

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha. Tēnā tātou katoa.

Local History Week, at the Palmerston North City Library, serves as an opening to Heritage Month - you'll find the online programme and brochure at the link below.

Heritage Month is a celebration of the heritage of Palmerston North, its surrounds and local connections to wider Aotearoa histories. Enjoy this rich selection of open days, talks, tours, games, displays, workshops and book launches from local heritage groups and organisations.



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The Regent Theatre on Broadway
Presented by Susan McConachy
Regent Theatre Trust Board

The Regent Upgrade and Restoration revisited.
An illustrated talk from start to finish highlighting the ups and the downs along the way!

2nd Floor / Central Library 12:30pm - 1:30pm

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Civics in Action
Presented by THEN - Histories of Pāmutana

THEN has noticed something is amiss with the Palmerston North coat of arms. What will the councillors do about it? Join THEN for a 10 minute presentation of their petition to the City Council's Culture and Sport Committee.

Council Chamber / Civic Administration Building 9:00am

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march

Booted + Suited - Back of House Collection
Guided by Cindy Lilburn, Collections Manager, Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage

Be guided into the depths of the Museum collections. These tours will focus on our extensive collections of shoes, hats and clothing accessories. Book in quickly as tours are limited to 10 people. Email enquiries@temanawa.co.nz

Limited numbers – registration is essential
Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage / Main Street 10:30am - 11:30am

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march

The Signals Corps Centenary / MMMHP
Presented by LTCOL Jared McGregor, RNZ Sigs

A quick canter through the years, covering the Corps' purpose, origins, operations, people and much more.

2nd Floor / Central Library 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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LibLab - Time Diggers!
Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team

Are you a time digger? Create a LibLab time capsule for your future self to dig up at the end of the year.

LibLab - Library fun with a touch of laboratory madness and book experimentation. **Aimed at ages 5+**

1st Floor / Central Library 3:45pm - 4:45pm

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Tōtaranui Homestead
Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage

We're hosting open homes over March!
Pop in for a peek.

Tōtaranui Homestead / Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage / Main Street 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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The Early History of the Manawatu Gay Rights Association
MaGRA (before it became MaLGRA)
Presented by Vernon Tile

This talk will cover the involvement of key Palmerston North people in Gay Liberation in New Zealand in the early-mid 1970s, the efforts to get a Gay Liberation group underway in the Manawatu; and the key role played by MaGRA in the Homosexual Law Reform Bill campaign.

Ground Floor / Central Library 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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Awahou South Schoolhouse
Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage

What was school like back in the good old days?
Take a seat in the Awahou South Schoolhouse and try your hand at writing with ink.

Awahou South Schoolhouse / Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage / Main Street 2:30pm - 3:30pm

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Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum Open Day
Hosted by Damian Groves

A great opportunity to view this private collection of historic machinery, featuring a comprehensive collection of stationery steam engines, small locomotives and steam rollers.

Highlights include the 1869 Appleby engine (NZ's oldest steam engine) and the mammoth Filer and Stowell engine, one of the country's largest. Registrations appreciated

Entry \$10 adults, \$5 children / Cash only, pay on the day
742-744 Makerua Road / State Highway 57 / Tokomaru 10:00am - 4:00pm

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Massey University Archives Tour
Guided by Massey University Archives

Join us for a visit to the university archives and learn more about its collections and their place in our local history.

Contact details 0800 684542 or libarch@massey.ac.nz

Massey University Archives / Practical Teaching Complex Albany Drive / Palmerston North 11:00am onwards

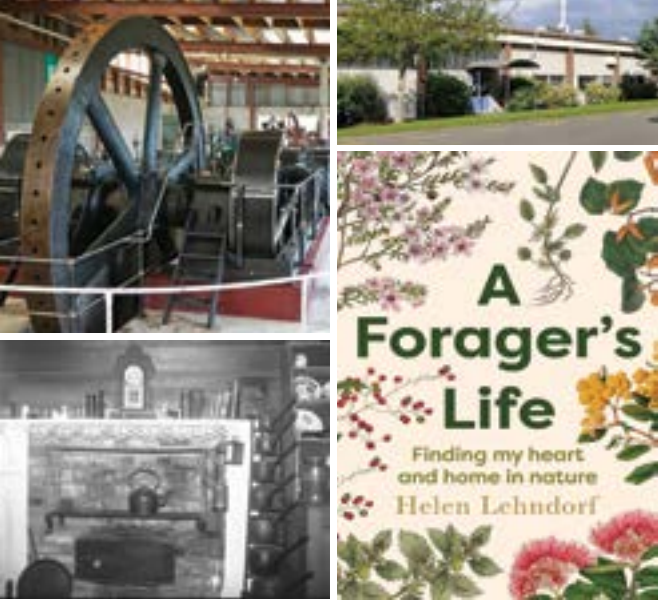
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Getting Started on Your Family Tree
Presented by Linley Robinson, Palmerston North Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Getting started on your Family Tree: unlock those family mysteries!

