



Knitters Group

Get together with others to knit and chat over a cup of tea.

Library Knitters Elma Turner Library:

Thursdays, 10am - noon

Nellie Knitters

Nightingale Library Memorial:

Monday 5, 19 August; 2, 16, 30 September; 7, 21 October, 1 - 3pm

Wednesday 14, 28 August; 11, 25 September; 16, 30 October, 1 - 3pm

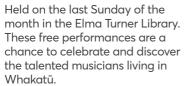
Dementia Friendly Reading Group

Relax while a great story or poem is read to you, and then enjoy exploring it in a fun and friendly way over a cup of tea. This group is open to anyone, no bookings required.

Elma Turner Library:

First Wednesday of the month, 10 - 11am 7 August, 4 September, 2 October

Live Music Series



Mosaic World Choir:

Sunday 25 August, 2pm

Nelson's longest-standing world music choir, Mosaic has been bringing a cappella pleasure to audiences for over 20 years with their high energy and vibrancy.

Duo Jackson:

Sunday 29 September, 2pm Sunday 27 October, 2pm



Book Chat

Come and share a cuppa and discuss what you've been reading this month in a friendly environment.

Elma Turner Library:

10.30am - 12pm, Tuesday 13 August, 10 September, 8 October

Stoke Library:

5.30 - 6.30pm, Wednesday 21 August, 18 September, 16 October

Riverside Reads Book Club

Participants need to register monthly to receive a free copy of the book, and return it at the meeting.

Join us to explore captivating stories from a diverse range of authors and genres.

Elma Turner Library: 5.30 - 6.30pm, Wednesday 7 August, 4 September, 2 October

Device Advice

Drop in with your device to get tech help from our librarians.

Elma Turner Library:

Thursdays, 2 - 3pm

Stoke Library: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3pm

Family History Month August

Every family has a story. What is yours?

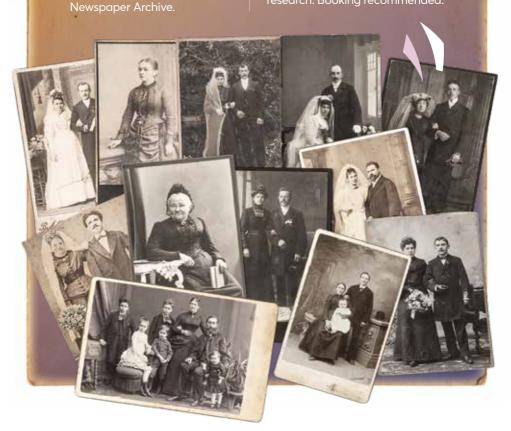
Introducing Find My Past with Ancestors Attic

Wednesday 7 August 10.30am, Elma Turner Library Get to know how to use Find My Past and British

Community Corner with Ancestors Attic

Wednesday 14 and 21 August 10.30am - 12pm, Elma Turner Library

The opportunity to get help and guidance on your family history research. Booking recommended.



In September, we present a list of wonderful events to celebrate learning and acknowledge Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and the Festival of Adult Learning. Let's embrace shared learning and flourish together.



Festival of Adult Learning

Harakeke Putiputi - Flax Flower Weaving

Tuesday 3 September 11am - 12.30pm, Elma Turner Library

Learn the art of harakeke putiputi weaving and create beautiful, traditional crafts in this hands-on session.

All skill levels welcome. Material provided. Join us and weave some natural beauty.

Paper Play

Thursday 5 September 1 - 2.30pm, Elma Turner Library

A playful exploration of collage as an art medium and a mindful practice.

Join Stef for a playful collage session where the goal is to have fun, try something new and, last but not least, to forget all about your to-do list!

No experience required.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Introducing Cultural Art of Harakeke Weaving

Sunday 8 September 1 - 3pm, Elma Turner Library

Join us to discover and learn about the traditional Māori craft. Community educator, Prashanti, will guide us to explore the techniques, materials and cultural significance.

