnect comes in.

Students volunteer their time every week to help older adults feel more comfortable with digital technology such as Smart Phones, tablets and iPads or even laptops. And on the other hand, adults contribute by sharing local community history and helping the students practice skills such as empathy, kindness and patience as well as giving them the chance to share what they know.

Even though technology is at the core of the programme, the reality is that GenConnect might very useful as a vehicle to enhance intergenerational relationships by stimulating learning and dialogue, which may result in better communication, understanding and cooperation.

## The high school students that deliver the programme can answer many questions or doubts, including:

- How to set up and use your Smart Phone, tablet or iPad
- How to set up an email account
- How to set up and use Facebook or Skype accounts so you can get in touch with old friends
- How to share your photos with your friends and family
- How to use technology to make your life easier

We are now running sessions at two of our Christchurch City Libraries.

Come to Upper Riccarton Library any Wednesday during term time from 1–1.45pm or to Papanui Library any Tuesday from 12–12.30pm where local high school students will be available to help you find answers to all your technology questions.

For more information go to [christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com), call 941 7923 or visit Upper Riccarton or Papanui Libraries.



# After School Clubs

In addition to our bookable Learning Centre after school clubs, we also run community after school sessions in some of our Christchurch City Libraries. These come in a range of shapes and forms. Check out some of the awesome clubs that you can be part of here. For more information visit our website [christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com)

N.B – These run during term time only.

No bookings are required and all sessions are FREE to attend unless otherwise stated.



## UR Club

Come and join the fun in our after school club. Open to all school aged children, we have stories, crafts, games and more.

Upper Riccarton Library  
Wednesdays 3.30–4.30pm  
5–12 years

## Activity Zone

Come and have fun at Activity Zone! There will be technology, games, crafts, books, and most of all – FUN.

Shirley Library  
Mondays 3.30–4.30pm, 6–10 years



## Game Zone

An hour of fun on a Thursday afternoon! Play great favourites like Minecraft, Charades, Connect Four, Pictionary and more. Learn and develop strategies in new games such as Dutch Blitz, Heads Up, Hand and Foot, and group games! Join in for X-box and PS4 tournaments.

Linwood Library  
Thursdays 3.30–4.30pm, 8–12 years



# Other Events

## Creative writing on Wednesdays

Group leader Jennifer works with group members to craft, create and develop their own work.

Bring your pens, pencils, paper (or laptop) and any of your wonderful ideas, story-telling, or art!

Linwood Library  
Wednesdays 4–5.45pm



## Bedtime Stories

Themed stories, songs and simple crafts to entertain your 4-7 year olds – but the whole family is welcome! Dress-up in your Pyjamas!

Fendalton Library  
First Friday of each month, 6.30–7.15pm



## Best Children's Books Evening

Interested in children's books? Come hear guest speakers share the best children's books of 2017.

All welcome: public, parents, teachers, librarians.

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre  
Wednesday 29th November, 7–9pm

## The Wharenuī Boys WW1 Quiz and 3D Printing Poppy Badges

A simple quiz about our Wharenuī Boys WW100 Display and 3D printing of a poppy badge to take away.

Fendalton Library  
Monday 9th October 2–4pm

To honour and remember the boys of Wharenuī School who fought in WW1. Come along and view the display, complete the quiz then watch your badge being printed! We will have ready-made badges too. Ideal for children ages 8–12, though any age could take part with parental help if younger.

## French Festival Storytimes and Craft

As part of the Akaroa French Festival come along and enjoy French-flavoured stories and rhymes followed by a craft activity.

Akaroa Library  
Friday 6th October, 11am–12pm







Antarctic Season Opening is a programme of events to celebrate Christchurch's relationship to Antarctica, and to welcome international Antarctic visitors to our city. The programme will take place over two weeks around the time of the first flights south for the 2017/18 season. It is an opportunity for the public to learn, participate, celebrate and be inspired by our Antarctic connections.

## Antarctic Holiday Fun at Christchurch City Libraries

The Christchurch City Libraries will have a range of Antarctic-themed activities during the October school holidays including Antarctic Storytimes, Penguin bookmarks, 3D print your favourite Antarctic animal, Beebots, Make a cardboard Scott Base, Aurora Australis Chalk Art and more!

