
Christchurch City Council

Learning Centres Pūtahi Akoranga

Community Connections for Adults

February - June 2012



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Providing individuals and groups with hands-on skills in using Information and Communication Technologies to support life long learning and to encourage community connectedness.

We can design specific programmes to help up skill your community group in a particular area of interest.

A tour of your local community library can also be arranged. For enquiries regarding specially tailored programmes please phone (03) 941 5140.

Booking Procedure

All programmes require bookings unless stated otherwise.

To book a place on one of our courses please phone (03) 941 7923 or email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz

Our Locations

South Learning Centre
in South Christchurch Library
66 Colombo Street

New Brighton Learning Centre
in New Brighton Library
213 Marine Parade

Upper Riccarton Learning Centre
in Upper Riccarton Library
71 Main South Road



Other Library Services

LiveOnline

Get answers to questions or get help using our databases and other parts of the library website. LiveOnline is an interactive session with a librarian live over the internet.

Phone (03) 941 7923 for details.

Free internet in the library

Come and explore the internet for free at your local library. If you are unsure join a class to find out more or ask a librarian. If you have other programmes which you would like us to offer or topics you are interested in please let us know. Phone (03) 941 5140.

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Getting Comfortable With A Computer

A range of programmes to help you become more comfortable with technology and to make better use of your own computer tools.

Beginning computer skills (6 weeks)

These sessions will develop basic computer skills by introducing Word, Email, Publisher and clever use of the internet. Improve your skills and move onto your own projects. Coffee and tea provided.

Where: New Brighton Learning Centre

When: Tuesdays 14 February to 20 March
10.00am – 12.00pm

Cost: \$10.00

Computers and Coffee

A programme for “beginners and beyond” to improve their confidence in the use of computers. The first three sessions will introduce and develop basic computer skills in areas such as email, Word and clever use of the internet.

In the following sessions you will learn how to make the most of the online library catalogue and website and we can help answer some of your technology queries. For example: How do I download pictures from my camera? How do I attach a document to an email? Can I see the house where my son lives in Amsterdam? What is Skype? Improve your skills and move onto your own projects with help from the group and tutor. Coffee and tea provided.

When: February – April 2012 (Term one)

Mondays 5 March to 2 April 2012
9.00 - 10.30 am (for 5 weeks for beginners only)
Wednesdays 8 February to 28 March 2012
9.00 - 10.30 am

April – June 2012 (Term two)

Mondays 30 April to 18 June 2012 (not on 4 June)
9.00 – 10.30 am
Wednesdays 2 May to 20 June 2012
9.00 – 10.30 am

Cost: \$10.00

Computer drop in sessions at New Brighton Library

We offer computer drop-in sessions on Thursday mornings to help you practice your computer skills or surf the Internet and send emails. Bookings not required.

Where: New Brighton Library

When: February – April 2012
11.00 – 12.30pm

Cost: FREE

Computer Plus

Expand your computer knowledge by attending this workshop. Each week we will focus on a different computer topic. Mouse skills and internet skills are a prerequisite.

Where: South Learning Centre

When: March – April 2012
Tuesday 6 March to 3 April 2012
1.00pm – 2.30pm

May – June 2012
Tuesday 1 May to 5 June 2012
1.00pm – 2.00pm

Cost: \$10.00

Computer Skills

A programme for beginners and beyond to improve their confidence in the use of computers. The first four sessions will develop basic computer skills by introducing Word, Email, Publisher and clever use of the internet. Improve your skills and move onto your own projects or ones we suggest with help from the group and the tutor.

Where: Parklands Library

When: February – April 2012
Mondays 13 February – 2 April
9.15 – 10.45 am

April – June 2012
Mondays 30 April – 25 June (not 4 June)
9.15 – 10.45 am

Cost: \$10.00

Introduction to eBooks

Christchurch City Libraries currently has 1600 e-book titles available for borrowing. Come along and learn how to use Overdrive to download the titles of your choice to your computer, MP3 player, iPod or e-book reader.

Where: South Learning Centre

When: 14 or 21 February 6.30 – 8.00pm
12 or 26 June 6.30 – 8.00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Music and the Internet

How to find it and use it legally? There are many sources of music available for legal downloads. We will explore different options and help you save music to listen to later. If you have an i-pod, Mp3 player or similar, bring it and any necessary cords to the session.

Where: South Learning Centre

When: Tuesday 8 May
6.30 - 8.00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Technology tasters on Wednesdays

Free computer help drop in sessions. We can help with using the Library's electronic resources, email, Microsoft Word, internet searching and other general computer related queries. Bookings not required.

Where: South Learning Centre

When: February – April 2012
Starts Wednesday 8 February
3.30-4.30pm (not on during school holidays)
May – June 2012
Starts Wednesday 2 May
2.30 - 3.30 pm (not on during school holidays)

Being Creative

Digital photography basics

A two part series suitable for beginners.

Part 1: Learn how to compose a good photograph using basic composition techniques and how to download photographs onto the computer*

Part 2: Learn how to manage your photographs and do some basic editing using standard computer software available on most PC's*

*Please ensure that you bring your camera, spare batteries, camera booklet & USB download cables.

Where: New Brighton Library

When: February 2012

Part 1: Saturday 18 February 1.00 – 2.30 pm

Part 2: Saturday 25 February 1.00 – 2.30 pm

Cost: \$10.00

Starting to write

This course will help you to develop the basic principles of creative writing and give you the opportunity to take part in practical writing exercises in a non threatening environment. Be enthused to write and meet others of like mind. Tutor Barbara Arnold

Where: South Learning Centre

When: February – April 2012

Starts Monday 13 February to 2 April

1.00– 3.00pm

Cost: TBC

Ti Kouka Whenua

This session introduces 'Ti Kouka Whenua', an essential resource for discovering and connecting with local maori history. We will also take a brief online tour of where to find other maori resources'

Where: South Learning Centre

When: Phone (03) 941 5140 for dates and times

Cost: Free

Writing for children

Do you want to write for children? This course includes writing picture books for very young children and upwards and progresses to writing chapter books, finishing with short stories and novels for young adults. We will look at some of the books that are popular with different age groups and cover the basic mechanics of writing. Tutor Barbara Arnold

Where: South Learning Centre

When: February – March 2012

Starts Friday 10 February to 30 March

1.00 – 3.00pm

Cost: TBC