All skill levels welcome. Material provided.

Bookings required.

Te Reo Māori with Te Ata

Wednesday 11 September 12.30 - 1.30pm, Elma Turner Library

Learn te reo and build your confidence in speaking te reo.

Bookings required.

Shibashi QiGong

Thursday 12, 19, and 26 September 1 - 2pm, Elma Turner Library

Discover the potent combination of strength, balance, and peace through Shibashi QiGong, a captivating mind/body exercise. The 3-week course provide a 20-minute routine of 18 movements of a revitalizing home practice.

Bookings required for the three week course.



Book Club Sets

Explore our Book Club Set selection and find the perfect reads for your book club.

There's something for everyone, whether you're a fan of gripping mysteries, fascinating historical tales, or poignant dramas.

Available to borrow for 6 weeks with a charge of \$3.10.

Our 2024 reading highlights so far

Memoir: Question 7 by Richard Flanagan

Flanagan bares his soul in this powerful and poignant blend of memoir, essay, and history. The book weaves together the 20th century's painful tapestry, from H.G. Wells' groundbreaking science fiction to the scientists who unleashed the atomic bomb's destructive power, and the harrowing experiences of Flanagan's father, Archie, as a prisoner of war. Flanagan also delves into his family's own dark past by way of the Tasmanian Aboriginal genocide and the colonial settler/convict structure in that state. This is a truly beautiful piece of writing.

Aotearoa fiction: When I Open the Shop by romesh dissanayake

A young man, grieving the death of his mother, opens a noodle shop in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, obsessing over getting her carrot salad just perfect and musing on community, belonging and home. Intimate and experimental, dissanayake's poetic and spacious writing style draws the reader in with warm hearted characters and a beautiful portrayal of our capital city.

Historical fiction: The Vanishing Point by Andrea Hotere

Split between the pious yet debauched court of 17th century Spain, where Diego Velázquez captures the King's family on canvas, and the cutthroat art world of 1990s London, Andrea Hotere weaves a spellbinding tale. Layers of history collide with a modern-day chase, as a centuries-old mystery unfolds, fuelled by ambition, hidden secrets and dark deeds.

Fantasy: Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher

When a frantic plea arrives from her imprisoned queen sister, Marra must abandon her secluded convent life and form a posse to save her sister's life and in the process, redefine happy ever after. Featuring a dust wife, a melancholy knight, a demonic chicken and a pair of duelling fairy godmothers, Nettle & Bone turns the traditional fairytale on its head and the result is a mix of feminist fantasy and cosy horror. Utterly charming.

Contemporary fiction: Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens by Shankari Chandran

Don't be fooled by the gentle cover, this is a deep and searing look into the dark heart of suburban Australia through the eyes of a Sydney rest home owned and occupied by Sri Lankan immigrant. Covering PTSD, aging, racism, colonisation, infidelity, memory and loss and peopled with a diverse cast of nuanced and likeable characters, this was the worthy winner of the 2023 Miles Franklin award, Australia's premier literary prize.









Small Time

A combination of songs, rhymes and stories in a free and fun 20-minute programme. Best for ages 0-2.

Runs every week during the school term -Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September.

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Wednesdays 10.30am

STOKE LIBRARY

Fridays 10.30am



Tots & Tunes

Come sing, shake and boogie along to live music performed by the Hummin' Strummers from Age Concern. Best for ages 0-4.



ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

10.30am

Last Tuesday of the month











Afterschool Fun

After school programmes take place every week between Monday 22 July and Friday 13 September, unless otherwise stated.

Young Library Guild

Weekly on Tuesdays, 3.30 - 4.30pm Elma Turner Library

For lovers of all things Library!
Join the Guild and explore
everything the library has to
offer and more.

As a bonus, members get to see all the latest books before they hit the shelves.

Ages 8-12

Rising Scientess

Weekly on Wednesdays, 31 July - 25 September, 4 - 5pm Elma Turner Library

Rising Scientess is an exploration of STEM for young girls through creative and fun projects and experiments, delivered by students from Nelson College for Girls.