With expertise from the Palmerston North Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Limited numbers – registration is essential
2nd Floor / Central Library 6:00pm - 7:30pm



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LibLab - Map Explorers!
Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team

What stories do maps tell us about ourselves and the place around us?

Explore your own past and future with our creative map challenge. LibLab - Library fun with a touch of laboratory madness and book experimentation. **Aimed at ages 5+**

1st Floor / Central Library 3:45pm - 4:45pm

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David Warnock Medical Museum
Hosted by David Warnock Medical Museum

Browse a large collection of medical instruments and equipment dating from the New Zealand wars to the present day.

See how medical equipment and procedures have evolved over the last 100 years! **Entry by gold coin donation**

Palmerston North Hospital / Heretaunga Street / Gate 5 1:00pm - 4:30pm

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A Forager's Life
Written by Helen Lehndorf

Join us to celebrate the launch of Helen Lehndorf's new book A Forager's Life: Finding my heart and home in nature.

A spellbinding memoir about belonging and motherhood, told through the author's lifelong passion for wild food.

2nd Floor / Central Library 5:30pm - 7:00pm

All enquiries

Heritage Team
Palmerston North City Library

06 351 4100
heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Visit
2nd Floor
Central Library

For the full programme for Local History Week and heritage month see our website.

Includes printable brochures.

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Manawatū Multicultural Council 30 Years of Service
Presented by Manawatū Multicultural Council

To mark our 30th Anniversary, come and visit the Manawatū Multicultural Council heritage display at the City Library, where you will learn about our history and see our upcoming events in Palmerston North.

1st Floor / Central Library 10:00am - 4:00pm

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The Lost Monument
Hosted by THEN - Histories of Pāmutana

We are seeking locals to test our new concept!
The Lost Monument game is played in-person, it illuminates Palmerston North art and history, and includes problem solving. The game can be played by one person or small groups of people. Supported by the Earle Creativity Trust.

Suitable for 12+ year olds

Nga Huruhuru Rangitira archway / Te Marae o Hine
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Farewell Guangdong
A history book told by its own people
Presented by: New Zealand Chinese Association (Manawatu Branch)

Join us for a conversation with Yvonne Wong and Mary Hong
descendants from the wives and children who fled Guangdong, China, during the second Sino-Japanese War (1937–1945).

Countless women and children fled their villages to seek refuge in a safe place; many suffered and died in the process. A small number found a safe haven in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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A Respectable Veneer
Written by Rachel Doré

Join us for the launch of Rachel Doré's latest novel A Respectable Veneer set in 1950's Manawatu.

2nd Floor / Central Library 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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march

LibLab
- Fantastic Fotography + Terrific Trees!
Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team

Check out some olde time photos, have your own perilous portrait taken and build a tree of fabulous family!

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HERITAGE MONTH 27 FEB – 2 APR

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.
I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past.

For the full programme see our website

PALMY CITY LIBRARY

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Awapuni Talk + Walk

Presented by Riverstop Awapuni

Join us for a talk on the history of the site now housing Te Hotu Manawa O Rangitāne O Manawatū Marae and Best Care Whakapai Hauora, on Maxwells Line.

Following afternoon tea, all are invited to attend a walking tour of the complex.

Boho Cafe / Pitama Road / Awapuni

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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march

Force of nature: Celebrating 100 years of Forest + Bird

Presented by Anthea McClelland, Forest + Bird

Being an independent voice for nature and coming up with world-leading ideas and solutions is in Forest and Birds whakapapa.

This is the legacy founder Val Sanderson left New Zealanders. Sanderson was passionate about saving the birds and the bush for future generations, especially children, to enjoy. In the 1920s and 30s, he and his fellow volunteers promoted science based ideas and solutions that were well ahead of their time.

Ground Floor / Central Library

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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march

Engineer Corps Memorial Centre Museum Tour / Linton Military Camp / Afternoon

Presented by Joe Hollander (Introduction)

Visit the Engineer Corps Memorial Centre (ECMC) museum at Linton Camp. Artefacts, photographs and other materials on display, date from the early 1800s and cover the fascinating history of the RNZE Corps.

A koha of \$5 per person would be appreciated and will go towards the RNZE Charitable Trust and ECMC development. Limited numbers – registration is essential

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A Hoffman Kiln Open Day

Hosted by The Hoffman Kiln Trust

This Kiln is one of New Zealand's outstanding industrial buildings and provides a rare and valuable insight into New Zealand's industrial history.

Visitors will be able to explore the kiln (built 1904) and its surrounds and learn some of the kiln's finer points. Admission is free, but donations towards preserving and developing this important heritage site are gratefully received.

