

final thoughts...

It's not what's under the tree, it's who's around it

Paws 2 Read - January Holiday Program

TIMETABLE IN THE LIBRARY

JANUARY 2025

PAWS 2 READ

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 Happy New Year WE ARE CLOSED	2 WE ARE CLOSED	3 WE ARE CLOSED	4 WE ARE CLOSED	5 WE ARE CLOSED
Week 1 6	7 Watercolour Art 10-11:30am	8	9 Paws & Poo's 10-11:30am	10	11	12
Week 2 13	14	15 Design your own mini puzzle 10-11:30am	16 Negative Space Art 10-11:30am	17 Travelling Turtles 10-11:30am	18	19
Week 3 20 Lego Play All Day	21	22 Animal baking 10-11:30am	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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.

Christmas Activities for the Whole Family

1. Organise a group tree lighting or do a local light trail if there is one.
2. Host a preloved gift exchange party. Place a price limit on gifts, something funny or useful.
3. Create a Christmas Trivia quiz – there are heaps of facts about Christmas on the internet.
4. Make a Christmas Wreath from natural finds – twigs, shells, dried flowers or leaves, pinecones etc.
5. Do a good deed for someone that would appreciate it the most. A lot of people are alone and would love some company, a batch of biscuits or even a good secondhand book to read.
6. Christmas Karaoke! Need we say more?
7. Have a morning out with friends or family at a festive market. Take some time to just enjoy the holiday spirit.
8. Play Christmas I-Spy!
9. Do some Christmas colouring pages and put them up on the walls, fridge, or windows.
10. Make and give an unexpected gift to a local nursing home or hospital.
11. Make a Christmas Playlist.
12. Read a Classic Christmas Tale out loud. Everyone can read one page!
13. Build a blanket fort or make a tepee.
14. Start a jigsaw puzzle that the whole family can work on all summer.
15. **Check out Christmas books from the library!**

Check out the library eDatabases





Kawerau District Library & Sir James Fletcher Museum

NEWSLETTER

December 2024 / January 2025



Key Dates

December/January Library Hours

Normal Library hours are:

Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm
Sunday CLOSED

Library Closed from:
Midday 24th December – 6th January



What's On

The Book Club meet:

5th December at 10.30am

Meets 1st Thursday each month

Lego Club:

Monday 9th December

3.30 – 4.30pm

Aimed at 5 – 12-year-olds

Museum Display

Brian Brake Portraits Exhibition

On Now!

Summer Reading Programs

Kids – starts 2nd December

Adults – starts 2nd December

Around the Library this Christmas & New Year

Tis the season for barbecues, fresh berries, pavlovas and jandals!

Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas, Meri Kirihimete, Feliz Navidad...

It's getting closer the Christmas and those invitations are starting to fill the summer calendar – it's time to celebrate. This means lots of backyard games, Christmas movie marathons, popcorn and drinks, making Christmas decorations with the kids and decorating the house, the fence and the tree.

It can also be very hard to find time to slow down and just get some relax time into this very busy season, and really appreciate why and how we celebrate this event every year. What's your 'why' and 'how' around celebrating Christmas?

As usual the library staff have been super busy organising the Holiday program PLUS this year's Summer Reading Programs for both the Kids and Adults of Kawerau District. These will be available for pick up on December 2nd. There's lots of competitions and more than a few prizes and surprises to be had. Make sure you pop in and pick up your Summer Reading program.

You can also keep an eye on the Paws 2 Read holiday program timetable below. There is lots of fun to the kids as well as the kidults.

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Lunch Day	10	11 Decorate Signs 3:30-4:30pm	12	13 Cut colour 2 panels 3:30-4:30pm	14	15
16 Week 2	17	18 Xmas wreath 3:30pm - 4:30pm	19 Meet Santa 3:30pm - 4:30pm	20	21	22
23 Week 3	24	25 Xmas Carols 10-11:30am	26 WE ARE CLOSED	27 WE ARE CLOSED	28 WE ARE CLOSED	29 WE ARE CLOSED
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DECEMBER 2024

PAWS 2 READ

KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

It's been a busy year for everyone at the library and museum, and we are looking forward to some time off with family and friends. Please check our opening times over this period – we don't want you to miss out on borrowing your next favourite book!

Have a safe and fun holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.



Museum News

Summer from the Kawerau Museum Collection

Season's greetings from the museum team.

We've had a quick look and found some old photos relating to Christmases past that we thought you might like to see. Perhaps you were one of the kids at Kawerau North School when Santa Clause made his stopover, or maybe one of your family members stood under that big tree full of lights?