Visit [christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com) for more information.



## Into the White – Scott's Antarctic Odyssey

Joanna Grochowicz

This is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica and the memorable characters, who with a band of shaggy ponies and savage dogs, follow a man they trust into the unknown. Battling storms at sea, impenetrable pack ice, man-eating whales, crevasses, blizzards, bad food, extreme temperatures, and equal measures of hunger, agony and snow blindness, the team pushes on against all odds.

In October, the Antarctic Office will be bringing Joanna Grochowicz to Christchurch to run a series of talks with young adults. She will talk about the value of teamwork, curiosity and resilience in the context of Antarctic exploration through interactive play and the use of props. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to share what they know about Antarctica while learning about the characters and events that made Scott's expedition so remarkable.

**Tuesday 3 October, 2pm – New Brighton Library**

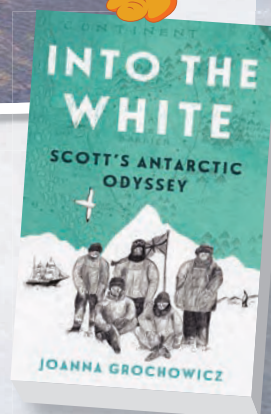
**Wednesday 4 October, 10am – Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre**

**Wednesday 4 October, 2pm – Shirley Library**

**Thursday 5 October, 10am – Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**

**Thursday 5 October, 2pm – South Library**

**Recommended for ages 7-12 years. FREE, no bookings required.**



## Babytimes / Wā Pepi

Babytimes programmes include stories, music, movement and rhymes. *Kōrero pukapuka, pūoru, korikori.*

Sessions run from Monday 30 January to Friday 15 December. All programmes run during school terms only.

Recommended for Under 2's



Aranui Library – Tuesday 11.15am

Central Library Peterborough – Monday 10.30am

Fendalton Library – Thursday 10.30am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre – Tuesday and Wednesday 11am. Tuesday's session is bilingual in English and Mandarin.

Hornby Library Friday – 10.15am

Linwood Library Friday – 11am

Lyttelton Library Friday – 10.30am

Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre – Tuesday 10.30am

New Brighton Library – Wednesday 10.30am

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre – Friday 10.30am

Papanui Library – Wednesday 11am

Parklands Library – Friday 10.30am

Shirley Library – Thursday 10.30am

South Library – Tuesday 11am

Spreydon Library – Wednesday 10.30am

Upper Riccarton Library – Tuesday 10am

## Storytimes / Wā Kōrero

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

Sessions run from Monday 30 January to Saturday 16 December. All programmes run during school terms only.

Recommended for Over 2's



Aranui Thursday – 11.15am

Central Library Peterborough – Wednesday 10am

Fendalton Library – Tuesdays 10.30am

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre – Thursday 11am

Hornby Library Wednesday – 10.15am

Linwood Library – Thursday 10am

Lyttelton Library – Tuesday 11am

Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre – Wednesday 10.30am

New Brighton Library – Tuesday 10.30am

Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre – Wednesday 10.30am

Papanui Library – Thursday 11am

Parklands Library – Thursday 10.30am

Redwood Library – Monday 10.30am

Shirley Library – Tuesday 10.30am (plus Super Saturday Storytimes at 11am)

South Library – Thursday 11am (plus Super Saturday Storytimes at 11am)

Spreydon Library – Friday 10.30am

Upper Riccarton Library – Monday 10am (plus Super Saturday Storytimes at 11am)





# Te Reo Wainene o Tua: The Sweet Story of Yester-year

Christchurch City Libraries are delighted to be hosting Te Reo Wainene o Tua again, this year during Te Wiki o te reo Māori. This year the group will be hosted at 3 library locations across the city on the 14, 15, and 16th of September.

