

CHECK IT OUT

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Manawatū Community Hub Libraries (MCHL) provides services at Te Āhuru Mōwai and satellite locations for the community and visitors.

Welcome | Haere mai

Check It Out is Manawatū Community Hub Libraries new bi-monthly newsletter. This is our first issue and a great read. You will find it full of helpful and interesting information about accessing our collection and services, learning experiences, events and activities coming up.

The MCHL team wishes you a fabulous holiday season, and we can't wait to see how you enjoy our services and programmes over the summer.



Makerspace will be open for walk-in appointments from Monday 23 December – Saturday 4 January 2025

The Makerspace will still be open their normal hours during this time but will not take bookings – they will only be accepting walk in appointments.



Holiday Hours

Te Āhuru Mōwai will be closed on 25, 26 December and 1, 2 January 2025.

Open Plus access during non-staffed hours is available.

MCHL members can add Open Plus privileges to their membership by signing up at the front counter. Members can unlock the Stafford Street entrance by scanning their membership card and entering their pin free of charge.

Inside, they can use resources and self-service equipment like self-checkout machines, computers, and printers. Meeting rooms require separate advance booking. Members can bring guests with them, and it can be a quiet escape from holiday chaos.

Scan the QR code below or visit mchl.co.nz for more information. Feel free to ask a staff member for assistance when visiting with us.





Did you know that we host Makerspace workshop evenings?

The MCHL Makerspace at Te Āhuru Mōwai is a creative hub offering hands-on workshops since November. With more workshops planned for the new year.

Participants have explored various techniques, including:

- Laser Cutting: Creating personalised keepsake boxes.
- Sublimation Printing: Transferring designs onto T-shirts and mugs using heat and pressure.
- Glass Etching: Engraving wine glasses and tumblers with laser technology.
- Vinyl Transfer: Making Christmas decorations by cutting vinyl designs.

Workshops cater to all skill levels, providing access to high-quality equipment and knowledgeable staff. Most equipment requires reservation for guaranteed availability and preparation.



What's On Calendar Spotlight

JP Services
Tuesdays and
Fridays
11:30am - 1:30pm

Tech @10am
Mondays and
Wednesdays
10am - 11am

Readopoly
9 December
- 18 January

Summer School
Holiday Fun
6 January - 24
January



What's On Summer School Holidays 2025

Monday 6th January -
Friday 24th January

See our calendar of events
online, scan the QR code or visit:

mchl.co.nz/whats-on/school-holiday-programmes



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Te Āhuru Mōwai*



Create space in your summer break for Readopoly

Manawātū Community Hub Libraries launched its summer reading programme, December 9. Now in its second year, Readopoly is available free of charge and helps to instil reading as a lifelong habit while also enhancing children's abilities as readers, writers, and spellers. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for family bonding.

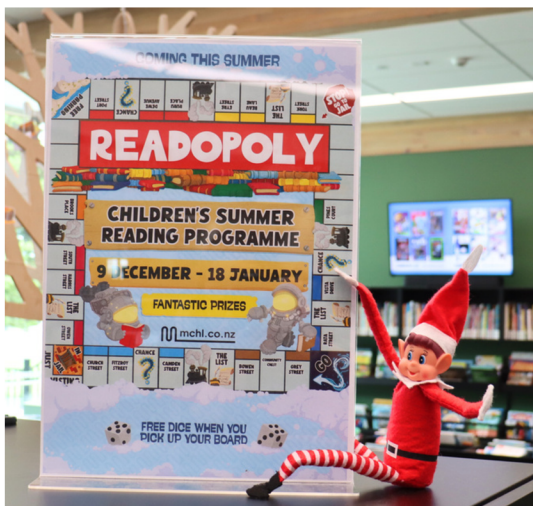
During the summer holidays, many children experience a decline in the knowledge and skills they acquired throughout the school year – a phenomenon known as Summer Learning Loss. To help combat the decline and provide support for children and their families during the summer months Readopoly is a fun and interactive way to encourage reading.

It has been found that young readers are more motivated to read when they can select books that align with their interests. Readopoly allows for the option of children choosing their reading materials however, if participants require assistance, a recommended reading list with helpful suggestions is available.

The boards have been beautifully illustrated by Barry McGoldrick, Graphic Designer from Manawātū District Council. With the addition of an astronaut themed twist, Barry aims to inspire children to embrace the challenge and tap into their imaginations.

Kids will embark on an adventurous journey filled with reading books and completing fun, book-related tasks. Each board comes with dice and 3D printed astronaut created in the Makerspace, which participants use to play. Every child who returns their board will receive a prize and be entered into a draw for exciting book prizes. Participants will have a total of six weeks to complete the programme.

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The children's area has a Readopoly hanging display on the wooden tree.

MCHL Highlights



Updating Collection Labels

Our collection labels are undergoing a refresh. Have you spotted our new labels on the shelves? You will notice that the books are gradually adopting this new look. The labels are designed to run horizontally for easier readability, featuring a clean font on a white label. We are beginning with our latest titles and will continue updating the existing collection.



