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Camp out at Selwyn Libraries this summer

There's plenty of activity happening at Selwyn Libraries these school holidays to keep the kids busy including the Selwyn Libraries Summer Camping Challenge and Summer Reading Programme.

The Selwyn Libraries Summer Challenge involves completing eight challenges around the district such as taking photos, drawing pictures and visiting different libraries.

"The programme will get kids out and about enjoying the summer while they explore what Selwyn has to offer, right here on our doorstep," says Vicki Carlyon, Selwyn Libraries Manager.

Children will be challenged to complete tasks including taking photos of themselves reading a book to their pet, inside a tent of sheets or blanket, and at a local landmark or natural feature such as a war memorial or the mountains at Arthurs Pass.

Everyone who returns their completed challenge sheet to a Selwyn library receives a free pass to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and also goes in the draw to win a Tablet plus other prizes.

Selwyn Summer Challenge sheets are available at your local library or online at www.selwynlibrary.co.nz.

Selwyn Libraries are also running a Summer Camping Reading Programme for primary school aged children through the months of December and January. Children can enrol and pick up their Summer Camping Reading starter pack at any local library.

Participants need to read ten or more books to go in the draw to win prizes including a Tablet, tent and toys. They can also visit their local library after every two books they read and tell a library staff member about the story to win prizes along the way.

"The Summer Reading Programme will be a great incentive to keep kids reading over the summer break and encourage them to choose books they wouldn't normally read. The prizes are a bonus!" says Mrs Carlyon.

Spaces are limited for the reading programme so parents or caregivers are encouraged to register children at a local library soon to receive a starter pack and information sheet.

Ends

Photo attached: L-R: New library members Lachlan and Robbie McGregor (3 year old twins from Lincoln) reading with Librarian Trudi Nelis in a pop up tent inside the Lincoln Library.

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