

# Final Thoughts

*May you be as happy as the day is long.*

*From A Christmas carol.*



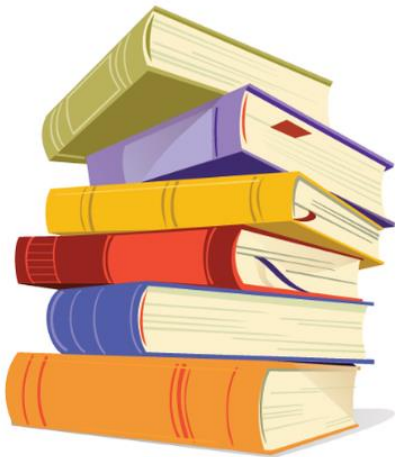
## Adult Christmas Craft:

Make your gifts Shine for Free!

Don't want to spend \$5-\$7 on a bow?

Come to the library and make your own for free! Join us to create fun Christmas decorations and add a special touch to your presents.

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- 10.00am-12pm



**Make sure you get your books before the Christmas holiday closed period.**

12pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025  
till Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026



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SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.

## Activity Kits now available from the library!

Did you know that the library has Activity Kits for families to borrow?

An activity kit aimed at toddlers and contains ideas to engage children with reading and activity material based around a theme. We have different themes available so ask next time you are in the library do search our catalogue online to see the options.



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Facebook: @kaweraulibraryandmuseum





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# Kawerau District Library & Sir James Fletcher Museum

## What's On

Summer reading programmes start December 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

The Book Club meets 10.30am - 12pm Every first Thursday of the month

The Unofficial Gallery On now in the library Museum Gallery

Working Style New Window galleries in Jellicoe Court.

### Library Hours:

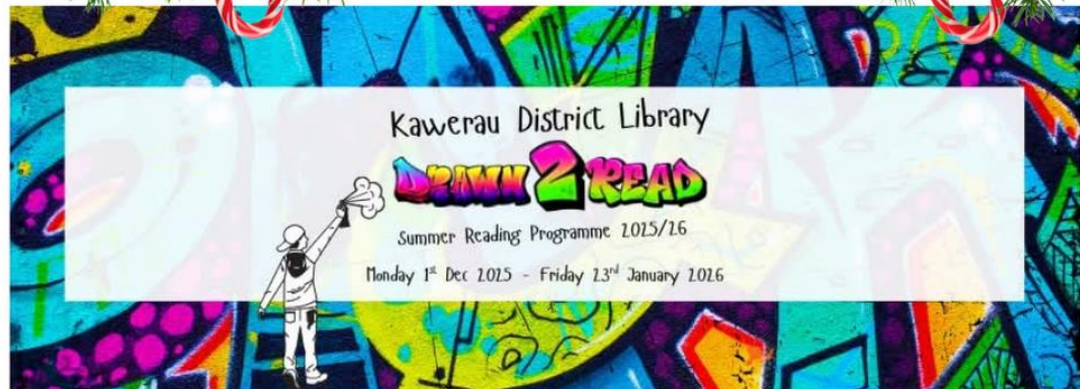
**Monday - Friday**  
10am - 5pm

**Saturday**  
10am - 1pm

**Sunday**  
**CLOSED**

Christmas holidays  
12pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December 2025 to  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
**CLOSED**

Auckland anniversary  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2026  
**CLOSED**



Summer reading is here, and so are our Summer Reading Programmes!

This summer our theme is **Drawn 2 Read**. Both our kids and adult's programmes kicked off on the first of December, so come on down to the library. We're excited to bring you plenty of fun, creativity and good reads. Inside the newsletter you will find the full timetable for our kid's activities and grab a flag while you get your books to go in the draw for the adult reading competition.

Don't forget to check out the interactive pieces around the library. Our entry wall is ready for you to take apart, re-create and add your artwork for everyone to enjoy.

To every who has taken part, volunteered or simply spent time in our library this year, **thank you** for joining us, supporting our events and helping us bring a wide range of programmes to our community. Your involvement is what makes this place feel alive and we truly couldn't do what we do without you.

We hope you are able to find moments of rest, connections and comfort this season and please remember the library is always here for you as a calm safe space to visit.

From all of us on the library and museum team we wish you the best and happy reading



# Last months moments



Murder Mystery Night,  
Dead men drink no rum.

Fun was had with our crew that night. Loads of laughs as we weeded out the scallywag that killed ol Pop DeKegg only to have them get away with it. Next time we will have someone walk the plank.





