



Media Release

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## Library Events in November

This November, local libraries are hosting Science Alive! activities, a visit by author David Riley who will talk about inspiring reluctant readers, a Christmas craft session and continuing computer training and singing lessons.

From Monday 14 to Thursday 17 November, libraries will be hosting Science Alive! who will lead a fun and interactive session on how you can help save Planet Earth. The sessions are designed to appeal to children aged 5-12. They run from 3.30 to 4.30pm, beginning at Darfield on Monday 14 November, Leeston on Tuesday 15 November, Rolleston on Wednesday 16 November, and Lincoln on Thursday 17 November. The sessions are free but booking is required to attend – to book a place at a session please visit

[www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)

On Monday 14 November, Selwyn District Libraries are hosting David Riley at Lincoln Event Centre. David is a published author, as well as a respected English and drama teacher, and he will be give a talk aimed at parents and caregivers of reluctant readers. He has written a number of reading resources for teachers, parents and caregivers, and his work is frequently referenced in education, both in theory and practice. To book to attend this free session, please visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

“David’s main goals are to encourage youth literacy, helping readers learn more about their culture, and to inspire with stories of how reading helps in all areas of life, as well as with positive role models. We are delighted to host him and look forward to hearing him share his ideas with Selwyn parents,” says Selwyn Libraries Manager Vicki Carlyon.

On Thursday 17 November, Lincoln Library and Service Centre will host a Christmas craft session called ‘Deck the Halls,’ from 6.30-9.30pm. At the session participants will make a customised tree decoration, a bunting advent calendar for kids, letterpress cards and customised gift tags, handmade wrapping paper, gift bags and presentation ideas. Included in the course fee is a generous resource pack to make the four gifts. In addition, participants will need to bring ephemera of their choice – more detail will be provided on registration. The sessions are supported with Creative Communities funding and another craft session will run on the morning of Saturday 12 November at Rolleston Christian School. See ‘12 crafty days’ on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/12craftydays](http://www.facebook.com/12craftydays)) for booking details and more information about the sessions.

Lincoln Library is holding two free Stepping Up computer training sessions in November. On 3 November the class will cover using a computer’s file management system. The class on 17 November will teach users how to use email. The sessions are provided by library staff in association with the 2020 Trust. The Trust partners with 35 library networks around New Zealand to offer introductory computer training. To book to attend a session please visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)

Singing lessons at Rolleston Library started on 21 October and are continuing throughout term four on Friday evenings. Places are still available at the 5.15-6.15pm singing lesson which costs \$30 for term tuition costs. For information visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)

From November, Leeston Library and Service Centre is piloting having a PlayStation 4 with a selection of G and PG games available at the library for people to use.

Selwyn District Libraries will be closed on Friday 11 November (Canterbury Anniversary Day) but open as normal on Saturday 12 November from 9.30am-12.30pm.

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