

Final Thoughts



"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

-Stephen King, On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft

FREE

Tea, coffee, morning and afternoon tea provided.



Spaces are limited and filling fast. The more interest we receive, the more free workshops we can bring to the community.



Scan the QR code to register or visit the library and we can help.

Mental Health Workshop



MH101® - mental health workshop

➤ **Free workshop** | Learn how to support someone experiencing mental health challenges

About the workshop

Supporting someone experiencing mental health challenges can make a big difference to their wellbeing and recovery. Learn how to recognise signs of mental health challenges, and gain practical tools you can use to support people when they need it most.

Our experienced facilitators bring professional and personal experience to the workshop, running interactive activities and stimulating conversations that bring the learning to life.

Participants will receive a workbook with MH101® notes, additional reading, a directory for support and assistance, plus access to an interactive e-learning to apply what you learn.



Learning outcomes

After attending MH101®, participants will be able to:

- recognise signs of mental health challenges
- use Te Whare Tapa Whā to support mental wellbeing
- relate to what people with mental health challenges are experiencing
- respond supportively to mental distress.

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"I came away feeling encouraged and empowered. There is hope and I don't have to be an expert to make a difference"

Workshop details

Date: Thursday May 21 2026

Time: 9am-4.30pm

Venue: Rangī Delamere Centre

Scan QR code to register



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Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora



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Haratua/May

Kawerau District Library & Sir James Fletcher Museum

What's On

Mental Health Workshop
Rangi Delamere Centre
Thursday 21 May
9am-4:30pm

Heart Foundation Visit
Tuesday 26 May
10am-1pm

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

The Unofficial Gallery
On now in the library
Museum Gallery

New window galleries in
Jellicoe Court.

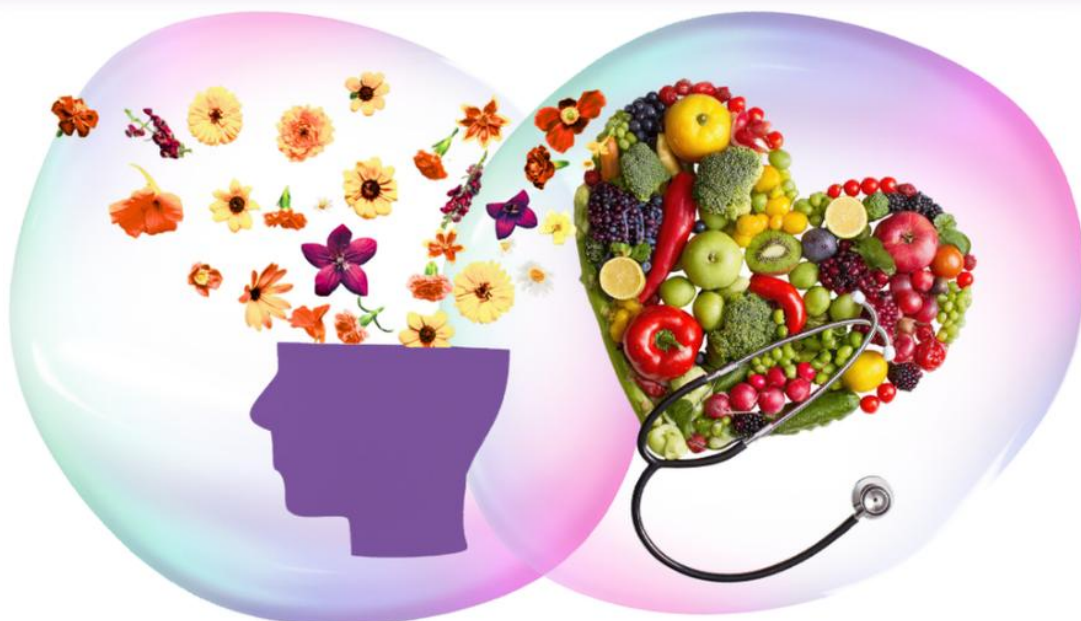
- Poems from the Mill
- Anzac Display
- Early Tasman Mill Photographs

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday
10am - 5pm

Saturday
10am - 1pm

Sunday
CLOSED



At the beginning of last month, we wrapped up our Easter Scavenger Hunt. It was fantastic to see so many whānau and tamariki taking part, with plenty of Easter treats been given out along the way. Straight after that we jumped into our school holiday programme, with both weeks seeing great participation across all the activities held in the library. It's been wonderful to see the space buzzing with creativity and energy. Our amazing Digi coach Tina has been a busy bee during this time. Her school holiday hat series was a big hit both in the library and online, with over 100 entries into the competition. We were thrilled to draw three lucky winners from such a strong response. Alongside this Tina has been supporting our community with their digital needs, as always.

