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## Beyond the Page – An exciting literary festival for children 7 – 22 July 2018.

Back for a second successful year, with a festival programme brimming with literary adventures for tamariki and their whānau, Beyond the Page is a children's festival that will surprise and delight.

Featuring well known authors, illustrators, and performers, children will have the opportunity to explore their creative side, be inspired by spell-bounding performances, pick up a new skill, and even chat with a robot.

Last year over 4,000 people attended events in our region's libraries and galleries. This year tamariki can once again go on an amazing literary and creative journey during the school holidays at hundreds of free events around the region.

Sir Jon Trimmer will be back with Tales from the Royal New Zealand Ballet, Wellington's Kings and Queens will be reading hand-picked stories at Rainbow Storytimes, award-winning kiwi authors and creators (such as Sasha Cotter and Josh Morgan) will share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the next generation of storytellers, the BARK NZ brigade will be bringing their furry friends along, robots will be unleashed, and so much more - there's something on for all members of the whānau!

Wellington City Libraries, Hutt City Libraries, Upper Hutt Libraries, and Kāpiti Coast District Libraries are the creative force behind *Beyond the Page*, and are excited to bring this festival to you free of charge.

Please find enclosed some promotion materials to display in your school. We would appreciate it if you could spread the word about *Beyond the Page* within your school community.

For updates and further information, follow Beyond the Page on Facebook, visit www.beyondthepage.nz or contact me –

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