Te Reo Wainene o Tua: The sweet story of yester-year came into being from the desire to encourage the art form and medium of traditional Māori storytelling. Generations of history, tradition, knowledge and understanding have been passed down through the poetic flow of traditional reo Māori and the ability to capture an audience through storytelling. The group strives to provide solutions and opportunities for the promotion and retention of te Reo Māori, as well as maintaining and promoting the craft of Māori storytelling. They aim to deliver quality Maori storytelling workshops (bi-lingual), to revitalise pūrākau, build relationships with other indigenous storytellers and to provide mentoring opportunities and sustainable career pathways for Māori storytellers and rangatahi.

Storytellers for the rōpū come from iwi across the country including Kāi Tahu. We are looking forward to once again hearing the reo ring out in our Libraries for the enjoyment of local tamariki and rangatahi and their whānau. For more information regarding this event please visit [christchurchcitylibraries.com](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com).

MON 11 SEPT	TUES 12 SEPT	WEDS 13 SEPT	THURS 14 SEPT	FRI 15 SEPT
Māori Bilingual Storytime session	Māori Bilingual Storytime session	Te Reo Wainene o Tua storytelling	Te Reo Wainene o Tua storytelling	Te Reo Wainene o Tua storytelling
Aranui Library	Linwood library	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC
10.30 – 11am	11 – 11.30am	9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 3pm



Members of Te Kura Whakapūmau i te Reo Tūturu ki Waitaha with members of Te Reo Wainene o Tua





# CITY OF cycles

**WE'RE CELEBRATING 200 YEARS SINCE  
THE INVENTION OF THE BICYCLE!**

The Arts Centre and Worcester Boulevard come to  
life! Jump on your bike and come along.

**SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER  
10AM–4PM**

**THE ARTS CENTRE,  
ENTER VIA WORCESTER BOULEVARD**



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**THE STAR**

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## Helping Yourself *Library Style*

**Spring is coming soon and you might think this is a great excuse to sort yourself out after the dark days of winter.**

Your library can help you do this as there are plenty of books that will give you good ideas to help you. A number of titles are found in the early parts of the Dewey classification in the non-fiction collection. Self help is a big thing these days - although it has been around in various shapes and forms for years.

As a genre in itself, self help took its name from a book called, unsurprisingly, Self Help. It was published in 1859 by a man named Samuel Smiles, a great name for a self help author. Of course, self help itself existed well before this in The Bible, The Koran, The Talmud and the numerous texts of beliefs, ideas and religions. Moving on to modern times the term “self help” has become a cultural phenomenon and as such it polarises people everywhere. A number of cultural commentators have slammed the genre as how to pick yourself up after you’ve stubbed your toe – i.e. the blindingly obvious. This is a dismissive attack on the genre, however, as a lot of people use these books to work through problems in their lives.

Cynics may be dismissive at the success of the phenomenon but look at the huge sales over the years from titles such as Norman Vincent Peale’s The power of positive thinking (1952) and M. Scott Peck’s The road less travelled; and the homilies and practical advice and wisdom of Jack Canfield’s Chicken soup books which give you advice on everything from bringing up children to pet lovers, grandparents, teenagers.”

British novelist A.L. Kennedy is not a fan of the genre and says that these books “all want us to understand how other people work.

But you can’t understand how other people work because other people aren’t always comprehensible. And neither are you.” This won’t, however, stop us wanting to sort ourselves out. At the moment, the word is “mindfulness.” With this concept, I am mindful that vast numbers of people can’t be wrong and a lesser but still vocal number may not agree. Adherents claim that mindfulness allows people to feel more in control of their lives and able to get away from negative thinking patterns.

The fact that concepts like this – and the more recent excitement over Scandinavian concepts such as hygge and lagom - are exciting people everywhere show that there is a vast interest in how to live our lives.

Some recently added titles in this area are:

128 SCR	Scruton, Roger	On human nature
150.195 KAH	Kahr, Brett	Coffee with Freud
153.3 FUE	Fuentes, Agustin	The creative spark
153.9 SLO	Sloman, Steven A	The knowledge illusion
171 MIL	Miller, Caroline Adams	Getting grit: the evidence-based approach to cultivating passion, perseverance, and purpose
177 COP	Cope, Stephen	Soul friends
248.88 EVE	Laura Everett	Holy spokes: the search for urban spirituality on two wheels

*Philip Tew, Selector*





# Talk about progress!

*With two recent openings – and the jewel in the crown set to open its doors in less than a year – Christchurch is getting closer to having a full array of libraries back after the earthquakes: new, improved and designed to meet your current and future needs.*



## Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre

Despite the weather, nearly 1000 members from the community turned out on opening day of the new Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre on Saturday 22 July.

