

Get to know us

Go behind the shelf as we profile a few of the faces you've seen around the library.



Sharmaine is our Community
Programmes Librarian. We asked her favourite...

Op shop find: A pale blue gauzy kimono-style wrap top with lilies along the bottom, found in a consignment store in Auckland. I always feel a little ethereal wearing it and have never found anything else quite like it.

Book turned movie: Stardust by Neil Gaiman

Book you read recently: Kurangaituku by Whiti Hereaka. An intriguing approach to a mythological tale.

Steve is the Team Leader of our Literacy and Outreach Team sharing a few of his favourite things.

What are you looking forward to this newsletter? 100% Rainbow Storytime!

Best Op Shop fashion find? My off-brand, Nightmare on Elm Street Halloween costume sweater (pictured)

Favourite picture book? I Just Ate My Friend By Heidi McKinnon. A truly moving, yet cautionary, tale.





Kate is the Team Leader of our Access and Lending Services and our Op Shop queen.

Best Op Shop fashion find? This is very hard to answer as I op shop a LOT – both in my waking life AND in my dreams. The pieces I find in my dreams are mostly incredible but as they are figments of my imagination I'll tell you about a couple of real ones...My 1920's lace wedding dress AND a super cool 80's off the shoulder purple number.

E-book, audiobook or paper? If I want to read a non-fiction item, I always try to find an audio version first. If the narrator is good, then I'll carry on.

Favourite picture book: The one about how they make the biggest jam sandwich in the world!

Beyond eBooks:

Eight More Ways to Access the Library Online

- Immerse yourself in an audiobook. Still Life by Sarah Winman on BorrowBox is full of joy and wit.
- Read comics, manga and graphic novels on our newest app, Library Pass. No borrowing limits!
- Grab the popcorn and watch a film on Kanopy. We like Astro Kid for whānau or Another Round for grown-ups.
- Browse a magazine on Libby. We like Lunch Lady for recipes, crafts, and parenting stories.
- Master Microsoft Excel, take better photos, market your small business, and more on LinkedIn Learning.
- Repair your car with access to Haynes online manuals and videos.
- Chat to a librarian about your homework on the AnyQuestions service, run by the National Library of New Zealand. anyquestions.govt.nz
- Book a Librarian and get help with research, your device, or accessing any of the above platforms. Ask us or visit our website!





Quiet Hour

If you visit the Elma Turner Library on a Tuesday morning you may notice it feels a little calmer as we've introduced Quiet Hour.

This initiative involves switching computers off, minimising sound, and dimming artificial lights to make the library more welcoming for people with anxiety, autism, intellectual disabilities, dementia, or other neurodiverse conditions. We've also darkened the Activity Room and made sensory toys and weighted blankets available for anyone who needs a moment to themselves.

Quiet Hour is for all library visitors. It runs every Tuesday from 9.30 - 10.30am and the second Sunday of every month from 1 - 2pm.

If you can't make the hour, we've created a sensory map which identifies bright lights and noise, so you know what to expect before visiting the library during our regular hours. Download a copy through our website or pick one up at the main entrance.



Carpet patterns

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Elma Turner Library Sensory Map



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Matariki

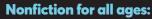
Matariki is a time of reflection, celebration, and renewal in Aotearoa. It is centred around the Pleiades star cluster, which becomes more visible during the winter months. This year it rises on June 24, which signifies the start of the Māori New Year.

We've selected some of our favourite books so you can discover the history and celebrate Matariki with your whānau.

Books for tamariki available in English and te reo Māori:

- The Stolen Stars of Matariki by Miriama Kamo
- The Seven Stars of Matariki by **Tony Rolleston-Cummins**
- · Matariki by Sharon Holt





- Puanga, Star of the Māori New Year by Sam Rerekura
- Celebrating the Southern Seasons: Rituals for Aotearoa by Juliet Batten
- Matariki: The Star of the Year by Rangi Matamua – available in English and te reo Māori.
- Te Kāhui o Matariki: Contemporary Māori Art of Matariki by Libby Hakaraia

The colder months are also time to start thinking about harvesting and planting in your garden. If you need a bit of help make sure to visit the **Nelson Seed Library**. This is full of treasures, with over 200 varieties of seeds and plenty of information on when and how to plant them.