Bookings Required.

Ages 8-12

LEARN

Crafty Creators

Weekly on Thursdays, 3.30 - 4.30pm Stoke Library

We supply the material; you bring the imagination and get crafty in the makerspace style craft session. All ages.

Techy Time

Weekly on Thursdays, 3.30 - 4.30pm Elma Turner Library

Free family fun! Learn through play with our technology toys and LEGO.

Best for children aged 4+

LEGO Robotics

Weekly on Fridays, 30 August - 13 September, 3.30 - 4.30pm Elma Turner Library

Build, code and play with our robotics classes. A chance for kid's imaginations to run wild as they create and program robots.

\$5 for a 3-week course. Bookings required. Ages 9+



School Holiday Fun

Spring Scavenger Hunt Runs through School Holidays Monday 30 September - Sunday 13 October • All three libraries

Pop into any of our three libraries over the school holidays and complete our Spring Scavenger Hunt. Each library has a different scavenger hunt to give you another entry into the prize draw.



Minecraft Master's Quiz

Tuesday 1 October, 1 - 2pm Elma Turner Library

Are you a Minecraft Master? Think you have what it takes to beat the Ender Dragon of Quizzes? Put your knowledge to the test with these school holidays. Ages 8+.

Bookings Required. Bring your own device if possible.

No Strings Attached -A Nelson Public Libraries Puppet Show!

Wednesday 2 October, 10:30am Elma Turner Library

Get ready for Nelson Public Libraries' most sensational puppet show, featuring the one and only Big Bad Wolf! All Ages. Bookings Required.

Pocket Pets

Stoke Library

Wednesday 2 October, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Nellie Nightingale Library Memorial Thursday 3 October, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Sew your very own pocket pet to take with you wherever you go. Ages 8+.
Bookings Required.



DISCOVER LEARN CREAT

DIY Potions

Thursday 3 October, 1 - 2.30pm Elma Turner Library

Decorate you own potion bottle and create a mysterious brew for it to hold.

Ages 13+. Bookings Required.

Spring Story Time

Monday 7 October, 10.30am Elma Turner Library

Celebrate the season with Spring themed stories and songs followed by a craft. Best for under 5's and their grown-ups.

Monster Mash Up

Wednesday 9 October, 11am - 12.30pm Elma Turner Library

Create some mayhem as you deign a mixed-up monster in this makerspace style craft session. All ages.

Bubs, Bubbles & Boogie

Friday 11 October, 10.30am Stoke Library

It's all in the name! Come along to a musical, bubble-filled. Small Time and have a book-ish boogie. Perfect for ages 0-4.





Nau mai haere mai



Welcome to Nelson Public Libraries

At the library you can...

- Borrow up to 35 items per library card
- Borrow and return your items to all three library branches
- Access our computers, laptops, printing, photocopying, scanning and WiFi
- Borrow from The Library of Things

 boards games, sewing machines, kobos, VR headset, lawn games, and Hobby Kits
- Borrow items from other libraries within NZ through Interlibrary loans
- Attend a diverse range of events and programmes

Online Library

- Manage your loans through our website or Nelson Public Libraries app
- Access eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, 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		
\$2 for items placed on hold and collected. This does not apply to Children's and Young Adult items.		
Item Type	Loan Period	Charge
Books/Talking Books	4 weeks	Free
CDs, Magazines	2 weeks	Free
Library of Things	2 weeks (excl. VR Headset)	\$3.10
VR Headset	1 week	\$3.10
Book Club Sets	6 weeks	\$3.10
DVDs – Film or TV	2 weeks	\$3.10
Bestseller Collection	1 week	\$3 per week
Replacement for lost library card		\$3.10

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







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 Memorial

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 12 - 4pm Sat closed Sun 1 - 4pm

All three branches will be closed on the following date:

Labour Day: Monday 28 October





Nga whare mātauranga o Whakatū

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