Christmas – Santa Claus makes a visit to Kawerau North School, Christmas 1953, kawerau Museum, 2021.182



Sir John Rowles dazzles the crowd during his performance at Kawerau Christmas in the Park 2018. Kawerau Museum, 2019.19



Residents gather under a large Christmas tree erected in the yard of the first residential dwelling to be completed in Kawerau. Built and owned by Walter Hammer on Fenton Mill Road, construction started June 1953 and was completed by October. Kawerau Museum, 177



Vicki and Jennifer sunbathing at the town pools(Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre). Kawerau Museum, 2014.237



Jon Bonne(centre) and two friends take a leisurley cruise around Pupuwharau. Kawerau Museum, 2012.302



Members of the Kawerau Catholic Church enjoy a picnic at Ohiwa harbour while a young lad makes a dash for the water, 1960. Kawerau Museum, 2020.12



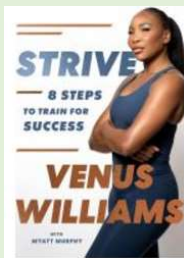
The Brian Brake exhibition open now – come in and sit for a while. Read the exhibition guide about the man and the photos he took then view these wonderful images while they are on display.

Exciting New Summer Reading



Author: Chillingsworth, Jen

Jen Chillingsworth will show you how to get the most out of the season and make considered choices in how you prepare, decorate and gift this Christmas. Discover how to get the most out of celebrating intentionally with decorations and gifts that don't cost the Earth. With clear step-by-step instructions, planet-friendly buying guides and helpful swapping suggestions.



Author: Venus Williams

Venus Williams' strategic, practical and inspirational guide to winning and wellbeing. Throughout her multi-faceted career, Venus Williams has earned four Olympic gold medals, 21 Grand Slam titles, and built two companies. Along with her sister, Venus became the first female African American minority owner of an NFL team, Miami Dolphins. All her successes are tied to one simple promise to herself: make everything in life easy, enjoyable - but most of all - exciting. In 2011, Venus was diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease which causes uncomfortable symptoms such as dry eyes and mouth, achiness and fatigue. But the diagnosis did not hold her back - in fact, she grew wiser and stronger. Venus has always believed that it shouldn't be hard to be healthy, which is why in STRIVE, she introduces readers to the strategy that has allowed her to reach any goal she has ever set for herself much faster with less effort or stress.



Author: Paddy Gower

Paddy Gower has never been afraid to stand up for what he believes in. From his teenage and university years where he learnt to defend himself from cruel bullying about his looks, to the pressure-cooker years he spent in the Press Gallery holding politicians to account, to advocating for the families of the Christchurch terrorist attacks and for sufferers of cystic fibrosis, he has scrapped and fought for the truth and justice for others. This unrelenting drive has come at a cost: a serious alcohol addiction, anger issues at times, and bouts of anxiety and depression. Ironically, it was through his own work - a documentary about the outsized role that alcohol plays in many Kiwis' lives - that Paddy's wake-up moment came. It led him to quit the booze for good; a decision he has never regretted despite the knockbacks that kept coming, including the shock of the decision to close the entire News hub operation.



Author: Stefani Bittner

Make your garden and home look and smell heavenly with this accessible gardening guide that explains how to grow fragrant flowers outdoors and bring natural scents indoors by creating floral arrangements, scented beauty products, and more. A great summer read for when you are sitting outside in the garden.



Author: Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson, now a high school senior, needs three recommendation letters from the Greek gods in order to get into New Rome University. He earned his first one by retrieving Ganymede's chalice. Now the goddess Hecate has offered Percy another "opportunity"-all he has to do is pet sit her mastiff, Hecuba, and her polecat, Gale, over Halloween week while she is away. Piece of cake, right? Percy, Annabeth, and Grover settle into Hecate's seemingly endless mansion and start getting acquainted with the fussy, terrifying animals. The trio has been warned not to touch anything, but while Percy and Annabeth are out at school, Grover can't resist drinking a strawberry-flavored potion in the laboratory.



Author: Thatcher, Stephanie

Will Tiny be able to rid Humphrey of his Christmas Grinch attitude? Humphrey is a grumpy cat who hates everything about Christmas. He would prefer to sit in the basement all day away from the festivities. When Tiny the dog arrives from a pet rescue, she brings an excitement about Christmas that annoys Humphrey hugely.

Can Tiny's enthusiasm for Christmas turn Humphrey's bad attitude around? He may be surprised!