You can visit the little library in the Elma Turner Library during our opening hours or learn more over on the website nelsonseedlibrary.weebly.com



NZ Music Month

The purpose of NZ Music Month is to celebrate music from New Zealand, and the people who write it and perform it. For 22 years May has been a chance to celebrate our local music and musicians, and Nelson Public Libraries continue to do so.

The Library has been missing live music during the pandemic and is just starting to host Sunday afternoon concerts again. During May we have two performances by local musicians.

Local band Nine95 will play rock, pop and blues covers from the 60s to the present, and violin duo Eva and Cara will entertain us with some classical repertoire.

Sunday 8 May, 2pm: Nine95



Sunday 29 May, 2pm: Eva and Cara





If you can't make a performance, you can celebrate by exploring NZ music in our CD collection, which can be borrowed for free, as well as books about NZ music and musicians.





ZOOM TALK WITH KATE HALL

Living with less waste and making ethical purchases is hard when life is hectic. This free talk will give you tools and positive habits to take away and install in your life.

Elma Turner Library Wednesday 25 May

Bookings required.



Op Shop Fashion Challenge







In the lead up to Ethically Kate's talk we are holding an Op Shop Fashion Challenge!

Submit a photo of your favourite op shop outfit by emailing it to library@ncc.govt.nz or tag @nelsonpublibraries on Instagram. Entries will be judge by Kate Hall on 25 May.

Need inspiration? Here are a few outfits we found when visiting local op shops in Nelson.



Rainbow Storytime and Living Library



Erika & CoCo Flash are coming to Nelson!

Rainbow Storytime is a chance to hear books about acceptance, diversity, inclusion and being kind, play some fun games and meet some fabulous drag queens with plenty of colours and glitter!

Living Library is designed around learning how the duo became Erika & CoCo, how they identify and is a chance to ask any questions about the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Haus of Flash sisters are the true queens of Aotearoa. Erika is a 7ft, blonde bombshell straight off the Broadway stage. A real housewife of Taranaki with an obsession for all things glam and pink pink...PINK! CoCo is a disco diva with a love for dance, beats and bass.

The duo will be at the library on 7 June for two special sessions.

Rainbow Storytime 10:30am · Living Library 3.30pm

Bookings are required by contacting library@ncc.govt.nz or phoning (03) 546 8100.





If you have any questions about these topics or would like to connect with others, Q-Youth Nelson is always available. This is a by-youth, for-youth charitable organisation dedicated to making the Nelson region a safe place to grow up LGBTQIA+. They will be attending the Living Library and you can get in touch by contacting office.q.youth@gmail.com

DISCOVER



Kids Term Time

Looking for something to do after school? Why not book into one of our amazing clubs? Scan the code or go to nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz for the schedule and booking instructions.





Stoke Library STEM Drop-in session: Ages 8+. Mondays 3:30 - 5pm, Stoke Library. Come and play with science! Try out some of our new Science, Technology, Engineering & Math toys and games, (parents are encouraged to play as well).



Rising Scientess: Ages 5 – 13. Mondays, 4 - 5pm, Elma Turner Library. An exploration of STEM for young girls through creative and fun projects and experiments, delivered by students from Nelson College for Girls.



Junior Reading Club: Ages 8 – 12. Tuesdays, 3.30 - 4.30pm, Elma Turner Library. A chance for children who love reading to get together and talk books, play games, and see new titles before they hit the shelves.



Media Club: Ages 8+. Wednesdays, 3.30 - 4.30pm, Elma Turner Library. Media Club will produce a newsletter for the children's library every term and learn a wide variety of practical reporter/media skills.



Kid's Sewing Club: Ages 9+. Wednesdays, 3.30 - 5pm, Elma Turner Library, \$5 for 5-week course. Sewing Club will learn about material, patterns, and how to use a sewing machine.



Young Adult Club: Ages 11+. 2nd Thursday of the month, 3.45 - 4.45pm, Elma Turner Library. For teens who love books, crafts, tech, and more. They meet monthly and get to see all the Young Adult books before they hit the shelves!



LEGO Robotics: Ages 9+. Fridays, 3.30 - 4.30pm, Elma Turner Library, \$5 for 4-week course. Build, code, and play with our robotics classes. A chance for kids' imaginations to run wild as they create and code robots.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



at Nelson Public Libraries

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL SPACES LIMITED

Monday 11 July Electro-Dough Constellations

Discover the principles of electrical circuits and learn all about constellations.

