

JULY 2025
FAMILY GUIDE

WHAT'S ON GUIDE



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July

What's on these holidays

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai.

Welcome to our winter guide of family-friendly activities.

Whether you want quiet time or have energy to burn, there's loads of (mostly) free stuff to do at our Ashburton District Council facilities. Check out our Matariki viewing platform near the Rakaia Gorge or discover what other exciting things Mid Canterbury has to offer this winter. Head to midcanterbury.co.nz for more ideas!

Flip to the back cover to learn about our What's On Winter Challenge.

It's a fun new challenge with a fantastic prize: a boredom buster pack from all our facilities!

Look for the stamp icon in the guide to identify challenge activities. Complete all four challenges, get your card stamped, and present it at any of our facilities to enter the prize draw!



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@ashburtonlibrary

@EANetworksCentre

@ashburtonartgallery

@AshburtonMuseum

Book at ashburtondc.govt.nz/events



Ashburton Library

Matariki Escape Room

Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Book in your chance to complete our Matariki Escape Room challenge. Get a team together to complete puzzles, solve riddles and find your way out of the Matariki escape room trying to get your team's time in the top spot on our leaderboard. The winning team with the fastest time at the end of the holidays will win an escape room style game of their very own.

Whole whānau/family

Booking required: Limit of five places per session. Scan the QR code above for available days and times.

FREE



EA Networks Centre

Scavenger Hunt Challenge

Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Collect a scavenger hunt sheet from our reception desk. Complete the sheet and tell the receptionist the secret word to receive your stamp.

Whole whānau/family.

FREE





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Ashburton Library Lego Build Challenge

Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July

Ask a Librarian to get you one of our awesome educational LEGO spike sets or use the lego table in the children's area. Take a photo of your creation.

All tamariki/children

FREE



Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum Twinkle with Mā Puaka

Sat 28 June - Sun 5 July, 10am-4pm

Design your very own star inspired by our Matariki exhibition. Try to include something from our show in your star design - it could be a character, a special object, or even a fun pattern inspired by what you've seen.

Whole whānau/family

FREE



Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Snowlace Wonders

Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July, 10am-4pm

Create a fun and colourful snowflake using cardboard, yarn, and basic weaving techniques. This activity helps kids develop fine motor skills, practise pattern-making, and explore creativity through a winter-themed craft!

Whole whānau/family

FREE



EA Networks Centre

EA Networks Centre July Holiday Programme



Mon 30 June - Fri 11 July.
Day (8am-3pm)
Full Day Session/Field Trip (8am-5pm)

We offer families a safe and organised school holiday care option, with opportunities for children aged 5-13 to get involved and try new and exciting activities in a fun and supportive environment.

Activities include swimming, gym and aqua classes, crafts, field trips to Staveley and Christchurch and more!

All tamariki/children

Booking required.

Day (9am-3pm): \$40 or Full Day/Field Trip: \$50



WHAT'S ON WINTER CHALLENGE

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Ashburton Library

Pyjama Party Movie Day

Mon 30 June, 10.30am-12.30pm

Come along in your pyjamas to watch a great family film and have pikelets with scrumptious toppings.

**All tamariki/children
Booking required.**

FREE



Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Erebus Explorer: Landscape in a Jar

Mon 30 June - Fri 11 July, 10am-4pm

Inspired by artist Will Hadwen's immersive canvases and his time in Antarctica, this activity invites children to learn about Mt Erebus and sculpt their own snowy volcano in a mock-snow globe.

Completed activity sheets for this activity will go into a draw for an icy adventure prize pack. Fee \$3.

Whole whānau/family



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Ashburton Library

Venetian Styled Masks

Mon 30 June, 3.30pm-5pm
Thu 3 July, 11am-12.30pm
Sun 13 July, 2pm-3.30pm

Come along and have a go at paper quilling. You can create fun styles and shapes for your full face mask or an eye mask. The design is up to you.

Rangitahi/young adults

Booking required: Limit of four places per session.

FREE



Ashburton Library

Paper Cut Out Art

Mon 30 June, 11am-12pm
Thu 3 July, 5.30pm - 7pm
Thu 10 July, 11am-12pm

Choose a design from a selection we have to cut using the laser cutter. Then paint a backing page to bring the cut image some depth.

Rangitahi/young adults


Booking required: Limit of three places per session.

FREE



 Ashburton Library

Zine Making

 Tue 1 July, 3pm-4.30pm
Fri 4 July, 11am-12.30pm
Sun 13 July, 10am-12pm

A zine -a mini magazine, can be a great way to share what you know. Come along and give zine making a go!

We will have a digital option and a physical option for you to try.

Rangitahi/young adults

Booking required: Limit of four places per session.

