

Your libraries - Kāpiti's living rooms

Once forcibly quiet institutions, libraries are now a place for social activity, relaxed learning and discovery, and community connection; all of which we are increasingly seeking out in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a period of recent disruption to our regular programmes, we are excited to have these return to your local library from Tuesday 8th February, with Red-level measures in place to keep you, presenters and library staff safe.

We know that our world has shrunk during lockdowns and changing COVID-19 levels, but we can still look to expand them by learning something new, or finding like-minded people. Actively looking after your wellbeing by being involved in your local community will be valuable for meeting any further changes ahead.

We welcome returning regulars, and the new and curious, to come along to our regular weekly and monthly programmes on offer.

Our children's programmes includes Storytimes, Lego Club, Minecraft, Code Club, and Book Buzz. For those who are keen to find their 'tribe', come along to our Book Groups, Craft Café, Skills Café, and genealogy help sessions. Our daily Digital Drop-In service (see right) is particularly popular for solving those tricky tech problems that have been bugging you.

Stay in the know

Pick up a monthly event calendar from your local library to find out what's on near you. We are living in a changing environment currently, which requires a flexible approach. Keep yourself up to date with any changes to our schedule of events and programmes by following us on Facebook facebook.com/kapiticoastdistrictlibraries



Digital support: Digital Drop-In

We know that modern technology can often get the better of us, especially with many day-to-day tasks increasingly moving online.

Digital Drop-In is a free service to assist you with your tech issues. Forgotten your password, need help with an app, or wanting to try our eBook service? We can help!

Pop along to a session near you:

Paraparaumu:
Monday to Friday: 10 - 11am

Ōtaki:
Tuesday and Thursday: 2 - 3pm
Wednesday: 9.30 - 10.30am

Please remember to maintain 1m social distancing.

Kia ora!

Do you know... your library membership gives you access to over 500,000 items across the region?

Kāpiti Libraries is a member of the SMART Libraries consortium - New Zealand's only public and tertiary library alliance, with the ability for you to seamless borrow from 26 libraries. Take advantage of our free reserves and courier service today.

Your favourites are back

From 8th February our popular regular programmes will be back on their usual schedule. This includes Tamariki Time, book groups, Digital Drop-In, Minecraft, and craft sessions. Pick up an event calendar from your local library, or keep an eye on our website or Facebook page to find out what's happening near you. Under COVID Red settings please remember to socially distance, wear a mask at all times, and stay home if you are unwell.

Libraries under Red

Life under Red settings of the COVID-19 Protection Framework is similar to visiting us in Orange:

- Wear a mask
- Scan or sign in
- Show your vaccine pass on arrival
- Keep 1m distance from others
- Be kind - we are all doing our best

All Libraries and Service Centres will be closed on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th February to observe Waitangi Day.



Programmes in your library this month

Paraparaumu

- Tamariki Time: every Wednesday, 10.30am
- Minecraft: Every Monday, 3.30pm
- Code Club: Every Tuesday 3.30pm
- Digital Drop-In: Monday - Friday, 10am
- Craft Café: 4th Wednesday, 10.30am
- Book Discussion Group: 4th Thursday, 6pm
- Poetry Workshop: 2nd Thursday, 6pm
- Men's Book Group: 3rd Thursday, 10.30am
- ★ Kite Making Workshop: Saturday 12th February, 1 - 2.30pm

Ōtaki

- Tamariki Time: every Thursday, 10.30am
- Lego Club: 3rd Thursday, 3.30pm
- Digital Drop-In: Tuesday 2pm, Wednesday 9.30am, Thursday 2pm
- Book Chat: 2nd Friday, 10.30am
- Ako Skills Cafe: 4th Friday, 10.30am

Paekākāriki

- ★ Kite Making Workshop: Saturday 12th February, 10.30am - 12pm

Justice of the Peace

- Paraparaumu Library
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday: 2 - 4pm
- Ōtaki Library
Monday: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Due to occupancy levels under Red settings, there will be no programmes or events at Waikanae Library

Stay in touch

- library@kapiticoast.govt.nz
- kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries
- facebook.com/kapiticoastdistrictlibraries



COMING SOON:

CODE CLUB

CREATE VIDEO GAMES, APPS, WEBSITES...
AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Coding for the curious

Kāpiti Libraries has partnered with Prenda to bring you a fun, self-paced learning portal for those who are curious about coding.

From total beginners to seasoned coders, Prenda Code Club has learning levels for everyone. No need to leave home; the software is available through any device, and is freely accessible with your library membership.

