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## July events at Selwyn Libraries

Selwyn District Libraries are hosting 20 fun free events for kids during July.

July events kick off with four Family Evening Storytime sessions at 6-7pm from 5-14 July at all libraries. The storytime theme is 'Dogs, Dogs, Dogs' and will include stories, songs and fun celebrating everything canine. The sessions are aimed at 2 to 7 year olds, but families and children of other ages are welcome also.

Selwyn Libraries are part of KidsFest which runs from 9-23 July during the school holidays. From 19-21 July the libraries continue their canine theme with 'Doggy Dayz' – a chance for children to meet some friendly local dogs and learn more about them. The sessions are suitable for children aged 5 and over, with caregiver supervision required for children 7 and under or those who are nervous around animals.

From 11-13 July children can get busy at their local library creating a pet from LEGO®. These sessions are aimed at children from 4-12 years old, with caregiver supervision required for children 7 and under.

Introduction to Scratch sessions will also run at libraries from 12-22 July. The sessions are for children aged 9-13 and will introduce children to computer animation and coding and teach them how to create some clever animated computer movements like making a fish swim or a dog do tricks.

Registration is required to attend free children's activities and places are limited – to book visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

Regular Storytime and Rhymetime sessions won't occur during the July school holidays (9-24 July). From 25 July free Storytime and Rhymetime sessions resume at libraries and Leeston Library will host a new weekly Rhymetime session on Tuesdays at 10.30am, starting from 26 July. Rhymetime is a fun, interactive session of stories, songs and rhyme for children under 18 months. Registration is not required for Storytime or Rhymetime sessions.

Leeston Library will also host the final Stepping UP technology training session on Friday 8 July from 10am-12pm. The session will cover how to manage and share photos from your camera or smartphone. It is free and is open to those aged 13 and over – to register visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

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