



Media release

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April events at local libraries

Selwyn District Libraries have a range of fun events for kids in April with Easter Storytime sessions planned and school holidays activities, plus other events for all ages.

Upcoming library events are:

Easter Family Storytime

Wednesday 5 April - Wednesday 12 April, all libraries

Celebrate Easter with stories, songs and fun with evening Storytime sessions at Selwyn District Libraries! Sessions run from 6-7pm at: Darfield on Wednesday 5 April, Lincoln on Thursday 6 April, Rolleston on Monday 10 April and Leeston on Wednesday 12 April.

The free sessions are aimed at 2-7 year olds, families and older children are also welcome. Free but booking essential – visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz to book.

April School Holiday Programme

Runs from 18-27 April. Details below.

Create with Craft – Autumn Leaves

Wednesday 19 and Friday 21 April, Leeston and Darfield, 10.30-11.30am

Make beautiful artwork with autumn leaves. The sessions will look at different types of leaves and discuss shapes and colours; and the way we can use these to create different things. Session will include cutting, gluing, colouring, sharing ideas and lots of imagination! Sessions run from 10.30-11.30am at Leeston on Wednesday 19 April and Darfield on Friday 21 April, and are suitable for children aged 5-14 years. Children 7 and under must have active adult supervision. Free but booking essential – visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz to book.

Create with Craft – Arm Knitting

Tuesday 18 April and Thursday 20 April, Rolleston and Lincoln, 10-11.30am

Learn how to knit with your arms! Using this super-fast technique, learn how to create your own scarf in less than 90 minutes. Look at different textures, weights and yarns and see how they look. Materials supplied, no knitting experience required. Sessions run from 10-11.30am at Rolleston on Tuesday 18 April and Lincoln on Thursday 20 April, and are suitable for children aged 10-16. Free but booking essential – visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz to book.

Create with Lego®

Tuesday 18 and Monday 24 April, Springfield and Tai Tapu, 10.30-11.30am

Your challenge: Build a vehicle that can move a small load over a short distance. Sessions will look at different shapes and weights, and how these can affect how you build your vehicle. Choose the load you want to move. Will your vehicle make it to the finish line? Sessions run from 10.30-11.30am at Springfield Tawera Hall on Tuesday 18 April and Tai Tapu Library on Monday 24 April, and are suitable for children aged 5-10 years. Children 7 and under must have active adult supervision. Free but booking essential – visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz to book.

Science Alive: Crazy Contraptions

Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April, Darfield, Rolleston, Leeston and Lincoln

Explore simple machines that you use in everyday life. Discover how these machines use different types of energy and forces to help them move and work. Children will use Lego® to build levers, gears and pulleys to design their own wheeled crazy contraption. Will they be the next incredible engineer with their enlightening invention? Can their contraption pass the test? Sessions are on Wednesday 26 April: from 10-11.30am at Darfield Library and from 1.30-3pm at Rolleston Community Centre, and on Thursday 27 April: from 10-11.30am at Leeston Library and from 1.30-3pm at Lincoln Library. Suitable for children aged 8-16. Cost \$7, booking essential – visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz to book.

In addition to the Easter Storytime sessions and school holiday activities, local libraries will also host these events:

Community Energy Action Talk

Tuesday 4 April, Leeston Library Community Room 10.30am

A free talk by the Community Energy Action team about easy, affordable ways to improve your home's warmth. The team have the resources, experience and independence to make your home warmer, dryer and healthier. Booking not required.

Community Energy Action Mobile Curtain Bank Visit

Tuesday 11 April, outside Darfield Library and Service Centre, 10am-1pm

A free service for low income families allowing them to collect recycled curtains. Donated curtains able to be reused are also welcome.

Tape Art workshop

Saturday 15 April, Darfield Library and Service Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm

Tape Art is a unique visual performance art, where contributors design and create a life-size, site-specific work of art using pliable tape (e.g. masking/painters/duct tape) in collaboration with others. This free drop in session workshop will explain and show you how to make tape murals. The session is open to young people from secondary school age upwards, and adults.

Libraries will also host a range of displays in April including a display at Darfield Library for International Dark Sky Week (22-28 April), Treasures of the Pacific from Canterbury Museum at Leeston Library, Easter displays at Lincoln Library and displays to mark Shakespeare's birthday at Rolleston and Lincoln libraries.

All libraries will be closed on these upcoming public holidays: Friday 14 April, Monday 17 April and Tuesday 25 April.

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