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Summer fun at local pools and libraries

There are plenty of things to do this summer at Selwyn libraries and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge returns to Selwyn libraries. This year's theme is 'Get carried away with books.'

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.

Once children have completed their report-ins to library staff, they will receive an invite to the surprise Celebration Finale party on Saturday 30 January.

To get started simply download and fill in the registration form from www.selwynlibraries.co.nz or pick one up at your local library. Return the completed form to your library to receive your Summer Reading Programme pack.

There is also a number of resources that library members can access online for free. To enjoy a wide range of eBooks, eMagazines and eAudio, all you need is your library card. Go to www.selwynlibraries.co.nz and under the 'Ecollections' tab click 'eBooks/eAudio' or 'Zinio eMags'.

To borrow the eBooks or e-audio books your password is the last four digits of your library card. You can borrow up to two eBooks and two e-audio books at a time for two weeks. Over 170 titles have recently been added including titles suitable for children, young adults, fiction and non-fiction. To access Zinio eMags you will need to create an account and choose your own password. Some library hours have changed in 2016 - see www.selwynlibraries.co.nz for information.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is holding a Summer Pool Fest from Monday 11 January to Friday 15 January, from 1pm to 3pm each day. Different activities will run each day and will include new water rollers, large inflatables and volleyball. Activities are suitable for children five years of age and over, except the large inflatable which is for competent swimmers eight years and over.

Southbridge Pool is now open with new changing facilities. The pool's opening hours over the holidays are 2pm to 7pm daily (including weekends). Darfield Pool is open from 1pm to 7pm daily over the holidays (including weekends). Lane swimming only is also available between 11am and 1pm daily except on Mondays, when lane swimming is available from 11am to 12noon. Parents and toddlers only can also swim between 12noon and 1pm daily.

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Photo attached: water rollers are one of the fun activities happening as part of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre's Summer Pool Fest.