

Latest News



Learning Centre Staff Changes

Margot McKeegan has changed roles to e-Learning Specialist, working at the Christchurch City Libraries Learning Centres. This means the Programme Design & Delivery Team Leader role will be covered by an existing staff member, **Julianne Pask** (Children's and Young Adult Learning Advisor) for a secondment period of 3 months while this position is advertised. Margot will continue working closely with schools in this very exciting position, designed with a future focus to keep the Libraries Learning Centres programmes and services at the fore of innovative e-learning. Her development areas for 2011 include co-ordinating Greater Christchurch Schools Network (GCSN) projects such as video conferencing & e-learning opportunities, which utilise increased connectivity via fibre connections.

Julianne Pask has worked in the Learning Centre for over 2 years, specialising in courses that involve online library literacy and has developed the online book clubs for the 3 to 5 Zone. She comes from a secondary school background and has delivered learning centre programmes. Booking procedures remain the same.

Principals and teaching staff are encouraged to contact Gill Gratton on 941 5140 directly for 2011 bookings or email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz



Reading Crusade 2011

Christchurch City Libraries are delighted to announce that there will be a new Reading Crusade in 2011. The competition will be open to all children from age 5 to 12 years who live in the Christchurch city area.

Registration will be individual, so a child will only need the assistance of a parent, teacher or librarian to help with on line registration and verify their reading log.

Lucky winners will receive an invitation to the prize giving at AMI stadium on 1 June 2011. The prizes will again include: logo prize packs, books, signed Crusaders team posters, signed jerseys and rugby balls. And the best prize of all – a chance to meet some Crusaders in person and get their signatures.

All entrants will receive a signed participation certificate and can follow developments on the Christchurch City Libraries kids blog.

visit www.christchurchcitylibraries.com/readingcrusade for details



**READING
CRUSADE**
11 April - 23 May 2011

Upcoming Horizons Programmes for Term 1, 2011

We have spaces available in these exciting Horizons Programmes for Term 1:

What Makes Christchurch Christchurch?

Open Year 6-8, SLC & NBLC (6 sessions), Fri 9am-10.30am, 18 Feb-25 Mar, \$35 per student
Using technology, students will explore what makes Christchurch, Christchurch; using the see, plan, do, share and extend strategy. See Christchurch - virtual and physical field trips with a photography emphasis. Capture a very different city centre post September earthquake, add GPS details and create an integrated map. The student's mission is to capture and convey the essence of Christchurch. Students will create a final product which extends their message to the wider world. Includes a field trip on 25 February.

Literacy Support: Book Wizards

Open Year 5-6, SLC (6 sessions), Tues 11am-12.30pm, 8 March-12 April, \$25 per student

Open Year 5-6, NBLC (6 sessions), Wed 1pm-2.30pm, 9 March - 13 April, \$25 per student

Develop confidence and positive attitudes towards reading by using the library and online resources. Students will create a storyboard and images retelling their favourite story. They will then use movie maker to create an electronic book to be shared with other students.

Cyber Citizen: E-Coach

GATE Year 6-8, SLC (7 sessions), Tues 9am-10.30am, 22 Feb-29 March, \$35 per student

Students will be up skilled in the safe use of various online sites, sharing of information and communication and media tools. They will investigate how to protect themselves, their friends and family by learning appropriate "netiquette" and behaviour in an online environment. As E-coaches they will be trained to pass on this knowledge successfully as a coach to others (e.g. peers, teachers or parents). A school based project will be the context for students to enhance their digital literacy skills, internet research skills and online communication using web 2 tools.

Our Global Village

Open Year 7-8, SLC (6 sessions), Thurs 9am-10.30am, 3 March-7 April, \$30 per student

Choose a whole new world and immerse yourself in its language and culture! Daily advancements in new technologies make our world an increasingly smaller place and understanding how others talk, live and celebrate is key to becoming a contributing 'villager'. Take part in a video conference session with a group on the other side of the world, whose culture and customs are different to those in New Zealand.

Biodiversity - Bioblast

GATE Year 6-7, SLC (6 sessions), Wed 1pm-2.30pm, 23 Feb-30 March, \$30 per student

Explore the biodiversity of the Heathcote River with experts from Lincoln University. This "creepy, crawly" interactive session will involve trapping insects including a variety of capturing techniques. Students will also design their own traps, record their "finds" and present their results.

For more information or to book places phone Gill on 941-5140, check our website:

www.slc.ac.nz or email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz



Community Programmes

The Learning Centres have community programmes to provide individuals and groups/families with hands on skills in using Information and Communication Technologies to support life long learning and to encourage community connectedness.

We have a range of courses designed for learners of any age and stage of learning, with both day and evening/weekend classes available. Starting in February 2011, bookings are essential for some programmes.

For more information visit our website:

christchurchcitylibraries.com/learning or phone Gill on : 941 5140.



Greater ChCh Schools Network GCSN 2011

Programmes

Details of all the workshops for term one are now on the GCSN website (www.gcsn.school.nz). You will notice that there is a range of workshops planned, catering for a range of needs and interests. Please make this known among your staff and encourage them to visit the site.

e-asTTle workshops

The first major event will be the availability of Deb Masters for the whole week of the 21 to 25 February to run e-asTTle programmes in schools. This time Deb will go to a school for a half day (3 hours) and work with your teams. Booking details on GCSN website calendar.

Video Conferencing

Opportunities will continue this year with open sessions to experience VC with staff and / or students. Support documentation for the technical set up and requirements will be available soon.

Collaborate within the GCSN

To keep up to date with IT innovation and opportunities, make sure you regularly visit : www.gcsn.school.nz or even add an RSS feed to the site.

For more information email: margot.mckeegan@ccc.govt.nz

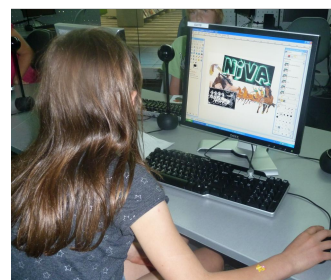
January Holiday Programmes

This January school holidays we ran a range of holiday programmes at South and Upper Riccarton Learning Centres, and Linwood Library. These included Claymation, Artsitic Names, Paper Dolls Online and Super Dooper Music Looper, among many others.

Children from ages 6-14 enjoyed extending their technology skills and using our equipment to create, explore and play. A lot of the classes were fully booked, and the children enjoyed the opportunity to do something different with their holiday time. Some activities included taking photographs and making them into a mini movie using Photostory; creating their own original music using Super Dooper Music Looper; and being film stars, camera crew, directors and editors as they developed, shot and edited their own films.

Glitter and glue reigned supreme as 6-9 year olds created, printed and decorated their own paper dolls, and budding artists used GIMP to create their own artistic impression of their name to take home and hang on their bedroom wall.

Thanks to all the tutors for a very successful holiday programme, and all the children who participated. Planning is in progress for our April holiday programmes, this information should be available on the website and at your local library in March. For more images and stories, please check out our website at www.slc.ac.nz.



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