

Learning Centres

Pūtahi Akoranga

Kura Newsletter—Latest News

Term 4 - November 2014

What's coming up in the Learning Centre

These Summer Holidays...

It may seem like it is too early to be thinking about your plans for 2015 but in addition to the programmes that we run for your school, we also run some in the school holiday programmes.

Summertime Reading at Christchurch City libraries

We are beginning our summertime reading programme earlier this year so that teachers can be involved with launching their students into summer reading. We all know about the dreaded summer slump where children's reading progress goes backwards if they don't continue to practice the skills over holiday periods.

You can download the children's reading maps from <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com>, pick them up from any Christchurch City Library or request a visit from our Outreach team. There are two different reading challenges to allow for different reading levels and age ranges. There is also a range of reading based activities to allow for children's different interests. Be in to win a stack of books for your school. We will finish the campaign with a Summertime Reading party – more details to come.

If you would like to receive a visit from our staff to promote summertime reading to your students, please ring Julianne Pask, Outreach and Learning on 941 5801 or contact the Libraries Learning Centre and speak to our office administrator, Gabrielle George on 941 5140.



Holiday Programmes

This January our holiday programmes have a summer and family focus. A range of activities will include the Summertime Reading Club, Summer Fun Animation; Family Game Time; Whizz Bang Pop (interactive, digital storytime along with creating your own book); Holiday Photo Story and a 3D Workshop.

For more details, see the enclosed brochure or online: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Brochures/HolidayProgrammes.pdf>

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

WW1 Commemoration Resources

You may not know this, but the Christchurch City Libraries Learning Centre staff have been busy creating a resource for teachers (that is you!) to use within their classrooms. This resource is specifically for your Year 7-10 students. With the National focus on commemorating WW1, this resource has a special focus on Canterbury and its contribution to the war—both on the battle and home fronts.

We would love to invite you to the launch of this resource with an afternoon tea on Monday 1 December at the South Library. To check out further details, please see the invite included. RSVP to learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz.

In addition to this, in term one we are offering a Horizons programme for some of your Year 6-8 students around our first ANZAC soldiers. We can take up to four students from your school— although places are limited, so be in quick!

The First ANZAC Soldiers

ANZAC Day commemorates an event that has made an indelible mark on our national history. It offers students an opportunity to consider New Zealand's participation in war in general and the consequences of this for many New Zealanders, their families and communities. With the remembrance of WW1 we will explore the men who served our country and find out what it was like to be an ANZAC soldier. Students will engage with a variety of print and digital resources and will participate in a dynamic series of activities.

Age: Gate Year 6-8

Where: South Learning Centre

When: Wednesdays 18 February until 28 March, 1.00—2.30pm (six sessions)

Cost: \$30 per student

To make a booking, please either email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz or phone 941 5140.

What else we have happening in term one 2015

Connect Sessions

A free of charge programme whether the the aim is to encourage children in developing life-long learning habits for the digital age through an introduction to our library resources. The topics we can cover are:

- What is a Library?
- Library Literacy—Making the Most of your community library
- Cyber Literacy—Me and my class
- Information Literacy—Beyond Google

Held at the South Learning Centre on Wednesday mornings, 11.00am—12.30pm. This programme is for Year 4-6 students.

Travelling Connect



Take the opportunity to bring our 'What is a Library?' Connect session to your school. We explore the online library environment and child friendly databases. We then consolidate the learning through the use of our iPads.

Held in your school library on Tuesday mornings, we can run two sessions in a morning with up to 30 children per session, 9.30—10.30am and 11.00am—12.00noon.

Celebrating Our Successes

eBook Club (afterschool programme)

eBook Club had the pleasure of Skyping Gavin Bishop to ask him what inspires him to write. He offered some great writing and illustrating tips to our students who are creating their own Maori Legends. Our students are storyboarding and illustrating their ideas into a digital animated story to share with their parents and classmates.



When and where does this programme run?

Where: Libraries Learning Centre,
South Library

When: Wednesday afternoons during term
time, 3.30—4.30pm

Age: 8—12 years

Cost: \$15 per term

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Brochures/Community-Connections-Families.pdf>

Hillmorton Network News (specialised class programme)

HNN celebrated their outstanding year with a presentation of their learning to 100 of their teachers and peers. Students have gained so much working together as a TV Crew. Everything from technical skills to team bonding, from interviewing to filming and editing.



Here is the latest HNN episode link - <http://bit.ly/HNNEpisode4>

This is a specialised class programme where our tutors worked with Hillmorton High School staff to develop a programme for 15 of their Year 7/8 students that expands their skills and use of technology and software. It has been a challenging but very rewarding experience for both students and teachers!



For more information
please phone the
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941 5140,
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www.slc.ac.nz
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Code Club at Our Libraries



In May (term 2) this year, members of the Libraries Learning Centre team began a trial collaboration with Code Club Aotearoa to set up and run a volunteer led coding club for Year 7 and 8 students at Upper Riccarton Library. This was the first collaboration between Code Club and a Library anywhere in the country and due to our great venue and equipment in conjunction with brilliant volunteers organised by Michael Trengrove (the Code Club Aotearoa founder), it is a resounding success. As numbers and interest grew and it became clear that we would need to look for new venues to accommodate the influx of keen young students.

As of Term 4 this year we currently have another two Code Clubs up and running. One being run here at South Learning Centre that is at capacity and another at New Brighton Learning Centre that is also full. This has been and will continue to be a fantastic collaborative project between Libraries and an outside organisation that helps to lessen the growing shortage of young “Coders” in our country and we are very proud to be taking an active role in this. If you are interested in learning more about Code Club Aotearoa please take a look at their website (which can be viewed in either English or Te Reo Māori):

www.codeclub.org.nz

Whilst all of the Library based Code Clubs are full, there is still potential for more to be started in our libraries on different days, so if you know of any keen young people, encourage them to visit the website and contact Code Club directly.



Options for schools

We have a range of options that might suit your school:

- Free ‘Connect’ sessions that have an enquiry nature and fits with the Libraries core business (information literacy, reading etc.)
 - Horizons programmes with a specific focus (cost per child)
- Tailor made sessions according to your curriculum needs (cost per class)

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