Fendalton Councillor Jamie Gough was joined by former community board chair, Val Carter, to cut the ribbon. It marked the end of a nearly-six-year journey of finding a new, permanent home for Bishopdale's library services, after the original, beloved 1976 building was closed in 2011 due to earthquake damage.

Located in Bishopdale Mall on the former crèche site, the new 800 square metre, single-storey building combines a community hall with a 330 square metre library collection space. languages collection

## Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre

The most recent library to open, Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre received a warm seaside welcome from its community on Saturday 19 August.

The opening included singing from more than 60 local children, including students from the Van Asch Deaf Education Centre signing the national anthem with everyone joining in at the conclusion of the ceremony. It was a community-led affair with more than 800 through the doors on day one alone.

Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre's design incorporates natural timber and draws inspiration from the local landscape, the colours of the seaside and architectural features from the demolished Sumner Community Centre and Museum – which had, until 2011, stood on the very same site. Those services have now found a new home under the same roof as the library, in a 1300 square metre



## New Central Library

On schedule and on budget – that pretty much sums up the amazing progress being made on Christchurch's new Central Library, which is on track to open mid-next year. If you haven't wandered into Cathedral Square for a while, then prepare yourself for a shock! The library is really starting to take shape, and you can begin to visualise the impressive scale of the building, particularly the first floor, which will be home to the 200-seat TSB community arena and the family and community spaces.

Over the next few months we'll see the remainder of the steel structure put in place, along with all the remaining floor slabs, which will support the Community, Identity, Discovery and Creativity levels of the Library. Internally, the installation of the building's super efficient Green Star-rated services – such as power, water and heating – will get under way, and the internal walls and the main atrium staircase will start to take shape.

Looking a bit further forward, our new Central Library leadership team will be on board towards the end of the year, and we'll be developing an exciting fit-out, including cutting edge technology-driven experiences, interactive play, and facilities that will support learning and discovery in a multitude of ways. We'll also be working hard on a variety of programmes that will bring these experiences together and, with them, life back into our city centre.

You can learn more about Christchurch's new Central Library and keep up with its amazing progress online at [christchurchcitylibraries.com/central-library](http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/central-library)





# my library

Gary McCormick

## What's your earliest library memory?

We had a library in Titahi Bay in a little old hall and staffed by the same women most of my young life. I was interested in history and wars, but the librarian thought they weren't suitable so she tried to modify my reading. I asked my mother, why can't I read these books? I don't know whether my mother went down there, but no-one tried to stop me again.

Collections used to come from the National Library to school. We had these lists, and you could book them, and several cartons of books would turn up – it was like Christmas Day for me. It was really the only way to get new and interesting books.

## What does the library mean to you and your whānau?

The children love the library – it's very much part of their life, they're always thrilled to come to the library. They associate this as a kind of home. So they are 100% comfortable with it. For me too it's great. I have books at home, some by my bed, and some in the car for when I'm stuck in town. And I can come down and get my books - it works perfectly.

## I know you read a lot of non-fiction – why non-fiction as opposed to fiction?

I've always been interested in how people live their lives and struggle to live their lives. And how institutions work, so that I understand them, and social issues are important to me. Most of my education has been self-education, so the library is very important to me.

## Any plans for more writing?

Yes – one is about growing up in Titahi Bay. I've written poems, and made a documentary about growing up there when it was working class in the '60s and '70s with gangs – the surfers, the surf life-savers, the Mongrel Mob, the Black Power, and the one Pakeha gang, the bodgies. But there's more detailed stuff that needs to be written.

