

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


Welcome to the fourth edition of Check It Out, the bi-monthly newsletter from Manawatū Community Hub Libraries. We are delighted to **share the latest updates, event news, and helpful information to enhance your experience.**



Before



After

 makerspace

From Setback to Showpiece: A Makerspace Success Story

When Makerspace user Chloe Newrick set out to 3D print a custom two-tone Camaro model, her initial filament print didn't meet expectations. Layer lines were visible, and the silver filament didn't adhere well to the black base. **With guidance from the Makerspace team, Chloe explored a new approach using resin printing on the Wiiboox printer, known for its smooth, high-detail finish.**

Though resin printing allows only a single colour, Chloe adapted by spray-painting the model black and hand-painting silver accents. The result was an impressive custom gift and a great example of how creativity, problem-solving, and support from the Makerspace team can transform challenges into success.



New Labelling for the Collection!

You may have noticed a new look on our book labels. **Our updated labeling system is now more modern, eco-friendly, cost-effective, and user-friendly, enhancing both its functionality and environmental impact.** Our old spine labels were often bulky and obscured author names. All MCHL labels are now printed with a clean, white design that enhances readability and visual appeal. We've also updated our page stamps: instead of "Feilding Library," the stamp now reads MCHL followed by the year the book became a part of the collection. In addition to the new format, there's a clearer structure for identifying categories:

- **Adult** labels show the author initials at the bottom.
- **Young Adult** labels have author initials at the top.
- **Junior** labels place author initials in the middle.
- **Children's books** have also seen a change. Rather than using just one letter on the cover, they now show the first three initials, making them easier to identify.

The Dewey Decimal system has served libraries for over 100 years, and with this update, we're blending tradition with a modern touch.



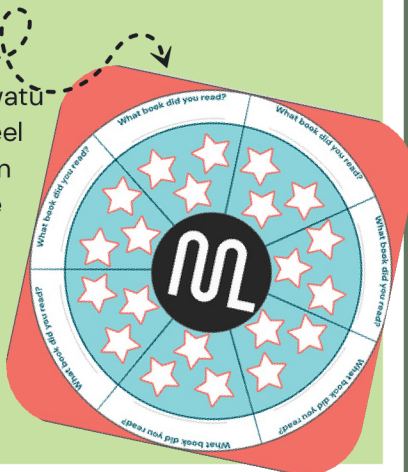
BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR FOR YOUNG NZ READERS 2025 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!



The 2025 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults shortlist has been announced, featuring 32 outstanding titles. Among the celebrated names are musician and presenter Anika Moa, respected journalist and broadcaster Miriama Kamo, and bestselling author and child psychiatrist Hinemoa Elder. Beyond recognising excellence in children's and young adult literature, the awards play a vital role in promoting literacy and a love of reading among New Zealand's tamariki and rangatahi. The winners will be announced at a special ceremony on the evening of Wednesday, 13 August, in Wellington.

To find out more about the shortlist visit: www.nzbookawards.nz

The awards also oversee the hugely popular **HELL Reading Challenge**. Complete the Manawatu Community Hub Libraries (MCHL) Reading Wheel by adding 7 book titles and your star rating then swap it for a stamped HELLS Pizza Wheel! Once you've conquered your reading challenge, zoom over to Hell's Pizza for a FREE kids' pizza. Now Available at the MCHL front counter. This challenge is a great way to encourage reading and a love for literature among our Tamariki.



What's On Spotlight

July School Holiday Programme

Monday 30 June – 11 July
2025. Movie Mondays,
Storytime, Craft, VR,
Minecraft and Coding
Sessions. Pick up a
brochure or
visit www.mchl.co.nz for
more information.

Star Dome – Matariki

Tuesday 1 July 10am – 4pm.
Free sessions throughout
the day.
Each session is limited
to 20 children.
Be sure to book early to
secure your spot.

Edge-Lit Light Workshop

Wednesday, July 30,
2025 Time: 6:00pm–
8:00pm Cost: \$12.00
(Aged 12+ through to
Adults) Design, engrave,
and build your own edge-
lit light using a laser
cutter and acrylic
materials. No experience
needed.

Fused Glass Garden Art Workshop

Friday, 29 August 2025
6:00pm – 9:00pm. Cost:
\$30 per person
Learn how to design and
create a unique piece of
art using colourful fused
glass.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Library Book Sale!

Every year, we refresh our collection by clearing out older, worn or surplus materials to make space for new arrivals. With items ranging from 50 cents to \$10, it's the perfect opportunity to pick up a bargain book, puzzle, DVD or audiobook.

Annual Library Book Sale

12 – 19 July 2025

Te Āhuru Mōwai

64 Stafford Street

Feilding

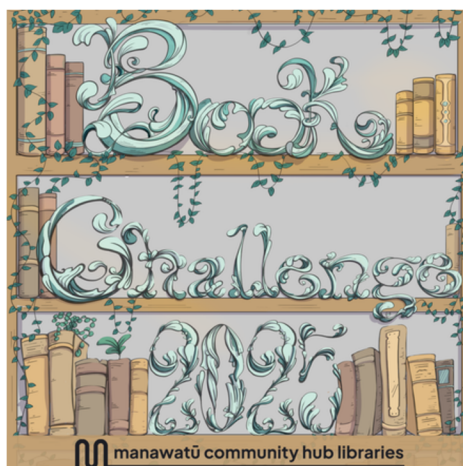
It's the perfect opportunity to discover a bargain and help us make room for new items.

