

STORIES COME ALIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

at Mahurangi East Library

WEEK 1

Mon 28th Sept – Fri 2nd Oct 2026

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10:30–11:30am

Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Create a short motion movie, use Lego, toys, clay and props and learn basic animation techniques. **Ages 7+.** **Booking required.**

Create, Read and Review!

Visit the library, pick a great book, design your own colourful bookmark, and complete a fun simple book review. Share your favourite parts and inspire others to read. **Ages 5+.**

Tuesday
29 Sep
All Day

Wed.
30 Sept
10–12pm

Art Day with Artist Sue Williams

Create your story inspired Artwork, take your masterpiece home. **Booking required.** Only 10 spaces available, your spot will be confirmed by email.

Save our Butterflies – Make a Wasp Trap

Make a simple wasp trap to capture the invasive predators and learn about creating a haven for our native butterflies. Resources provided. **Booking required.**

Thursday
1st Oct
10:30 – 12pm

Friday
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Dress-Up Story Parade

Children visit the library dressed as their favourite story character, a photograph will be taken of each child and displayed on our Story Character Wall.

What the Tech?

Get hands-on with some awesome technology these school holidays! Explore, create, and discover just what tech can do in this fun interactive session.

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Stories Come Alive: Character Creation Station

Create your character out of a choice of materials. Give them a name and tell us a little about their adventure.

Build a Lego Story Scene

Bring stories to life with lego, recreate a scene from your favourite book or invent a brand new story world of your own. Suitable for **ages 5+**.

Tuesday
6th Oct
11am–4.30pm

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7th Oct
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Stories come alive with Lyrical Lit

Come along for a fun session of dancing, games and self expression. Let's translate literature into dance. 10 spaces available. **Booking required. Ages 6 to 9.**

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A drop in Tech workshop featuring Codey Rocky Robots, VR headsets (Age 10+) and more no booking necessary just come along. **Ages 6+.**

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Choose a mystery book using only three clue words, borrow it, and complete a **review slip**. Returned reviews will help create our **Matariki Reading Constellation display**. Small prizes available. Suitable for **all ages**.

MATARIKI LANTERN MAKING DAY

Decorate your own Matariki-inspired lantern using a glass jar and craft materials. Take home a special symbol of light and hope for the winter season. **Bookings required**. Suitable for children.

**TUESDAY
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10.30–11.45AM**

MATARIKI BINGO

Enjoy a fun game of Matariki Bingo while learning Te Reo Māori and English connected to Matariki. Prizes to be won!. **Registration required**. Suitable for children and whānau.

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Create a **stop-motion movie** inspired by Matariki and the winter night sky. Work together to build scenes and animate characters. Suitable for school-aged children. **Registration required.**

FLAX WEAVING

Learn simple flax weaving techniques and create your own woven keepsake to take home while exploring this traditional Māori art form. Suitable for **ages 7+**.

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