## What would you like to see in libraries of the future?

They have to be all-purpose community houses. User-friendly to everybody and accessible, and there have to be enough of them. They have to be warm and friendly, and offer a refuge, to people who want to find out about things, and to people who may be struggling. All that should be available in the library as it's so much more accessible to get comfort and help and inspiration here, than to go to the council offices down-town.

## What appeals to you about living in Lyttelton?

Lyttelton suits me because it's a community. Years ago my uncle Bob was a shipping reporter here and he used to sit in the British Hotel and write down which ships went in and out. Said it was the best job he ever had. So when we were thinking about places to live I said we should look at Lyttelton. I love the mood of the port and the people working round the clock, and the hard cases that live here.

## Any reads you'd like to share?



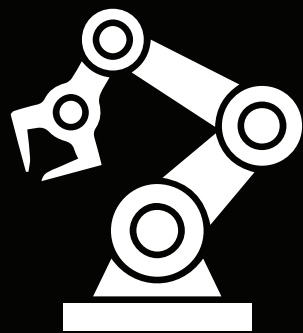
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*Barbarian days: a surfing life* by William Finnegan

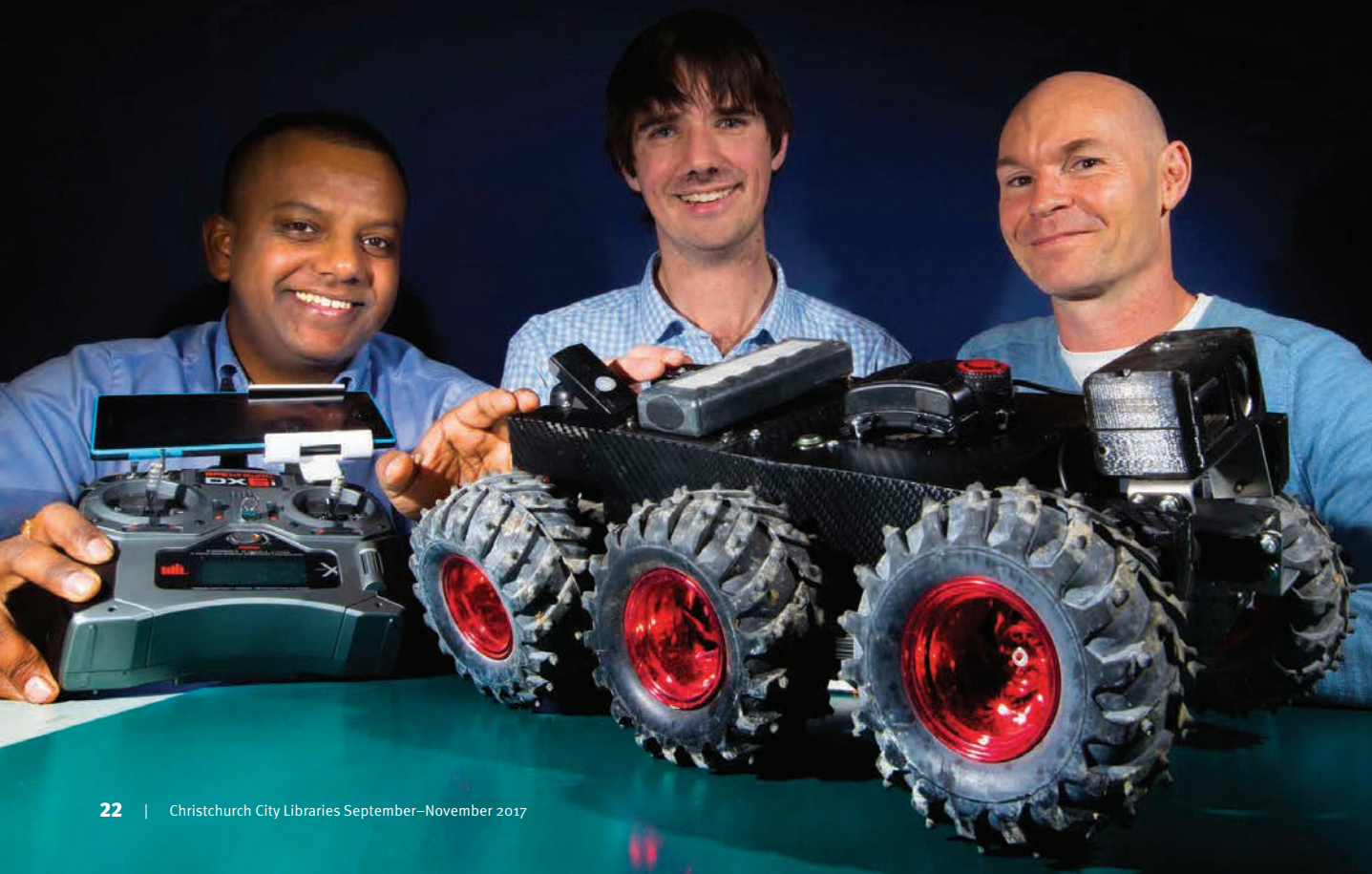
*Look homeward, Angel* by Thomas Wolfe



# ROBOT BOOTS UP WITH LIBRARY'S HELP



It might look like a toy monster truck but it's really a hi-tech remote controlled robot worth thousands of dollars.



The creation of local entrepreneur Ravi Sanyal is used by home inspection companies to remotely check house foundations and it was developed with 3D printing expertise found at his local library at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre.

Earlier this year Mr Sanyal's company Techmatics Ltd([external link](#)) was working on developing the specialised robot when they encountered frustrating problems with the supplier they were using for 3D printing.

While researching other options, Mr Sanyal found to his surprise that the library, which has access to seven network 3D printers (five Makerbots and two Ultimakers), had the skills and resources he needed.

He was given help and advice from Danny McNeil, a Christchurch City Libraries Learning Specialist based at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, who helped him improve the design.

Mr Sanyal was impressed with the print quality and the support he was given.

"We needed to make a particular case for it and it had to be done on CAD but we were having problems with a local supplier," Mr Sanyal says.

"Halswell library has been fantastic. They just really helped us out, we printed 10 prototype cases for the camera on their 3D printer.

"We kept re-designing and kept going back to Danny and his team, they were really good with advice on how to make the design a little bit better."



