

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

# Nelson Reads Together

## “Whiria te tāngata”

NOVEMBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 2025

Come together and make those summer literary adventures count with Nelson Reads Together!

This year we're encouraging people of all ages to pitch in to help us reach a community reading goal! Every page you log will help get us over the finish line!

Register as an individual, group or sign up the whole whānau to complete reading milestones and receive prizes or kudos from your peers. We will be doing Weekly Prize Draws for all participants.

Your individual achievements will be woven together with others to help us unlock our reading target!

Kids aged 5 – 12: once you have logged your pages and complete your badges, check in with us after Wednesday 15 January and received a little reward!

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This summer, we've teamed up with BeanStack so you can easily track your contribution in real time online.

BeanStack is an app designed for you to easily log your progress, complete challenges and earn badges!

Snap the QR code to find out more.



### KEY DATES

**Monday 9 December 2024**

Registrations open

**Wednesday 15 January 2025**

Check Ins open and rewards available (Kids)

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**

End of Nelson Reads Together and Finale Events

## Events for Teens

### Macrame Keyrings

Thursday 5 December, 3.30 - 5pm  
Elma Turner Library

Learn some basic macrame skills and create a stunning macrame keyring. Keep it for yourself or gift it to someone special. Ages 13 - 19. Bookings Required.

### Tote-ally Crafty

Thursday 23 January, 2 - 3.30pm  
Elma Turner Library

Use your sewing, drawing or bedazzling skills to create a bespoke tote bag that reflects your summer vibe! Ages 13 -19. Bookings Required.

## For Adults

### Summer Reading Party

Saturday, December 14,  
2.30 - 3.30pm

Join us for a delightful Summer Reading Party, featuring live music by Belli Clarinetti. Chat with your favourite librarian for personalised book recommendations and get an exclusive first look at the hottest new arrivals before they hit the shelves. Enjoy a cup of tea and a delicious fruit mince pie while you browse.

### Summer Crafternoon

Sunday, December 15, 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Learn basic sewing skills and make a special booky creation for yourself or to give as a gift. Suitable for beginners. Aged 16+. Bookings required. Cost: \$3.

# Summer Events For Kids

### Decoupage Book Safe

Tuesday 3 December, 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Elma Turner Library

Decorate a Book Safe to hide away your treasures or keepsakes or to gift to someone special. Ages 10+. Booking Required.

### Make a Bookmark

Wednesday 4 December, 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Elma Turner Library

Never lose your place in an adventure again with your own unique bookmark. Ages 5+, Younger children will need the help of their grown-up.

### Fabric Ornaments

Tuesday 10 December, 3.30 - 5pm  
Elma Turner Library

Create fabric ornaments to decorate your space. Ages 8+. Bookings Required.

### Pop-Up Cards

Thursday 12 December, 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Elma Turner Library

Learn how to make your own pop-up cards in this drop in craft session. Ages 5+, Younger children will need the help of their grown-up.

### Summer Snow Globes

Tuesday 17 December, 3.30 - 5pm  
Elma Turner Library

Celebrate the sun and create your summer 'snow' globe. Ages 8+. Bookings Required.

### Book Tasting

Wednesday 18 December, 3.30 - 5pm  
Elma Turner Library

Get Summer Reading Ready with our book tasting. Explore genres and authors you may not have tried yet, get recommendations from staff and check out the latest books! Aimed at Junior and Senior fiction readers.

### Summer Story Time

Wednesday 15 January, 10.30 - 11am  
Nightingale Library Memorial

Join us for an outdoor, summer-ific Story Time. Stories, songs and bubbles followed by a summer themed craft. Best for under 5s.

### Cardboard Kingdom

Thursday 16 January, 1 - 2.30pm  
Elma Turner Library

Let your imagination free and get crafty in this cardboard makerspace. Ages 5+, Younger children will need the help of their grown-up.

### Fantastic Fandom Fiesta

Wednesday 22 January  
Elma Turner Library

Join Nelson Public Libraries in celebrating all things sci-fi and fantasy! Lots of fandom fun and activities based on all your favourite comics, movies, games and tv shows! Recommended ages 8 - 18, all welcome Wednesday 22 January - programme will be available from Friday 6 December on [nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz](http://nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz).

## Nelson Reads Together Finale

Wednesday  
12 February 2025

Elma Turner Library

Celebrate the end of a fantastic summer of reading with us!

## Finale Party for Kids

3:30pm - 5pm, ages 5 - 12

We'll reveal the final page count and have a fun filled afternoon of activities, prizes and special guests!

## Wrap Up Evening

Starts at 5:30pm, ages 13+

Share your favourite reads and connect with fellow book lovers over delicious refreshments. Let's wrap up the season with shared kai, fun, and some great books!