



Media Release

Friday 2 September 2016

## Library events in September

During September, local libraries are hosting a school holiday programme, free computer training sessions, a photographic exhibition and a fun reading challenge for kids.

School holidays run from 24 September until 9 October and bookings are now open for the libraries school holiday programme. The programme includes free performances with author and songwriter Craig Smith – Mr Wonky Donkey – along with free scratch computer animation programming sessions and a bee-bot robot challenge. More information and bookings can be made at [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz). The libraries are also partnering with the School of Young Writers to provide opportunities for young people in Selwyn. They will be delivering two hour workshops, which cost \$20 per child, where children can learn from award winning young people's writer and poet James Norcliffe. To book a place in the young writers workshops contact [young.writers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:young.writers@xtra.co.nz).

Free Stepping UP computer training sessions also continue running in September at Darfield and Leeston Libraries, covering four topics. Sessions will introduce people to tablets, RealMe, internet safety and security and using email (next steps). The sessions are open to anyone aged 13 and over but prior registration is required. To find out more and register for the computer courses visit [www.steppingup.nz](http://www.steppingup.nz) or call your local library.

The Ellesmere Camera Club has a free display of images at Leeston Library covering a wide range of topics and a variety of styles. The display is open during library opening hours until 8 October. Photos are available for purchase at minimal cost through the club. The club is currently accepting new members - please contact [secretary@ellesmerecameraclub.co.nz](mailto:secretary@ellesmerecameraclub.co.nz) for information.

Lincoln Library will also have displays on Roald Dahl, Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up week and examples of items to be made at the Pamper Me craft course on 15 September at the library. For information and registrations to attend this workshop visit '12 crafty days of Christmas' on Facebook.

Selwyn Libraries are part of a reading challenge supported by Hell Pizza and the New Zealand Book Awards which continues in September. The challenge is open to children in years 1-8. To take part in the challenge, children pick up a 'pizza wheel' handout at a local library, read and review (in person at a library) seven books by 23 September. Children need to have each segment validated by library staff. Once the wheel is complete, children can get their wheel validated at their local library and present this by 4 December at any Hell Pizza to receive a free 333 healthy pizza.

On Friday 9 September all Selwyn Libraries will be closed until 2pm for a staff strategic planning session, with a focus on technology in libraries. This session is part of libraries professional development programme to upskill staff and continue improving their service for customers.

Ends

Photos attached: *some of the images by Ellesmere Camera Club members which will be on display at Leeston Library until 8 October.*

For media enquiries please contact:

Allanah Jarman  
Selwyn District Council  
Phone 03 347 2807  
[Allanah.jarman@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:Allanah.jarman@selwyn.govt.nz)