*The Techmatics robot which can remotely inspect the foundations of houses.*

Mr McNeil says many people are unaware how up to date Christchurch City Libraries are with new technology, particularly with their 3D printers, which are great prototyping units and use biodegradable plastic.

"We were happy to help out Ravi with his design and seeing how successful the end product

might impact on our service to other customers."

Head of Libraries and Information Carolyn Robertson says this case demonstrates what the library service is capable of. "Having our library staff work on these kinds of projects means they are helping to support the economic contributions of local entrepreneurs, making Christchurch a better place for people, business and investment.

"Techmatics, which also develops websites and apps and recently received funding from Government agency Callaghan Innovation, has sold several different versions of the robot developed with the library's help.

Mr Sanyal has plenty of other hi-tech ideas in the pipeline and plans to use Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre library again to 3D print future design prototypes. "I want to innovate things that make life easier for people – if we can help the community we're interested," he says.

***We want to innovate things that make life easier for people***

has become is really satisfying. It also gave us an opportunity to assess the amount of time needed to support complex 3D printing enquiries and how this



# Learning Centres

## Pūtahi Akoranga

### Holiday Programmes October 2017

#### Photo Fun

**Where:** Upper Riccarton Learning Centre  
**When:** Wednesday 4 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 10*  
 or .....  
**Where:** New Brighton Learning Centre  
**When:** Tuesday 10 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 10*  
**Ages:** 5–7 years **Price:** \$7

Come and play with fun iPad apps, dress up with our props and take lots of photos! Experiment with green screening, stickers and crafts to create a photographic masterpiece to take home.

For bookings phone 9415140



#### Chill Out Tunes

**Where:** Te Hāpua Learning Centre  
**When:** Monday 2 October 9.30am to 12pm *Limit 12*  
 or .....  
**Where:** South Learning Centre  
**When:** Tuesday 10 October 9.30am to 12pm *Limit 12*  
**Ages:** 7–9 years **Price:** \$7

Do you love music and like the idea of making your own, using an iPad? Pitched at a beginner level and using Garage band you can make your own funky original music tracks. Take home your personal recording on CD or on your own memory stick.

