



Media release

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April events at Selwyn Libraries

Selwyn Libraries are hosting a series of sessions offering learning opportunities for all ages during April.

The libraries are partnering with the 2020 Trust to host Stepping UP, a national computer and internet training programme, offering two free sessions at Leeston and Darfield Libraries.

The Leeston session is on Tuesday 5 April from 6.30-8.30pm and covers Google and the internet. Participants will learn how to use Google search, Google maps and images and how to insert images into Microsoft Word documents. The session will also explain how to use the internet. On Friday 8 April, Darfield Library will host a session on Facebook. Facebook has over 1.5 billion users worldwide and is the world's largest social network. The session will explain how Facebook works and how it can be used to help connect people to friends and family within New Zealand and overseas. This session runs from 10am-12pm.

The sessions are open to people 13 and over, with a maximum class size of five. To participate in the Facebook session you will need an email address. Booking is required to attend the sessions and can be done online at www.steppingup.nz or by phoning the host library – Leeston Library can be contacted on 347 2871 and Darfield Library can be contacted on 318 7780.

Selwyn Libraries are also hosting 12 free sessions for kids at Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston Libraries from 19-28 April during the school holidays.

The sessions cover two themes with the first inviting children to Build your places with LEGO®. At these fun sessions children will have the chance to build their own fantasy village and have it photographed and displayed on the Selwyn Libraries website for family and friends to view. The sessions are open to children aged five and over, but children aged five to seven will need adult supervision to attend.

Another series of sessions will allow children to create a community by building their own town from cardboard or paper and other craft materials. These model towns will be put on display at local libraries for everyone to enjoy. Sessions are open to children aged eight and over.

Booking is required to attend school holiday sessions, and booking is open from 29 March onwards at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Leeston Library is currently hosting the Gigantic Girls display from Canterbury Museum which displays a life size drawing of a moa skeleton with panels and an interactive kiosk explaining what recent DNA research has uncovered about moa. Rolleston Library has a display of 3D building puzzles put together by a local resident.

On 16 April, Selwyn Libraries will be at the Leeston Fete where they will be introducing people to some of the services libraries provide. Librarians Simone and Charlotte look forward to meeting local people there. Withdrawn library books and other items will also be available for people to take home for a gold coin donation.

Photo attached: *the Gigantic Girls display at Leeston Library.*

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