

Learning Centres

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Kura Newsletter—Latest News

Term 3 - September 2012

What's been happening with the Learning Centres...

Outreach Lessons

The Libraries Learning Centre has been working with Year Three and Four students from Cashmere Primary on an e-learning topic; the Olympics. Cashmere were planning to come to the South Learning Centre but due to the unforeseen closure we were able to take our lessons on the road and work out of the computer lab at Cashmere.

We used the presentation software powerpoint, Glogster, which is an online poster application and tagxedo and Wordle which are word cloud online applications. We also used the puppetpals app on the ipads.

To find out more about what we could do with your school, please contact us on ph: 941-5140.



Afterschool Clubs

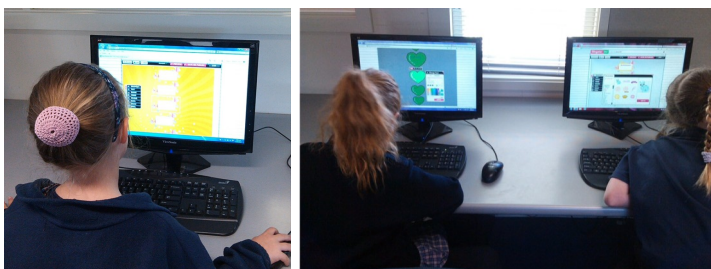
Here is a selection of what we offer—for more details, visit our website <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Calendar/>

Girls Zone

Girls Zone is one of the Learning Centre's after school programmes where girls, aged 10 to 13 years, extend and expand their computer and technological skills.

Places are limited to 12 students that will progress through a module based programme throughout the year.

This programme is available at the Upper Riccarton Learning Centre. Bookings are required.



Book Clubs

Do you think any of your students would like a chance to meet with other readers and share their books?

They will learn how to use the new library catalogue and website to find cool books and get information about reading. They will also create a Shelfari account, design an avatar and write their own book star review.

Suitable for children 6 to 10 years old. Parents are very welcome to join and participate. Limited to 15 places. Bookings essential.

Locations:

Upper Riccarton—Tuesday's, 3.30-4.30pm

Thorrington School—Wednesday's, 3.30-4.30pm

Check out our website: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/>

Aranui Library Opening!



The Aranui Library opened on Saturday 8 September and it was a huge success!

We had a great turnout and it was fantastic to see the community embrace their new library. Leading up to this special event we met with some of the teachers and students from the locals schools within the Aranui area.

These schools were involved in a digital project called 'A moment in time'. The students were taught how to take great photos using a digital camera. They had the special task of capturing the Open Day. As part of this project,

the students were able to use their own photos that were taken and create a poster using Publisher.

The ipads were also a big attraction at the Open Day. It was great to see the excitement the community had towards the different ICT resources that were available at the library.

We are definitely looking forward to the new things that will be happening at this new Aranui library.

Watch this space!

Options for schools

Talk with our Learning Specialists to discuss what options can be arranged for your school.

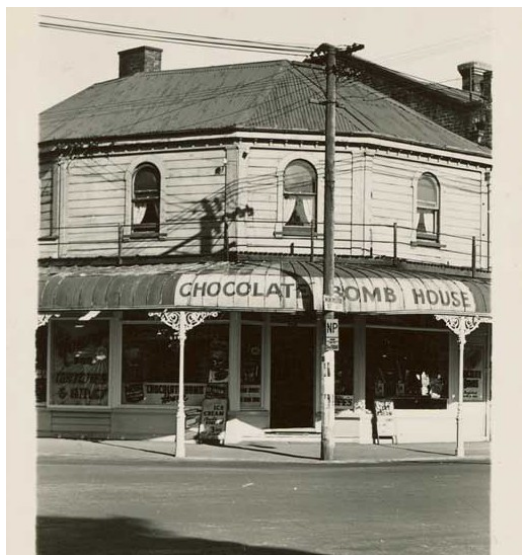
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Christchurch City Libraries Photo Hunt



Christchurch City Libraries is once again holding the Christchurch photo hunt. This year's theme is 'The ordinary is extraordinary' and we are looking for photographs of 20th century Christchurch. The categories this year are:

- People - families, cultural and social events
- Places - buildings, suburbs and the city

This competition runs from Monday 1 October, and closes at 5.00pm on Wednesday 31 October 2012.

Submit your photographs for copying (they will be returned!) by using an entry form at your local library.

NCEA Study Boost

Do any of your students have older siblings? Do you have teenage children? If so, you might be interested in our NCEA Study Boost session we have running at the Upper Riccarton Library Learning Centre on Tuesday 18 September, 5.00—6.00pm.

This session is free but bookings are required, so please contact us on ph: 941-5140.



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Greater Christchurch Schools Network website: www.gcsn.school.nz

Remember that great links to news items, professional development [events](#) and teaching & learning [resources](#) are all on our website.

Our latest news item includes a very cost effective internet provider option for schools: read more on our site. Up coming event: ipad users group – Wednesday 19 September at Fendalton Library, 3:30pm– 5.00pm.

Sign up and get a regular newsletter highlighting up to date information.

Margot McKeegan
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October Holiday Programmes

October holiday programmes will be run from Upper Riccarton and New Brighton Library Learning Centres.

Programmes on offer include the following:

Programme	Age level
Chill out tunes on our ipads	5-7 years
Tapa Art	7-10 years
Google Sketch up	8-12 years
Happy Snaps	6-9 years
Claymation	8-12 years

All times and dates are available in a downloadable file on the website:

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Brochures/HolidayProgrammes.pdf>

Costs vary depending on length of the course. To book, please call us on ph: 941-7923.



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