9.30 - 10.30am: Ages 5 - 8 11am - 12pm: Ages 9 - 12 Elma Turner Library

Tuesday 12 July Imposter Among Us

A fellow member of your space crew has gone missing. Discover who among us is responsible using forensic science.

1 - 2pm: Ages 5 - 8 2.30 - 3.30pm: Ages 9 - 12 **Greenmeadows Centre**

Wednesday 13 July

Alien Attack

Polymers are a very interesting type of molecule. Learn all about their 'alien' behaviour and create your own alien slime monster.

1 - 2pm: Ages 5 - 8 2.30 - 3.30pm: Ages 9 - 12 Elma Turner Library

Thursday 14 July

Ready to Launch

Discover the physics principles required to blast off into space. In this workshop you will design a group rocket and measure its launch. 3, 2, 1 Blast Off!

1 - 2pm: Ages 5 - 8 2.30 - 3.30pm: Ages 9 - 12

SCIENCE SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday 9 July - Sunday 24 July Hunt through Elma Turner Library

and find all of the Science Clues and make vour own fabulous discovery!

Thursday 14 July

Young Adult Movie Night

Anime-themed activities, Japanese snacks and a fun movie for teens!

3.45 - 6pm · Ages 11+ · Elma Turner Library

Saturday 16 July

Tech Time

Try out our Science and Technology toys. 10am - 12pm · All Ages · Elma Turner Library

Tuesday 19 July

Cawthron Lakes 380 Education Workshop

Learn about the Lakes 380 Project, and take part in science activities with scientists from the Cawthron Institute.

11am - 12.30pm · Ages 9+

Elma Turner Library • Bookings required

Board Game Afternoon:

Catan, Cards Against Humanity and more! 1 - 3pm · Ages 8+ · Elma Turner Library

Wednesday 20 July

Kate and Caboodle at the Library!

An interactive and language-rich story time and activity with Speech Language Therapist and children's book author Jerri J. Pirc.

10.30 - 11.30am · Ages 4+ · Elma Turner Library

Superhero Kahoot!

Test your Superhero knowledge in our Kahoot! quiz. Bookings required, bring your own device appreciated.

> 2 - 2:30pm • Ages 8+ Stoke Library · Bookings required

Thursday 21 July Starlight Stories

Evening stories, games, and excitement at the library. Bookings required. Bring your own torch.

6 - 7pm · All Ages · Elma Turner Library

Nau mai haere mai



Welcome to Nelson Public Libraries

At the library you can...

- Borrow up to 35 items per library card
- Access our computers, laptops, printing, photocopying, scanning, and Wi-Fi
- Make use of our local history/ research room
- · Use our computers, chromebooks. sewing machines, and Virtual Reality equipment
- · Receive assistance with your device and our online resources from our friendly staff
- · Borrow items from other libraries within NZ through Interlibrary loans
- Sign-up for our Housebound services

Online Library

- · Manage your loans through our website or library app
- · Access to eBooks, audio books, e magazines, comics, manga, films, online newspapers, as well as a large range of databases for free
- Keep up to date with library news, events, and reading recommendations via our website
- · Search our catalogue, place items on hold, and recommend items for purchase
- · Research your family history or Whakapapa

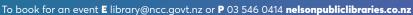
We have after hours book drops at all our branches so you can return library items at your convenience.

Loan Periods and Charges

Reserving an item is \$2. There is no charge on Children's or Young Adult items.

Item Type	Loan Period	Charge
Books/Talking Books	4 weeks	Free
CDs, Magazines	2 weeks	Free
DVDs – Film, TV, and documentaries	2 weeks	\$2.50
Bestseller Collection	1 week	\$3 per week
Replacement for lost library card		\$3
No charge for items on extended loan		

Our knowledgeable staff are in the library to assist you. Please don't hesitate to ask us anything!















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Elma Turner Library

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9.30am - 6pm Wed 10am - 6pm Sat 10am - 4pm Sun 1 - 4pm

Stoke Library

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9.30am - 5.30pm Wed 10am - 5.30pm Sat 10am - 1pm Sun closed

Nightingale Library

Mon, Wed, Fri 1 - 4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Sun 10am - 2pm Sat closed

Public Holidays

All three branches will be closed on the following dates

Good Friday: Friday 15 April
Easter Monday: Monday 18 April
ANZAC Day: Monday 25 April
Queen's Birthday: Monday 6 June
Matariki: Friday 24 June





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