New Board Games

During this season of family and friends coming together, there's nothing quite like the joy of playing board games. These games reveal personalities and provide endless fun for all ages.

A diverse selection of new and popular board games have recently been added to the collection.



Have you got questions about technology?

Need a hand with that new christmas gadget, your phone, email, or our apps? Well, have no fear. We've got a tech support available every week, just for you.

Join us for "Tech @10" on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 11:00 am (except for public holidays).

Come by the front counter with your tech troubles, and we'll be all ears and ready to help with your digital questions.

Also make sure to download the Manawatū Community Hub Libraries App. To easily manage your account. You can search our catalogue, place holds, even check due dates and renew items instantly.



Heritage

Did you know the red foot bridge over the Makino Stream was the old Railway over-bridge. You can see it in the photo above.

The pedestrian rail bridge was built in approximately 1900 to span between Aorangī & Eyre Streets and was relocated to its present site in the early 1980's.



Play Trailer

The play trailer is free to hire for community groups and organisations within the Manawatū District. It is packed with play-based equipment designed to support and empower the community. This initiative was made possible thanks to funding from the Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa fund and the support of Replay NZ.



Beamafilm

Documentaries, Movies & TV Series



With Christmas just around the corner, now is a great time to snuggle up and enjoy some free festive films with Beamafilm.

With unlimited online streaming & screening of documentaries, movies and series you will be spoiled for choice.

Beamafilm is available free with a MCHL membership number and PIN/password.



Libby

eBooks & eAudiobooks



You can download thousands of eBooks and audiobooks for free which allows for easy offline access across devices.

On those long summer road trips, enjoy audiobooks in your car through Apple carplay, Android auto, or a bluetooth connection.

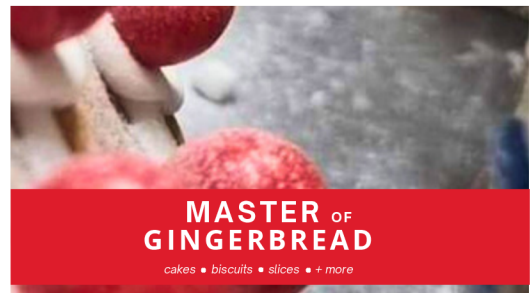
You will need your MCHL membership number and PIN/password to access ePukapuka or Libby.



Elf on a Library Shelf

Be on the lookout for Albie the elf on a library shelf. This time of year is his favourite because he get's this fun perk.

Over December, take a moment to look and find what Albie is up to or follow our Facebook and Instagram for more elf updates and shenanigans.



Gingerbread House Decorating Class

Spice up your holiday activities and join the Master of Gingerbread team in decorating your own gingerbread house. Everything you need is included so pull together your friends, coworkers or come on your own and add a sweet treat, decorated by you, to your festive season.

- **Date:** Tuesday, 17 December 2024
- **Time:** 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- **Location:** Manawatū Community Hub Libraries at Te Āhuru Mōwai
- **Tickets:** \$55 to create a gingerbread house individually or between two people.

Ask at the front counter or go to our website what's on calendar to purchase your tickets.



Border collie Jet from Canine Pet Friends Therapy Dogs enjoys being read to by five-year-old, Madelyn Gunnell at a Paws for Reading session at Te Āhuru Mōwai.

Stories of impact: fostering a love for reading, one wag at a time

Paws for Reading offers a relaxed environment where children can engage in one-on-one, 15-minute reading sessions with a friendly, non-judgmental border collie from Canine Pet Friends Therapy Dogs.

Reading aloud plays a vital role in developing a child's reading skills. However, many kids become self-conscious as they sound out words or stumble across text. The approach of reading to a dog diminishes the fear of judgment and gradually enhances the child's self-confidence. In a cozy space at Manawatū Community Hub Libraries (MCHL), complete with a large comfortable bean bag, the child reads to the dog, fostering a safe and calming atmosphere. This setup empowers children to read at their level, free from any pressure or criticism.



Border Collie Byrne from Canine Pet Friends Therapy Dog also enjoys being read to during the Paws for Reading sessions at Te Āhuru Mōwai.

Lynda Cummins from Canine Pet Friends Therapy Dogs has two border collies that lead a cheerful life on a nearby rural property. She brings one dog at a time to participate in this special service. Lynda expresses the expected joy, stating, "The moment Byrne has the scarf on, he understands it's time for a visit, and he knows he'll be showered with affection." Byrne, her 8-year-old collie, relishes the experience, while his 3-and-a-half-year-old nephew, Jet, has a more playful personality. Jet is gradually acclimatising to the world of being read to, taking it one affectionate pat at a time. Both are well-mannered dogs who respond easily to commands and adore having their tummies rubbed. "These experiences not only help build children's confidence around dogs but also encourage positive interactions. For kids, the chance to read aloud and make mistakes in the company of a friendly dog contributes to their personal growth." Lynda sees this first hand as she is in the room to offer guidance when needed, but mostly, she assumes a supervisory role.

The programme began in November this year, and MCHL staff are optimistic about its growth in popularity and longevity with further plans to incorporate more dog-related experiences during children's story times and at Brightsparks.

Thank you for reading!