As we move into this month, we have plenty to look forward to. With Mother's Day coming up, keep an eye out for our Facebook giveaway. We also have our Mental Health Workshop, Angela from the Heart Foundation coming in again for the Unlock Your Numbers campaign plus our VR sessions with Tina happening throughout the month. We also acknowledge that it has been a difficult time for our community. In moments like these, the values of manaakitanga and looking after one another become even more important. Take the time you need, check in on those around you and know there are spaces where you can find support. At the heart of every library is more than just books, it's a space for wellbeing. Reading is a simple but powerful way to support mental health, it invites us to pause, reflect and step gently away from the noise of everyday life. In those quiet moments we can rest, reset and connect with new ideas and perspectives. Alongside this we're offering a free mental health workshop partnered with Blueprint Learning. This is designed to give our community practical tools and support. More details can be found on the back page.

Whether you're here to learn, escape or just take a moment for yourself with our puzzle space, your library is here for you.

Latest from the library



From Monday 4th May we're running an online giveaway. Simply visit our Kawerau Library Facebook page and comment why you love your mum (or a special mother figure) and you can go in the draw to win this Mother's Day themed book bag.




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HEART FOUNDATION

Tuesday 26 May 2026 Start at 10:00am - 1:00pm

In the last two weeks of May the Heart Foundation is bringing back the Unlock your numbers (the blood pressure) campaign to the library. With free blood pressure and heart health conversations to the community of Kawerau.

UNLOCK YOUR NUMBERS



KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri o Kawerau

puzzle swap days



Library Highlights

TINA'S HATS

Here are some photos of Tina modeling her hats for the online and in the library competition that was run through the school holidays. Each day she wore a different hat and the challenge was to guess the movie or character it represented. With over 100 entries we were able to draw three lucky winners. It was so much fun seeing everyone's smiling faces each day.



Book Club

Every first Thursday of the month.
10.30am - 12pm
Hot drinks and snacks provided.



BOOK REVIEWS

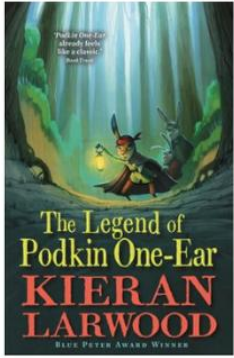
Love reading? We're looking for community book reviews to share! Whether you've just finished a great read or have an all time favourite you can't stop thinking about, we'd love to hear from you. Send us a short review and have your thoughts published for others in the community to enjoy. Your next favourite book might inspire someone else!

WINNERS

- Odyn-Reign
- Jessie Porter
- Carter Mcgregor



Featured titles

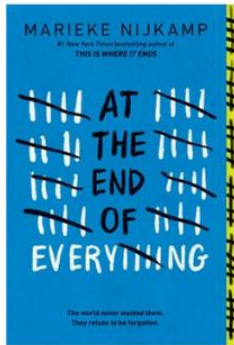


The legend of Podkin One-Ear
Author: Kieran Larwood

A thick white blanket covers the wide slopes of the band of hills known as the Razorback Downs... Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.

Unicorn secrets
Author: Dana Simpson

Ten-year-old Phoebe Howell and her best friend, the enchanting unicorn Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, have a truly magical friendship, filled with spells, ancient unicorn lore, and everyday adventure. In this new collection of Phoebe and Her Unicorn comics by the award-winning, bestselling author Dana Simpson, the pair of best friends play games, make new friends, and pack each day with exploration, fun, and laughter

