

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 your smiling faces and our chats so much, but we are grateful we are all united against Covid-19 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 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 or book recommendations we may be able to help you with (we are very creative!): Bee.Trudgeon@porirua.govt.nz

Until we see each other again, remember to wash your hands and – if you are walking outside – to stay two giant steps (or two meters) away from people who are not in your bubble.

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

Printable Activities

Bixpics includes a wealth of printable drawing and colouring activities from our friend author/illustrator Donovan Bixley <https://tinyurl.com/v9aozr7>

Hairy Maclary and Friends activities <https://tinyurl.com/suytq93>

Watch a Story Time

Kevin Henkes reads his Caldecott and Geisel honor-winning picture book *Waiting*, and draws for a bunch of very lucky kids – 2019 (6:58) <https://tinyurl.com/s8hjqr>

Jana Novotny Hunter *My Tail's Not Tired* – 2020 (8:27 – read by the illustrator, Paula Bowles) <https://tinyurl.com/w54z7m6>

Eric Carle reads *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* – 2012 (2:18) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkYmvxP0AJI>

What Does the Crocodile Say?, by Eva Montanari – 2019 (3:30) read by Jen on the Milkshake! Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnEuskG4j4U>

Watch a Storyteller

Rhubarb home studio performance of their unique and beloved take on *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* – 2020 (7:49) First episode of their Rāhui Series <https://tinyurl.com/r83udol>

Rhubarb home studio performance of *The Girl Who Didn't Listen* – 2020 (4:05) Second episode of their Rāhui Series <https://youtu.be/ZlmeKGk4CPw>

Listen to a Story

Awesome David Walliams reads from *The World's Worst Children* series
<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up>

Book-Based Projects and Resources

David Walliams has a swag of resource packs based on his massively popular books
<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities>

STEM – Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths

Steve Spangler – fantastic science experiments you can do at home. Steve is a best-selling author, educator and Emmy award-winning science communicator who finds the most creative ways to make science fun. Steve has made more than 1,800 television appearances as an expert on inquiry-based science and strategies for making science fun <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com>

YouTube: [The Spangler Effect](#).

YouTube – [SciShow](#). Hosted by Hank Green and others. 'At SciShow, we're endlessly curious about what makes the universe tick. If you're passionate about quenching your curiosity about... everything, you're in the right place. Join us every day to learn about the world around us and beyond.'

Best Kids Stuff: The 10 best STEM websites for kids in 2020 <https://bit.ly/34IWl6v>

Wellbeing Support

Fun wellbeing activities to support whānau to look after their wellbeing and feel good.
<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting>

You Tube Channels

Hairy Maclary and Friends for stories <https://tinyurl.com/vr6bgs7>

Facebook Pages

ABC Kids Community – check out their Covid19 special <https://tinyurl.com/wlcrfpq>

Kath Bee (music and stories)

Levity Beet (music)

Chris Lam Sam (music)

Shane McAllister (The Ukulele Institute)

Donovan Bixley (author/illustrator)