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Summer fun for kids at Selwyn libraries

Summer is in full swing at Selwyn libraries with a wide range of free activities for children to enjoy.

The Selwyn Libraries Summer Holiday Programme runs until the end of January.

“The holiday programme has something for everyone these holidays, I’d warmly invite you to book for an activity or call into your local library to have some fun rather than driving past,” says Selwyn Libraries Manager Vicki Carlyon.

“In the first week of January there was lots of enthusiasm and creativity as children in Darfield created wild and wacky flight machines on Thursday and library staff at Leeston enjoyed learning how to fly parachutes with talented children on Wednesday.”

Sessions allowing children to design and make a parachute that will safely carry a small load continue over the coming weeks. The next session is at Hororata Hall on 14 January at 10.30am. There are also sessions on 27 January at Southbridge Hall at 10.30am and Darfield library at 10.30am, and on 28 January at Rolleston library at 10.30am. Material is supplied for free.

Sessions for children to build a flying machine from Lego are also continuing to run during January. The sessions are at: Rolleston Library on Friday 15 January at 1.30pm, Glentunnel Hall on Tuesday 19 January at 3pm, Lincoln Library on Monday 25 January at 10.30am and Leeston Library on Friday 29 January at 10.30am. The sessions are suitable for children aged four and over, with parental supervision required for children under seven.

Sessions for children to learn about model planes and how they fly are also running on Tuesday 12 January at Darfield Library at 10.30am and Rolleston Library at 1.30pm, and on Wednesday 13 January at Leeston Library at 10.30am and Lincoln Library at 1.30pm.

On Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January, magician Brendan Dooley will wow audiences with his awesome magic tricks. Shows are happening on 20 January at Leeston library at 10.30am, and at Lincoln library at 1.30pm, and on 21 January at Darfield library at 10.30am and at Rolleston library at 1.30pm. The magic shows are suitable for pre-schoolers and school age children.

Booking is required to attend school holiday activities. To book, visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

There are also puzzles and colouring-in, chalk art and mini adventures activities for kids at the library.

For more information on these activities, pick up your copy of the Selwyn Libraries Summer Holiday Programme guide at Selwyn District Council offices or a Selwyn Library.

Selwyn Libraries Summer Reading Programme for kids is now also under way and runs until Friday 22 January. For the challenge, children need to read eight books from Selwyn libraries and write a small report or discuss their reading of four or more of the books with library staff. Children are encouraged to read a wide range of material including books, magazines, eBooks, non-fiction, and audiobooks. Selwyn Libraries Summer Reading

Programme registration sheets are available at local libraries or at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive an invitation to the Finale party on 30 January.

Selwyn Libraries have a great range of books for kids of all ages plus magazines and DVDs for loan. The Selwyn Libraries website also offers eBooks and eMagazines. To access these visit www.selwynlibrary.co.nz.

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Photo attached: Finn O'Rourke (8 from Halswell), Callum Streat (5 from Lincoln) Andrea Streat (10 from Lincoln) and Thuy Anh Do (9 from Lincoln) have a go at making parachutes at Lincoln Library as part of the school holiday activity programme.

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