

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@poriruacity.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

Kwame Alexander reads from his award-winning *The Undeclared* – illustrated by Kadir Nelson – for a teen audience, with a slideshow of the book accompanying. (3:32)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cHIWtl8PNk

The Queen's Hat, read by author illustrator Steve Antony. A wild romp around London as the Queen loses her hat! (6:07) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Q8MQPVq_vg

Please, Mr Panda, written and illustrated by Steve Antony, read by The Storytime Lady. What is the proper way to ask Mr. Panda for doughnuts? Patiently and politely, Mr Panda asks the animals he comes across if they would like a doughnut. A penguin, a skunk, and a whale all say yes, but they do not remember to say "please" and "thank you". Is anyone worthy of Mr Panda's doughnuts? (3:45) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMZUTn7WojU>

Thank You, Mr Panda, written and illustrated by Steve Antony, read by Books With Miss B. Generous Mr Panda is giving away presents to all his animal friends, including a mouse, an octopus, an elephant, and a lemur, but they aren't being very grateful about the gifts they receive. It may be because the presents aren't quite right. (6:19) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sio5XjMvUKY>

We Love You, Mr Panda, read by author illustrator Steve Antony. Mr Panda is offering free hugs to all his animal friends – but they are all busy hugging each other! Will poor Mr Panda ever find a hug that's just right for him? (6:45) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daX5G8Tbdz8>

Book-Based Projects and Resources

Paul Beavis presents a whole bunch of Mrs Mo's Monster related stuff to have fun with, including the complete book! What a guy! So much fun to be had here. https://www.paulbeavis.com/mrs-mos-monster-resources?fbclid=IwAR0_nwIRp7OpofLCq2DAdeFJsshD2bZVRvNR8twDCJuQj6tjAHwxwVRlvKY

Paul Beavis provides a range of content relating to *What Are You Supposed to Be?* This includes the whole book, early drawings, the RNZ animation and more. The Teacher Notes are pretty cool and worth downloading after you have read the book. https://www.paulbeavis.com/what-are-you-supposed-to-be?fbclid=IwAR3rUaP4NEiAM34VfEhzuzKI8njffJ_B1Sz84eJiGMSqA5LLJEpWZ1GHSM

Deano Yipadee, Paul Beavis, and Scholastic have made it possible for you to read, dance, sing and create with some wonderful online resources for the new book, *Nee Naw Goes Bananas*, including a copy of the book available here: <https://tinyurl.com/qp4dvde> There are also colouring sheets and spot the differences here. <https://www.paulbeavis.com/nee-naw-fun-at-home-resources>

Draw-Along with an author/illustrator/artist

Two drawing lessons with *Horrid Henry* superstar illustrator Tony Ross.

How to Draw Horrid Henry (10:05) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn40kz2DSNs>

and *How to Draw Monsters* (3:54) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1GOX12hI_M

STEM – Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths

Rocket launcher – What goes up must come down. This activity is a perfect chance to challenge that idea, shooting a rocket high into the air by rapidly squashing a plastic bottle launcher.

<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SMG-Learning-Activities-Rocket-Mice.pdf>

Build a dome – Many structures are built around frameworks made of straight, rigid pieces of wood or metal, called members, connected together. Forces generated in the members support the structure. In this activity, drinking straws are used as members, to make a self-supporting dome.

<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SMG-Learning-Activities-Build-a-Dome.pdf>

Paper planes – A paper aeroplane, glider or helicopter falls to the ground much more slowly and more gracefully than a scrunched-up piece of paper – as the designs in this activity show. It's all thanks to the forces generated by air pressing on and moving over the surface of the paper.

<https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SMG-Learning-Activities-Make-It-Fly.pdf>

Shape shifting – Shapes and patterns can be found all around us – from flowers to footballs, seashells to staircases. In this activity, simple lines drawn on bottle tops or jam jar lids provide a fun way into the wonderful world of geometry. <https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SMG-Learning-Activities-Bottle-Top-Shapes.pdf>

Libby Picks

Just announced: the *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* ebook and audiobook remains available for unlimited access – and in a multitude of languages – through our Libby digital collection! Download the Libby app to borrow the title with no waitlists or holds! This offer has been extended until the end of May 2020. Now is the perfect time to bring everyone's favourite boy wizard home.

Indiscriminately available to all: Ravenclaws, Slytherins, Gryffindors, Hufflepuffs.

Great Web Pages

Paula Green's Poetry Box is a great community for young poets. You can join her mailing list to be advised of all the latest poetry competitions and challenges. Plenty to read and do here.

<https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/childrens-poems/>