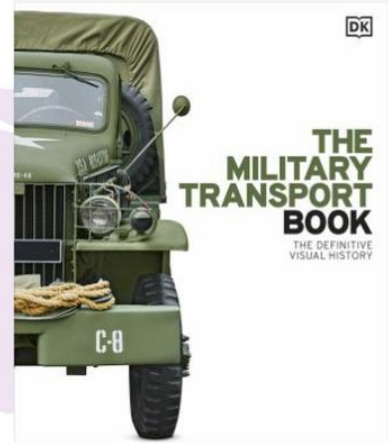


At the end of everything
Author: Marieke Nijkamp

The Hope Juvenile Treatment Center is ironically named: no one has hope for these delinquent teenagers. When the guards don't show up one day, the teens are shocked to learn a catastrophic pandemic has occurred outside their walls. Their new-found freedom is now a fight for survival-- and there is no one watching out for them. As supplies dwindle, the group has to decide whom among them they can trust-- and if they even want to survive in a world that has never wanted them

The military transport book : the definitive visual history.

Explore more than 5,000 years of mechanised conflict around the globe – from the earliest chariots and warships to the supersonic fighters and bombers of the modern era Stunning photographic galleries of the most iconic and ground breaking forms of military transport ever created – from tanks and armoured cars to planes and drones; Photographic "virtual tours" of particularly key examples, such as the Mark IV tank of World War I, the U-995 submarine of World War II, and the F-86 Sabre jet fighter of the Cold War; Insightful coverage of important milestones and turning points in the history of war



The hidden daughter
Author:
Soraya Lane

Norway, 1951: "I need you to know how much I love you, Amalie. I never wanted us to be parted, and I will do whatever it takes to come back to you and our baby. Please wait for me." London, present. Everything in Charlotte's life is about to change. As she clutches a small box in her palm containing a diamond ring and a Norwegian crest, she knows she must return home to be reunited with her beloved great-grandmother Amalie and her Norwegian family. Accepting her dream job as a head chef at Norway's most prestigious hotel, Charlotte is welcomed by the hotel's head designer, Harrison. For years, Charlotte sacrificed everything for her career. As she tours her new surroundings with Harrison, she soon starts to see a way of focussing on her heart too. But when Charlotte takes the box to Amalie, everything Charlotte thought she knew about her family changes in an instant. As Amalie clutches the ring that she thought had vanished forever, she reveals a tragic love story and a precious secret that stayed buried for years. When Charlotte discovers the huge sacrifice Amalie made to keep her family safe, will it give Charlotte the strength she needs to follow her heart? Or will she leave Norway forever?

Museum News

KAWERAU TOP TEAM

1988



Back Row: PATSY ROBERTS HELEN POLLET MALVINA LEES CHRISTINE COATES GENENE COOK ROSE HYLAND MELANEE MacMILLAN MOIRA LAVENDER

Front Row: JIMMY McCLEAN MANAEA DELAMERE TED McCAULEY RIKKI NU'U PAUL ROGERS ROBERT FREWEN TONY BROOKING
JOHN ANDERTON HOWARD HYLAND DARRYL LAVENDER BRIAN HURREN

Snow Photography, Whakatane

From 1976 to 1990, the *Top Town* competition captured the heart of provincial New Zealand. Televised to the nation, it was a high-stakes spectacle of civic pride where small towns battled through complex, absurd, and often water-logged obstacle courses.

For Kawerau, *Top Town* became more than a game; it was a defining community event, a chance to put Kawerau on the map. We showed our town's heart with passion and flair.

Excitement levels grew in 1988 when Kawerau won the regional final in Whakatane, rallying the community to raise \$18,500 to send our team to the national finals in Timaru. The town's dedication was legendary: we composed our own theme songs and erected "Kawerau: Top Town" signs at our borders. It paid off with Kawerau emerging victorious.

In 1989, we hosted the national final at Tarawera Park. It was a day of grit, community spirit and a lot of fun. We won again, back-to-back champions.

1990 saw us host the finals again at Tarawera Park; this would be the last time *Top Town* was run (apart from a one-season resurrection in 2009 that, due to modern health and safety standards, did not provide the same spectacle). Unfortunately, Wairoa took the title - a title I'm sure we would love to hold again!

Recently, a pink 1989 *Top Town* T-shirt was donated, which sparked a call via our Facebook page for matching shirts. This resulted in a person from the 88–90 team donating their *Top Town* memorabilia to help us keep this epic moment of Kawerau's history preserved. We even dug out some TV footage from the 1988 Whakatane and 1989 Kawerau events. If you are interested in a screening of this footage, please contact the museum at museum@kaweraudc.govt.nz or shaun.dredge@kaweraudc.govt.nz.

