

# 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@porirucity.govt.nz](mailto:Bee.Trudgeon@porirucity.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**

### Watch a Story Time

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* – told by Michael Rosen, with the illustrations from his book of the story with Helen Oxenbury (4:58) <http://tiny.cc/331enz>

Joy Cowley reads three of her Sunshine Classics – <https://www.sunshine.co.nz/joy-cowley-videos/>

*Mrs Wishy Washy's Farm*, by Joy Cowley and Elizabeth Fuller – read by Children's Book Read Aloud, (4:24) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cizS3vyV8ks>

Michelle Obama reads *The Gruffalo* (7:34) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyhgubvRYF4>

Rebecca Beyer reads *The Marae Visit* – with illustrations by Linley Wellington – in English (3:09) <http://tiny.cc/xdonnz>

Margaret Mahy performs her story *Down the Back of the Chair* for her granddaughters, while the story springs to life in animation around them. Enormous fun. (3:05) <http://tiny.cc/sk0nnz>

### Listen to a Story Time

Uncle Duncan's Lockdown Story Time – Duncan Eddy has tonnes of thrilling audio stories for adventurous kids. Get the podbean app on your phone to make this a more mobile experience. <https://uncleduncans.podbean.com/>

## Sing and Learn

Waiata Māori for children, teachers and whānau. This collection of waiata by the late Jenny Shearer, with support from the Ministry of Education, includes music, animated video, translations and chords available online for everyone to enjoy and share. A fabulous resource <https://www.tekotare.org/>

## Complete an Online Jigsaw Puzzle

Get your Puzzle Fix: MOTAT Tram 1978 Jigsaw <https://tinyurl.com/y75s7bw3>

Masses of puzzles you can convert to any size or configuration you like. Time yourself and compete with friends <http://www.jigzone.com/gallery?z=21>

## Explore an Ebook

In response to the extraordinary spread of novel coronavirus, the A Kids Book About team have created a completely FREE resource to help kids and grownups everywhere learn more about COVID-19. There are English, Spanish, and Printable versions available. It's a great book for sharing with your older kids – not illustrated, but very appealingly typeset. Easy download requires an email address

<https://akidsbookabout.com/pages/covid-19>

## Homeschooling Support – including lessons across levels and curriculum

BBC Bitesize – so much to do on here, with support for both the learner and those checking their learning <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Te Rito Toi (launching this week) – lesson plans for teachers including: a poetry lesson by former Poet Laureate Selina Tusitala-Marsh; a unit on dealing with anxiety supported by the John Kirwan Foundation; and Māori arts resources curated by a bicultural team based in Wellington. NZEI Te Riu Roa President Liam Rutherford says “Educators have a huge role to play in helping tamariki navigate the uncertainty and stress of the COVID-19 crisis over the coming months. These beautiful resources will be really valuable in supporting that work.” <http://www.creativethinkingproject.org/creative-resource-developed-teachers-returning-back-classroom-te-rito-toi/>

## Book-Based Projects and Resources

Curious City – Literacy-rich, free home learning and play kits, based on a diverse range of books.

<https://www.curiouscitydpw.com/about-2/>

## Engaging You Tube Channels

Bob Ross – amazing painting tutorials from this beloved teacher, with the ability to coax masterpieces from anybody's brush. Super relaxing, with very satisfying results.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BobRossInc/videos>

Gecko Press – a wealth of story times, and author/illustrator talks – including a session of *Paraweta (Poo Bum)* filmed at Porirua Library! <http://tiny.cc/uvlInnz>

## Great Facebook Pages

MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology, Auckland)

Capital E (all the things! Including yoga!)

LOOPY Tunes Preschool Music (lovely presenters and lots of Te Reo content).