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New technology at the library

A newer system with faster internet is available for users at Whanganui District Libraries.

Library members will get 45 minutes of free internet on desktop computers while guest users will get 30 minutes.

Nicholas Keene, Library Frontline Services Manager, hopes the extra 15 minutes of internet time for library members will encourage people to sign up to access other services like borrowing books, magazines and other resources, as well as using the library database to request and suggest books.

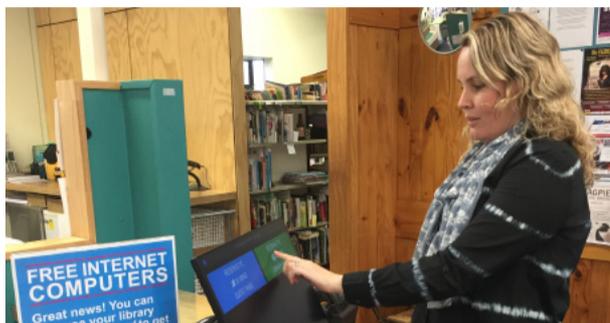
“The new system is more cost effective and we can run it ourselves which means we can look for patterns in how people use the internet and respond quickly to any changes or enhancements users might want. For some of our customers, it’s taken a bit of getting used to, but we have a team of friendly staff who are happy to help people out.

“It has been well-used over the school holidays and library users have been happy with it, especially because it is faster.”

The new system is available at the Davis Central City Library, Alexander Heritage and Research Library and the Gonville Café Library. The computers are running the latest version of Windows, have large monitors with integrated web cams, and include Microsoft Office and a range of browsers and other apps.

Library users need to use their library card and password to book a session, while guests will be given a ticket with a username and password for logging on to the computers.

A computer screen will then show all users a countdown to their allocated time slot and which computer they can use. Library membership is free.



Bonnie Wilson from Davis Central City Library books a session of free internet time using the new booking screen

Prompt payment discount for dogs closing soon

If you have a pooch, now’s the time of year for registration.

Registration reminders have been sent to all dog owners in the Whanganui District for the 2018/2019 year.

Dog registration fees must be paid in full by Tuesday, 31 July 2018 to receive a prompt payment discount. For more information and for the fees, please visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/dog_registration

Local Library Hubs

Call for Expressions of Interest

The Council wants to establish a number of Local Library Hubs over the next four years and we want to hear from organisations or businesses interested in hosting one.

What the library needs from a potential partner:

- A venue that is open to the public for at least four hours per day for at least four days per week and staff or volunteers able to provide basic assistance to library members on site.
- Sufficient space to accommodate the library shelving and equipment.

What the library will supply:

- One self-issue and return station and sufficient library shelving to accommodate 1,200 to 1,600 books, a touch screen and wi-fi for library users
- Venue-appropriate furniture to enable library customers to sit, read, go online, or just chat and support and training for venue staff.
- Regular replacement and re-circulation of stock by library staff.

If you are interested, please send an expression of interest, outlining how you will meet the requirements above, to pete.gray@whanganui.govt.nz by **5.00 pm on Friday, 28 September.**

Springvale Park

Lighting maintenance

Planned maintenance on lights in the Springvale Park car parking areas will take place on Monday, 30 July and Tuesday, 31 July.

Rat baiting

Rotokawau Virginia Lake

Rat bait will be placed at Rotokawau Virginia Lake until Friday, 24 August. The bait will be discreetly placed in stations around the duck feeding area and will be monitored every second day. Signage will be placed at all entrances to let people know.

Representation Review

Closing date 3 August

We’re holding a community representation review ahead of the next local government elections in October 2019.

Every six years, all Councils must review how they represent the community and ask for public feedback.

For 2019, the Council is proposing minor changes to the Wanganui Rural Community Board boundaries for Kaitoke and Whanganui subdivisions.

It is also proposed to change the name of the Board from ‘Wanganui Rural Community Board’ to ‘Whanganui Rural Community Board.’

The Council’s current representation by way of a Mayor and 12 councillors is proposed to remain as is, along with the First Past the Post electoral system.

To read the statement of proposal and give us your feedback, visit www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday, 3 August 2018.

Council meetings

We welcome the public to our meetings.

Forestry Joint Committee	12noon Monday 30 July	Committee Room 2
Property & Community Services	1.00pm Tuesday 31 July	Council Chamber
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm Wednesday 1 August	Committee Room 2
Infrastructure	1.00pm Tuesday 7 August	Council Chamber
Council	1.00pm, Tuesday, August 14	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at www.whanganui.govt.nz/agendas or view hard copies at the Council office at 101 Guyton Street or the District Library.

Full Council meetings are live-streamed at www.facebook.com/whanganuidistrictcouncil and www.whanganui.govt.nz/live-council-meetings

What’s on at the Sarjeant



Whanganui’s own Edith Collier (1885 – 1964) is showcased at Sarjeant on the Quay until Sunday, 4 November. The works for the exhibition *Edith Collier: Ahead of her Time* are selected from the Sarjeant Gallery and Edith Collier Trust collections.

The exhibition features several portraits of women from Collier’s most prolific artistic periods: her time spent in

London, Ireland and Cornwall, as well as Kawhia in New Zealand. The works clearly demonstrate her awareness of early 20th century European art and the development of her own unique Modernist aesthetic.

Edith Collier ‘A Cornish Woman of Spanish Descent’ Circa 1916, oil on canvas, 1956/5/1

WASTE FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP

\$100 Goodie Bag with every ticket sold!

with *Kate Meads*

ST PAULS CHURCH LOUNGE, THURSDAY 23 AUGUST. TICKETS AT KATEMEADS.CO.NZ

This workshop is supported by the Whanganui District Council Waste Minimisation Working Party.