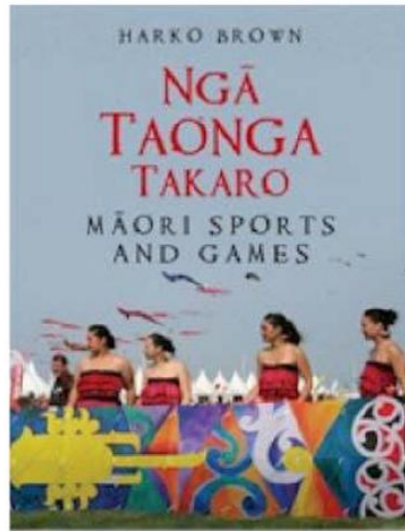
Between the lines

Reading

CHALLENGE



Re-read a childhood favourite and see if it still hits the same.



Ngā taonga tākaro = Māori sports and games

Author: Harko Brown

Tiny Writing Challenge

Give it a go, no pressure just fun.

Write a story in 6 words.

Famous examples:



"Vacuum cleaner salesman. Only sold one."

"Passengers, this isn't your captain speaking."

"I smiled. My reflection didn't."

In Ngā taonga tākaro, Harko Brown writes about the revival of more than 20 ancient games and sports of the Māori - including poi, stick games, kites, ball games, memory games, board games, and many more. He traces the history and legend behind each game, and gives clear instructions on how to play, the rules of the game, and how to create the equipment used. The games are illustrated with action colour photographs throughout, to enhance readers' understanding of these indigenous sports

Moira Rose's Difficult Words

Synonym or Meaning



Balatron	A buffoon; one who speaks a lot of nonsense and is characterized by self-indulgence
Bedevil	Cause great and continual trouble to something
Bombilate	Buzz
Callipygian	Shapely buttocks
Irksome	Annoying or tedious
Churlish	Lacking civility or graciousness
Confabulate	To hold an informal discussion
Dangersome	Dangerous
Dewdropper	A slacker
Encumber	To weigh down or burden
Frippet	A frivolous or showy young woman
Inamorata	A woman with whom one is in love or has intimate relations
Habilimented	Clothed



Those who've watched the TV show Schitt's Creek, are undoubtedly aware of Moira Rose's (Catherine O'Hara) extensive and unique vocabulary. Words like "balatron," "dewdropper," "frippet," "callipygian," "bedevil," "confabulate," "spanandry," "bombilate," and "pettifogging" (all real English words!) are used by Moira Rose are might seem difficult and confusing because we don't hear them enough. Here's a guide to the Moira Rose terminology on Schitt's Creek.

Join what's next

Just Ask a Digi-Coach!

Got a new smartphone or tablet that's driving you crazy? Unsure how to use that app everyone's talking about? Curious about artificial intelligence but don't know where to start?

Good news – help is arriving at the Kawerau District Library. For the next 12 weeks, a friendly Digi-Coach Tina will be on hand to solve your digital headaches.

Look out for the bright blue vest and Digi-Coach flag between 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday.

What's on offer?

- One-on-one help with phones, tablets, apps, email, and online services
- Drop-in support – no appointment needed
- A chance to try out virtual reality (VR) and explore different work experiences (bookings required for VR sessions)

This initiative is part of a work experience programme for jobseekers, backed by the Ministry of Social Development and delivered by the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa in partnership with local libraries and community groups.



GET HELP FROM A DIGI-COACH!

Kawerau Library

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10am-2pm

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Wednesday 27th May

7.30PM NZST

A live conversation with Charity Norman, author of *Home Truths*

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Home Truths is an unputdownable and timely new novel from the Ngaio Marsh-winning author of Remember Me. Join us for an evening of discussion with Charity Norman, author of Home Truths, May's featured title for Libby Reads with Jacqueline Bublitz. Jacqueline Bublitz will host an interactive discussion with Charity Norman and we invite you to join in the conversation! This month's featured title should be available with no waitlist via your local library on the Libby app as an ebook and audiobook. If not, you can request it from your library. You can also visit our Libby Reads with Jacqueline Bublitz site to see more upcoming book clubs.

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