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Library events in February

Selwyn District Libraries are celebrating the Chinese New Year this month with colourful decorations and book displays until 12 February.

Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln Libraries also have a paper lantern-making station set up where people can craft their own Chinese lantern. In Chinese culture red lanterns are believed to bring good fortune for the year ahead.

Also running this month at libraries is a 'Back to School' safety campaign. Over 8,000 Selwyn children and teenagers returned to school this month and libraries are reminding people to be careful of children travelling to and from school when driving as children can be unpredictable. As part of the campaign children can pick up a colouring competition entry from any library or download an entry online at www.selwyn.govt.nz. Prizes include felt tip pens, colouring pencils, and crayons.

Weekly Rhymetime and Storytime sessions return to Selwyn District Libraries from Tuesday 7 February onwards. Storytime is a fun, interactive session of stories, activities and songs aimed at 2-5 year olds. Sessions run during term time at:

- Darfield on Mondays from 10-10.30am
- Rolleston on Tuesdays from 9.30-10am & 10.30-11am
- Lincoln on Thursdays from 10.30-11am
- Leeston on Thursdays from 10-11am

Rhymetime is a fun, interactive session of stories, songs and action rhymes suitable for children under 18 months. Sessions run during term time at:

- Lincoln on Tuesdays from 9.30-10am and Thursdays from 9.30-10am
- Leeston on Mondays at 10am
- Rolleston on Wednesdays from 9.30-10am

Book clubs for kids and adults also run at local libraries during term time. For more information visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Selwyn Libraries will be closed on Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

Ends

Photo attached: *Storytime and Rhymetime sessions are back at local libraries offering free fun educational sessions for pre-schoolers*

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