# Whats happening?

## Adults summer reading programme.

Pick up a penant (flag) in the library and get in the draw for our adult's summer reading prize pack. Enter as many times as you want.

**WIN A PRIZE  
PACK**



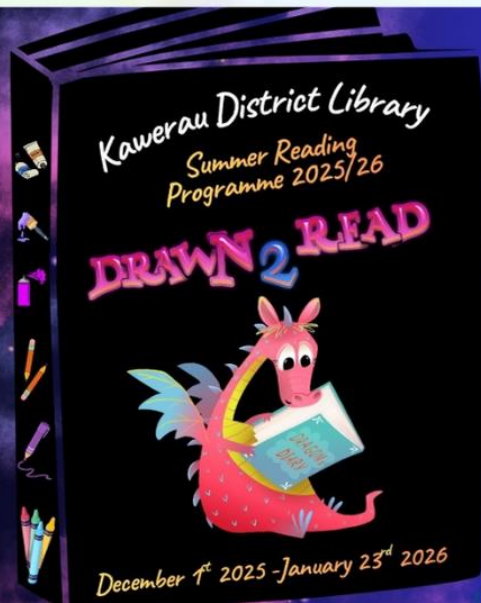
**We have an interactive wall centered around drawing, art, and being drawn to read.**

## What's the picture?

Back by popular demand, we have a sticker by numbers poster that will be up and ready for anyone who would like to have a short break and contribute to the picture.



# DRAWN 2 READ



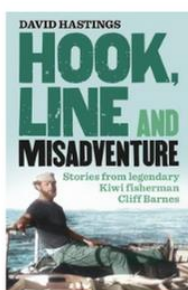
Kids activity booklets & first weeks take home activity can be picked up from Monday 1st of December. Check out the on the calendar page for the times and dates of activities.



# Featured titles



**Author:**  
**Akker, Patricia van den,**  
Packed full of advice, inspiration and practical information, this book goes into all aspects of creating quality workshops, from curating a program and identifying your target students, to finding the best platform - be it in person or online.



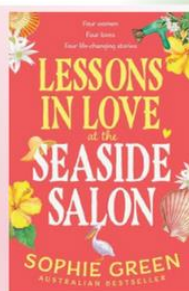
**Author:**  
**Hastings, David**

Tall tales and fishing lore from Kiwi fishing personality Cliff Barnes. As he looks back over his adventurous life, Cliff Barnes muses that he must have used up eight of his nine lives while fishing along the Northland coast but, on a recount, concedes he has used up the lot.



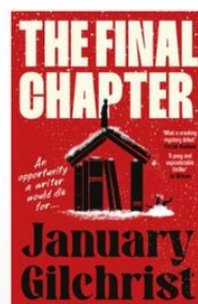
**Author:**  
**Restuccia, Richard**

The EPA estimates that home gardeners waste 50% of the water they use, without a good understanding of how much water their plants need. Richard Restuccia will fix that, showing readers how to achieve truly lush, beautiful, and bountiful gardens using less water than they would have ever imagined.



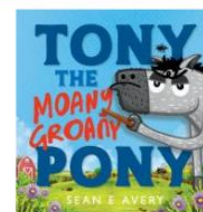
**Author:**  
**Green, Sophie**

**Lost love:** Trudy, 57, owns Summertime Salon in the sun-soaked Central Coast town of Terrigal. She loves her job and her clients. Her colours, perms and Princess Di cuts bring joy and confidence to regulars and tourists alike. But since Laurie died, life hasn't been the same.  
**Love on the rocks:** Anna, 42, brings her mother to Summertime Salon every Monday morning but never gets her own hair done. With two children and an absent husband, she doesn't have time for vanity. When Anna kicks Gary out, will she also rediscover the joys of caring for herself, starting with highlights?



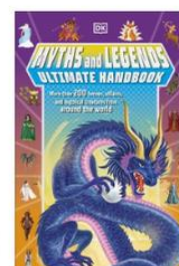
**Author:**  
**Gilchrist, January**

Desley Barron is ready to prove her doubters, and herself, wrong about her flagging writing career. She's won a spot at an exclusive writing retreat in the Blue Mountains. Only instead of feeling creative, Desley finds her insecurity increases while the ghost stories about the house have her jumping at shadows. This secluded house is the last place anyone will think to look for high-profile author Colette Halifax, which is perfect as she hides from a looming scandal.