#### Bee-bots Story Adventure

**Where:** Upper Riccarton Learning Centre  
**When:** Friday 6 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 10*  
 or .....  
**Where:** South Learning Centre  
**When:** Friday 13 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 10*  
**Ages:** 5–7 years **Price:** \$7

Bee-bots are a fun robot for juniors. Explore a story with a bee-bot and learn basic robotic skills.

#### Minecraft Game Zone

**Where:** New Brighton Learning Centre  
**When:** Wednesday 4 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 20*  
 or .....  
**Where:** South Learning Centre  
**When:** Thursday 5 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 20*  
 or .....  
**Where:** Upper Riccarton Learning Centre  
**When:** Tuesday 10 October 10am to 12pm *Limit 20*  
**Ages:** 8–12 years **Price:** \$7

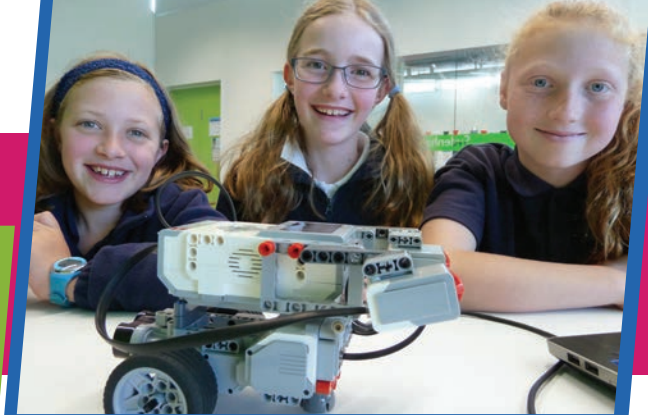
Minecraft game zone is a 3D gaming experience that involves creating your virtual world and interacting with others in an online world. Students will need to have a basic understand of how to use this software, book in for a 2 hour session and play to your heart's content.



#### Maker Space Family Time

**Where:** South Learning Centre  
**When:** Wednesday 4 October 10am to 12pm  
 or .....  
**Where:** New Brighton Learning Centre  
**When:** Friday 6 October 10am to 12pm  
 or .....  
**Where:** Te Hāpua Learning Centre  
**When:** Wed 11 October 10am to 12pm  
**Ages:** All **Price:** FREE

Come and check out this cool maker space! There will be craft, Lego, 3D colouring, clay, interactive games and more.



#### Lego Mindstorms Robotics

**Where:** New Brighton Learning Centre  
**When:** Monday 2 October 9.30am to 3pm *Limit 10*  
 or .....  
**Where:** Te Hāpua Learning Centre  
**When:** Monday 9 October 9.30am to 3pm *Limit 10*  
**Ages:** 10+ years **Price:** \$15

Working with LEGO Mindstorms EV3, you will learn the basics of how robots work and how to programme it to use sensors to complete a set of challenges.

#### Claymation

**Where:** South Learning Centre  
**When:** Tuesday 3 October, 9.30am to 3.30pm *Limit 12*  
 or .....  
**Where:** Upper Riccarton Learning Centre  
**When:** Thursday 12 October, 9.30am to 3.30pm *Limit 12*  
**Ages:** 8–12 years **Price:** \$20

Get creative using clay and discover the process of producing animated movies. Plan a story, create a set and craft your own movie using stop motion photography.



#### 3D Tinker Workshop

**Where:** Te Hāpua Learning Centre  
**When:** Friday 6 October 9.30am to 3pm *Limit 12*  
 or .....  
**Where:** New Brighton Learning Centre  
**When:** Friday 13 October 9.30am to 3pm *Limit 12*  
**Ages:** 10+ years **Price:** \$30

Calling all Tinkerers! Come along to our 3D Maker workshop and use 123D design to create your very own masterpiece.

For more programmes, check out  
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*uncover – huraina!*

**to disclose, lay bare, make known**

Oxford English Dictionary

# uncover

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