



Media release

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Temporary Library Closure

Selwyn Libraries are closing on Thursday 11 February for staff professional development.

Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston Libraries will be closed all day.

“The staff training session is being carried out as part of Selwyn Libraries plan to develop more activities and programmes for young children aged up to three years,” says Vicki Carlyon, Selwyn Libraries Manager.

“Children who develop a love of reading at an early age find it much easier to begin schooling and often carry this love of language and learning with them for the rest of their lives.”

Guest speaker Dr Jacki Blunt will talk to library staff about brain development in young children and how playing, singing and reading to children can build help children build their language and communication skills. The session will look at how free weekly storytime and rhymetime sessions at libraries can support children’s learning and development.

During the week, visiting Australian children’s author and children’s librarian Margaret Robson Kett will also spend time working with Selwyn Library staff to help develop more activities for this age group. A session is also planned with local people who work with young children, like early childhood centres, play centres, Plunket and others to identify how libraries can work with their organisations to boost learning and development for children aged up to three.

“We are excited that Margaret will also host a free make-a-book session for families at Lincoln Library,” says Mrs Carlyon.

“This is a great opportunity for people to enjoy a fun family activity that engages children in language, pictures and learning and also allows them to create a lasting publication they can enjoy.”

The free session runs 10am-12noon on Saturday 13 February at Lincoln Library. All ages are welcome to attend.

While the library closure occurs, customers are still able to visit the library website to access a range of online services including our library catalogue, eBooks, eMagazines, databases and more. Visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

The mobile library will not visit Prebbleton on Thursday 11 February - if you need to contact the mobile service please phone 021 773 400.

Selwyn Libraries will reopen at 10am on Friday 12 February.

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