**Avery, Sean E.**

Tony is a moany groany pony. When the farmyard animals have a fabulous and fantastical parade, Tony is not impressed. Not. At. All. Will he keep his opinions to himself ... or tell us how he really feels?



**Author:**  
**Hubbard, Ben**

Discover the amazing myths and legends surrounding gods, goddesses, magical creatures, heroes, and monsters from around the world ... Learn all about the origin of different legends, the unique characteristics of powerful gods and goddesses, and a wide variety of mythical creatures. With intriguing stories of notorious tricksters, mighty winged creatures, and heroic battles, this book is loaded with beautiful photography and authentic text from subject experts



**Colton, Nicola**

Bertha and Blink wake up one morning to find a strange smog surrounding them - it's their nemesis Finnius Fink's new factory and it's destroying the jungle! The duo are determined to stop him and Bertha has an idea that just might work.





## *Pattern Making at Tasman Mill*

This large wooden model of a ring gear was produced at the Tasman Pulp and Paper mill in the mid-1960s. It was made by the pattern makers who worked in the mill's pattern shop. They were responsible for crafting beautiful wooden moulds ('patterns') that were used to fabricate parts for the various machines that kept the mill operating.

Requiring incredibly accurate measurements so they would fit properly, the wooden patterns were turned into metal parts through the process of sand casting. Damp sand was pressed around the mould, which was then removed, leaving a hollow space that was filled with molten metal.

There were nearly 400 different shapes, each made from carefully shaped pieces of Tasman pine or kauri that were screwed or glued together to produce the finished pattern. They were then sent away to be cast at foundries in Hamilton, Thames, Wellington, Palmerston North and New Plymouth.



Wooden pattern of a ring gear made at Tasman mill circa 1966. Kawerau Museum 2022.185



Apprentice Peter Langley watches pattern maker Stan Hayward work on a pattern in the 1960s. Kawerau Museum 2013.101





# WORDS OF THE MONTH

## LUMINARY



(noun)

a person who enlightens or influences others a famous person literary, something, such as the sun or moon, that gives off light

WHO'S YOUR  
LUMINARY?

Write the name  
of someone who  
inspires you in  
the star and one  
sentence about  
why they're a  
luminary to you.

Pin this on our  
wall to share  
some inspiration  
around this  
holiday season.

CUT  
ME  
OUT



## RANGA WAIRUA

(noun) inspiration.

Ka mahue mai nei ko ōna whakaaro, ko tōna kaha me tōna ngākau whakakatakata hei ranga wairua ki tōna iwi (TTR 2000:233). / His ideas, energy and humour were left as an inspiration to his people.



# On the Calendar

## NEW WINDOW DISPLAY: WORKING STYLE!

Take a step back in time with our new exhibition: 'Working Style: Work and Leisure Wear from Tasman and Norske Skog'.



**NEW EXHIBITION OPEN NOW!**  
Beyond the wood, steel, and steam of the Tasman Pulp & Paper Mill lay a hidden world of colour, wit, and deep camaraderie!

We are thrilled to announce: 'The Unofficial Gallery: Caricatures from Tasman Mill' is now on show!

## KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY DRAWN 2 READ

### December Timetable 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Launch Day Take home craft: Advent Calendar	2	3 Creation Station All Day	4	5 Lego Day	6
7	8 Take home craft: Xmas Bookmark	9 Christmas Cards 3pm - 4pm	10	11	12 Lego Day	13
14	15 Take home craft: Xmas Wreaths	16 Felt Envelopes 3pm - 4pm	17 Creation Station All Day	18	19 Lego Day	20 Adult Craft: Xmas Bow Making 10 - 2pm
21	22	23 Closed from 12pm	24 Sorry CLOSED	25 Sorry CLOSED	26 Sorry CLOSED	27 Sorry CLOSED
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## KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY DRAWN 2 READ

### January Timetable 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED
4 CLOSED	5 Take home craft: Scratch Art Doorknob Hangers	6 Sun Print Artwork 10 - 11:30am	7 Creation Station All Day	8	9 Lego All Day	10
11	12 Take Home Craft: Fortune Teller	13	14 Watercolour Artwork 10 - 11:30am	15	16 Lego All Day	17
18	19 Take Home Craft: Lego Creations	20 Chalk Art 10 - 11:30am	21 Collage Art 10 - 11:30am	22	23 Lego All Day	24
25	26 CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31