615 Featherston Street East

1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Palmerston North Electric Power Station Open Day

Hosted by Palmerston North Electric Power Station

The power station will be open from 12:30pm with engine starts on the hour between 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

Due to the building's earthquake-prone status entry is at your own risk. Donations towards the earthquake strengthening of this category one industrial heritage building would be appreciated.

162 Keith Street / Roslyn

12:30pm - 4:00pm

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Regent Theatre Tour, Family Day / Morning

Hosted by Tania Kopytko + David Walsh

Join us for a tour which reveals some of the stories that lie behind the Regent Theatre's beautiful facade.

Discover many nooks, crannies and spaces that make this theatre the jewel that it is. The Regent theatre was built by theatrical and film company, JC Williamsons, during the 1930's depression.

It was designed by Charles Neville Hollinshed, one of the top Australasian theatre designers. In the 1990's the theatre was saved from demolition by the people of Palmerston North. Come and see and hear our heritage.

Restricted to 30 people per tour.

Regent on Broadway / Foyer

11:00am - 12:00pm

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2nd Floor / Central Library

6:00pm - 7:30pm

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LibLab - Hear Ye Hear Ye!

Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team

Fancy yourself a bit of a jaw dropping journalist?

Like to tell tales? Want to be published in our very own future historical newspaper?

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Caccia Birch Open Day

Caccia Birch is a Category 1 Historic Places Trust listed house built in 1895, overlooking Hokowhitu Lagoon.

The lives and times of the families who built, lived in and loved this grand old home are worth exploring.

The Coach House contains an archive explaining the history of the homestead from pre-European times to today. Explore the house and its beautiful gardens.

Tea and Coffee available for a gold coin donation

130 Te Awe Awe Street

11:00am - 4:00pm

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april

Square Edge Community Arts, Open Day

Hosted by Square Edge Community Arts

The Square Edge community warmly welcome you to come in and tour our stunning three story art deco Square Edge Arts Centre building - the vibrant creative home of community art in Palmerston North for over 40 years.

Visit our artisan market and tenants' businesses, enjoy some artwork, grab a coffee, see working artists in their studios, participate in a workshop, and enjoy the stunning architecture and creative energy of this landmark building.

Square Edge

10:00am - 3:00pm



For Teachers

With the introduction of the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum, the City Library has created 'The Kaiako Series', especially for Year 1-10 teachers.

Running every Wednesday in March from 4-6pm, teachers can register for FREE for one, a few, or all five events in the series.

Topics at the City Library include: how to use newspapers with your class, creating new content for Manawatū Heritage, accessing history through the arts; along with a session on Mātauranga Māori at Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage.

The popular 'Ka Mua, Ka Muri' heritage expo returns to the Palmy Conference and Function Centre on Wednesday 15 March.

The City Library is collaborating with the Regent on Broadway to offer FREE hands-on history trips for selected classes of six Palmerston North schools during March, including covering the transport costs between school and the central city.

Students will visit the City Library for a guided activity on archival materials about the Regent Theatre and then visit the theatre to uncover historical stories.

All events for teachers are free.
Register online.

citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz/whats-on/programme/local-history



Displays

Windows on the Past

As Ko Manawatū te Awa weaves through our region, its journey through our history also features in images displayed on the windows of the Central Library.

Central Library / George Street

A History of Forest + Bird: 100 Years in Aotearoa

Te Reo o te Taiao / Giving Nature a Voice

Hosted by Forest & Bird Manawatū

Forest + Bird is New Zealand's leading independent conservation organisation - protecting wildlife and wild places, on land and in the sea.

Ground Floor / Central Library

New Acquisitions Exhibition

Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage

Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage is excited to share some of the recent additions to the treasures collection from February 27. From the quirky to the reflective and historically significant, the showcase will give you a taste of the diverse nature of our collection.

Journeys Gallery

Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage

David Warnock Medical Museum Display

Hosted by the Trust Board of the David Warnock Medical Museum

Browse a selection of medical instruments and equipment dating from the New Zealand wars to the present day. See how medical equipment and procedures have evolved over the last 100 years!

1st Floor / Central Library

Regent Slide Show Presentation

Presented by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage
The Regent on screen, a silent movie for your viewing pleasure. Showing the construction of the Regent Theatre in the 1930s, pictures from Val Page's Room of Memories and photos from Thelma Parsons' collection of 1930s film star images held at Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage.

Digital Displays / Central Library



Regent Theatre Historical Objects

Presented by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science + Heritage
Delight in this selection of quirky objects that bring the history of the Regent Theatre to life - includes Val Page's bowties and Nibble Nook memorabilia.

Display Cabinets / Central Library

Historic display at Ashhurst Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Ashhurst.

Ashhurst Community Library

Historic display at Roslyn Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Roslyn.

Roslyn Community Library

Historic display at Awapuni Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Awapuni.

Awapuni Community Library

Historic display at Te Pātikitiki Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Highbury.

Te Pātikitiki Community Library



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