This web-based software will take the learner through the experiences of making websites, video games, apps, animations, programmes, and more. Everything about the Prenda platform is designed to empower the learner to take ownership of their experience.

The secret to Prenda's success is simple. The learning is story-based, taking the coder on exciting adventures

through a range of missions. The experience is self-guided; you can set the pace and explore whatever is interesting to you. Lastly, being project-based, you will learn real-world and transferrable skills that can prove useful from simply understanding the modern digital world we live in, to gaining valuable employable skills.

With 300 captioned coding tutorials and activities, and 30 projects for building websites, apps, and games, this resource is proving to be popular. To get set up and started, go to <https://app.prendacodeclub.com>

Code Clubs Starting soon

During February after school Code Clubs will be starting up at Paraparaumu and Ōtaki libraries. Perfect for 9 to 15 year olds, these free clubs will be open for registration soon. Coders can BYOD their own laptop, or one can be supplied. Look for updates on our Facebook page, or email your interest to library.events@kapiticoast.govt.nz



Tap into our eMagazines

Magazines have continued to be a popular part of our library collections, especially our home, interior, and gardening-themed titles. In addition to magazines you can borrow from your local library, your membership also gives you access to thousands of free local and international magazines conveniently from your own smart phone, tablet, or computer. Titles include Forbes, Vogue, Variety, Marie Claire, BBC Good Food, Smithsonian, Readers Digest, and more!

It's easy to get started - visit our website and click on the green Pressreader button to find out more.

Book Review

Anxious people

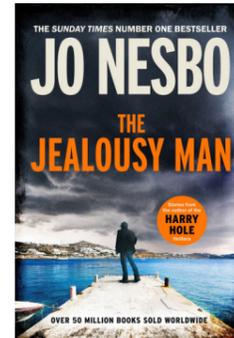
By Fredrik Backman

Review by Sue Douglas

From the Author of 'A man called Ove' comes this hilariously uplifting story, all delicately balanced around a bridge in small town Sweden. The story is set in an accidental hostage taking during an apartment viewing. A love story to humanity, Anxious people describes how we all struggle and are all connected, and how people so often can be idiots.



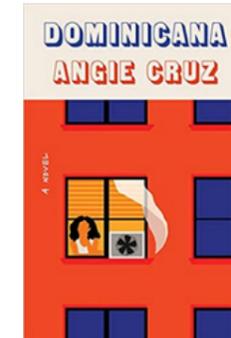
Recently added



The jealousy man

By Jo Nesbo

A page-turning collection of dark and twisted crime stories from the international bestselling author of the Harry Hole series. Filled with dark thrills, twisted minds and vengeful hearts, these twelve page-turning short stories from 'the king of Scandicrime' and creator of the iconic detective Harry Hole, will have you reading late into the night.

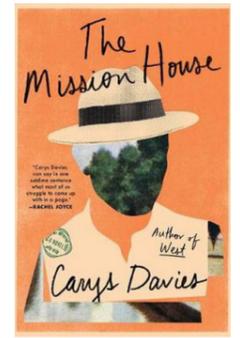


Dominicana

By Angie Cruz

Shortlisted for the 2020 Women's Prize for Fiction. Dominicana celebrates the tenacity of Ana Cancion, a 15 year old forced to marry a 32 year old as a business arrangement. Raised on a farm in the Dominican Republic, Ana ends up stuck in a hot apartment in New York City with a terrifying husband.

► For more info visit <https://kapiti.spydus.co.nz>



The mission house

By Carys Davies

From the multiple award-winning author of West and The Redemption of Galen Pike, comes this captivating novel. Taking refuge in a mission house in a remote hill town in India, an Englishman fleeing the dark undercurrents of contemporary life bonds with a Padre's daughter against a backdrop of escalating religious tensions.



Waitangi Day reading



Te Tiriti o Waitangi

By Toby Morris

A ground-breaking full-colour graphic novel about Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This reorua (bilingual) graphic-novel-style flip book presents important information in a visually appealing and engaging way, and provides readers with a calm, balanced presentation of a complex part of our history.



Misson Girl

By Fleur Beale

Ātapo is only a very young girl when her tribe is defeated in battle. She is captured by the enemy and becomes their slave. Ātapo is forced to work hard for the rival tribe and is too scared to run away because the penalty for attempting to escape is death.



Huia short stories 14

Published by Huia Publishers

These stories present the best writing from the Pikihiua Awards for Māori writers 2021. With a mix of new talents and known authors, the stories they tell have characters that will stay with you, descriptions that evoke a strong sense of time and place, and situations that are funny, tense, sad and wistful.