Save the date, bring your friends, and come check out the sale. Your purchases help us keep our collection fresh and interesting for everyone.

MCHL Highlights

Book Challenge 2025

Manawatū Community Hub Libraries Book Challenge 2025 has officially begun! Pick up your Book Challenge fold-out from the library today and start tracking all the books you read. Be sure to fill in a feedback card for each book and return it to the MCHL front counter. Loved a book? Didn't love it? Either way, we want to hear from you! Your feedback helps us recommend even more reads to our community of book lovers.



Grasshopper Yoga (Under 5's)

Is your little one ready for some fun and stretchy grasshopper yoga? This is a playful 3-week programme designed just for under 5's. These sessions will include gentle stretches tailored for toddlers and preschoolers. Bring along a drink bottle and an eager, playful mind.

Sessions will be held on August 5th, 12th, and 19th, from 10:00am until 10:40am. Whether they're new to yoga or ready to explore more, this is the perfect way to introduce your little one to the joys of movement and mindfulness.

Spaces are limited
One-time fee of \$10.

Book your spot:
<https://mdc.jonasleisure.com.au/Course/Enrol>



Pride! Book Display

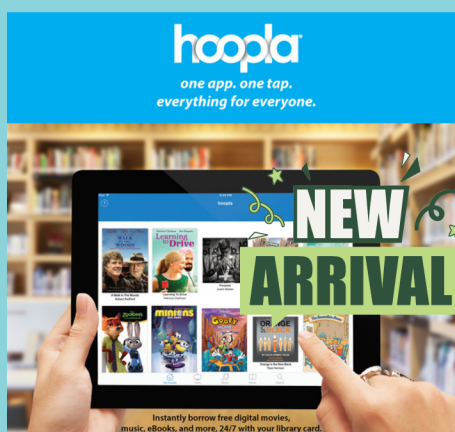
This June, our library is proud to showcase the Rainbow Collection. A vibrant selection of books that honour and celebrate the voices and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community. Featuring a range of genres and age levels, from heartfelt memoirs and compelling fiction to picture books and non-fiction, this collection invites all readers to explore stories of identity, love, resilience, and belonging.

New! Digital Resources Coming This July



Borrowbox enables members to download and borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks via digital loans. BorrowBox is the only app of its kind with an inbuilt eBook reader and eAudiobook player.

Available on our website www.mchl.co.nz in the digital library section. You will need your MCHL membership number and PIN/password to access. If you need assistance, please ask MCHL staff.



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Slow Stitch

There are no set patterns, rules, or expectations. Just a chance to work on your own stitching projects in a social environment.

Come join us on Tuesdays during term time from 10:00am - 1:00pm at Te Āhuru Mōwai, 64 Stafford Street, Feilding.



Denise Jamieson, Libby user photographed at Manawatū Community Hub Libraries, Te Āhuru Mōwai.

Reader Logs 663 Books – Thanks to the Libby App

Denise Jamieson from Kimbolton has always loved reading. Since 2022, she's taken her reading habits to a whole new level. With the help of the Libby App, she's read an incredible 663 books, including 244 in 2023, 293 in 2024, and over 100 already this year.

Denise began using the Libby App during the COVID-19 lockdowns and found it particularly useful while the Feilding Library was undergoing its rebuild, with part of its collection in storage. Living rurally, she now finds reading digitally more convenient than ever.

"I used to love holding a real book, but now I prefer reading on my phone. It's lighter, and I can read for longer," she says. "It suits my lifestyle perfectly."

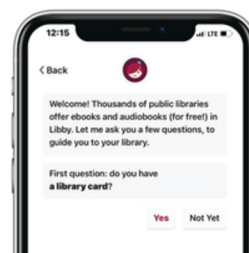
Now retired after 19 years as an administrator at Ovation, Denise fills her days with gardening, quilting, and of course reading. She reads first thing in the morning, before bed, and anytime in between. TV hardly gets a look-in.

Fiction is her escape of choice. "I don't like reading about real people, I want to get swept away in a story," she says. Her favourite authors include Matthew Reilly and Keri Arthur, and she enjoys everything from sci-fi, romance to thrillers and fantasy. She also browses non-fiction titles on hobbies like gardening and scrapbooking and occasionally listens to audiobooks if a title isn't available in digital format.

One of her favourite Libby features is the ability to place up to 10 holds and get notified as soon as her favourite authors release something new. "It's like Libby just knows what I want to read next," she smiles.

Denise often recommends the app to friends over coffee or at her garden group, encouraging others to give it a try. "People say they prefer holding a book, but I tell them just try it. You really do get used to it." The Libby App, part of the ePukapuka digital collection shared by 21 lower North Island libraries, offers thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. It's free to use for all Manawatū Community Hub Libraries members.

To join Libby, sign up online at eBooks & eAudiobooks by scanning the QR code or visit mchl.co.nz. If you require help during your visit to set up or use Libby, please ask a MCHL staff member for assistance.



Libby.

The library reading app



Thank you for reading!