

Porirua Children's Library at your place

Children's Digital Outreach Digest

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Kia ora. Talofa lava. Greetings from your friendly Children's services team at Porirua Libraries. We are sending you and your tamariki lots of digital high fives and virtual elbow taps, and hoping you are all doing well at home! We miss all of your smiling faces and our chats, but we are grateful we are all united against Covid-19 virus in staying home.

If you're sad because you can't come and visit our lovely libraries, don't worry. This weekly digest is filled with great ways to borrow electronic books, listen to stories and do activities online for free! Ka pai! Looking forward to interacting with you on Facebook – in the Children's Chat group – and via email. Do drop us a line if you have any queries we may be able to help you with (we are very creative!):
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Until we see each other again, remember to wash your hands and if you are walking outside, to stay two giant steps (or two metres) away from people who are not in your bubble.

Arohanui, from our bubble to yours,
The Porirua Children's Library Team

Watch a story time

Story World at Your Place – Join the Children's Chat Group on the Porirua Libraries Facebook page for a story from Bee, Monday to Friday, during #lockdown.

"Library Lady" and country legend Dolly Parton is recording a weekly series of online bedtime stories
<http://tiny.cc/3y6imz>

"The Golden Cage", written by Anna Castagnoli, illustrated by Carll Cneut, published by Book Island, read by translator Laura Watkinson <https://vimeo.com/368247295>. See also the brilliant resource from the Reading Agency <http://tiny.cc/u07imz> for a whole day's worth of associated activities.

Make something

Aquila Children's Magazine offer this free online learning resource that's full of fun articles, activities, puzzles and experiments that families can enjoy and learn from together <http://tiny.cc/o36imz>

Kath Bee printable colouring-in activities. Listen to Kath Bee on Spotify, then make some resources to bring her awesome songs to life at your place. <https://www.kathbee.nz/extras>

Make a geodesic dome <http://tiny.cc/8e7imz>

Gecko Press activity sheets <https://geckopress.com/book-club/activity-sheets/>

Online Gaming Challenges

Hogwarts Digital Escape Room challenge, designed by a Youth Services Librarian. This can be done multiple times, alone or with a friend. <http://tiny.cc/8k7imz>

Explore Art

Te Papa's exquisite interactive online puzzles collection. <http://tiny.cc/2d7imz>

Explore Nature

Resources, including printables, that will encourage children to explore their natural surroundings from local author Gillian Candler. <https://www.discovernature.nz/nature-kids/>

Audiobooks/podcasts (apps)

Spotify (music, stories, meditations, and podcasts)

Podbean (podcasts)

Insight Timer (bedtime stories and meditations)

YouTube Channels

Zappo the Magician is posting daily videos during #lockdown
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Zappothemagician/videos>

Paw Patrol <https://www.youtube.com/user/OfficialPawPatrol>

Pete the Cat <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZyvbuv6Nomrsfy3zoJ-Ag>

Storytime at Awnie's House – a huge range of picture books read aloud by a fantastic reader <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqmj1hzxuAXsjk08k-KP6w>

Book-based Projects and Resources

Scholastic Learn at Home - daily book-based projects for all school levels, with all the electronic resources you need to achieve them. You will find favourite characters like Captain Underpants and Dog Man, and a wealth of informational resources about the world beyond the library. <https://tinyurl.com/u2n97f8>

Competitions

Upstart Magazine is online for now. It has a tonne of competitions that are fun to enter and have great prizes too! <https://tinyurl.com/uu3nvct>

For older users

A fantastic range of courses at Lynda.com via Porirua Libraries <https://cutt.ly/ltQzhzg>