FREE



 Ashburton Library

String Games & Elastics

 Wed 2 July, 11.30am

Come and learn some fun string games or get active and play Elastics.


All tamariki/children
Booking required.

FREE



 Ashburton Library

Make a Board Game

 Fri 4 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Come create your own fantastic board game to entertain your family and friends.

All tamariki/children

FREE



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 Ashburton Library

Hanging Star

 Fri 4 July, 3pm-4pm
Tue 8 July, 10am-11am
Thu 10 July, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Try your hand at creating a paper quilled star that you can hang up. You get to choose the colours and how you would like your star to look, or you could follow a simple design.

Rangitahi/young adults

Booking required: Limit of four places per session.

FREE



 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Penguin Parade Collage

 Sat 5 July - Sun 13 July, 10am-4pm

Inspired by our foyer wall artwork Negativland: Erebus by Will Hadwen, learn about Antarctic wildlife and create a fun, textured artwork using collage techniques.

Whole whānau/family

FREE



📍 Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

Be a 1975 News Reporter

📅 Sat 5 July - Wed 13 July, 10am-4pm

Explore life in Ashburton in 1975 through historical newspaper photographs and create a personal news story inspired by real moments from the past. This activity helps kids understand local history, practise creative writing, and express their ideas through drawing and storytelling.

Whole whānau/family

FREE



📍 Ashburton Library - Event Space

The Snow - Family Theatre Production

FREE



📅 Sun 6 July, 1.45pm-3:45pm

About the play: When an epic snowfall imprisons the residents of the tiny village of Kishka, young Theodore Sutton proposes the villagers build a catapult to fling him and the village's bravest and strongest out in search of a solution.

The Snow, family theatre by Finegan Kruckemeyer and Wintergreen Creative. All Canterbury actors.

Whole whānau/family
Booking required.

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📍 Ashburton Domain

Flying Fox

FREE



📅 Always open

Hold races with friends and family under the trees in the Ashburton Domain. Get a pic of yourself at the flying fox this holidays and show anyone at our What's On facilities to receive a stamp.

Whole whānau/family.



📍 Ashburton Library

Pen & Paper Games

📅 Mon 7 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Come, learn, and play pen and paper games. Learn the classics and try your hand at something new.

All tamariki/children

FREE



📍 Rakaia Gorge

Matariki Stargazing

FREE



🕒 All winter, starlight hours

Lie back in the stargazing seats at the Rakaia Gorge and learn about Matariki with starlit artwork by students from Ashburton College. Picnic near the viewing platform looking downstream to the Rakaia River, with the Southern Alps as a backdrop.

Whole whānau/family.

📍 Ashburton Library

Laser Cut Spirographs

🕒 Wed 9 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Pick up your own laser cut Spirograph and learn how to make some awesome designs. Booking required.

**All tamariki/children
Booking required.**

FREE



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📍 Ashburton Library

AV Studio Session

FREE



🕒 Various times available

Book a session in our state-of-the-art AV Studio to bring your creative ideas to life. This is the perfect space for those interested in music production, podcasting, video editing, audio engineering, and more. Your session will be attended by a Studio Specialist who will help you learn the space, software, and techniques needed to realise your project.

Only one booking per person/group at a time. An additional session can be booked during or after the original session.

You are allowed to bring your own music equipment.

Whole whānau/family

Booking required: Limit of 1-6 people per group, 3 hours maximum duration.

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Complete these four activities at Council facilities and go in the draw to **win a boredom buster pack** from all our facilities!



Ashburton Art
Gallery & Museum

Snowlace Wonders

Create your own colourful snowflake at the Art Gallery and Museum to receive your stamp for this activity. **See page 5**

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EA Networks Centre

Scavenger Hunt Challenge

Complete a scavenger sheet at EANC and tell the receptionist the secret word to receive your stamp. **See page 3**

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Ashburton Library

Lego Build Challenge

Come and make a Lego creation at the Ashburton Library and take a photo to show the staff to receive your stamp. **See page 4**

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Ashburton Domain

Flying Fox Challenge

Get a pic of yourself at the flying fox and show anyone at our What's On facilities to get the stamp. **See page 10**

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Drop your completed card at one of our facilities to go in the prize draw! Scan the QR code within this booklet to read our competition terms and conditions on our website.

Complete a challenge and collect your stamp

Drop your completed card at one of our facilities to go in the prize draw! Scan the QR code within this booklet to read our competition terms and conditions on our website.



NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

Collect your stamp from Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum, EA Networks Centre or Ashburton Library.

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Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum

327 West Street, Ashburton

03 307 7890

ashburtonmuseum.co.nz

ashburtonartgallery.org.nz

Ashburton Library

Te Kete Tuhinga,
2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

03 308 7192

ashburtonlibrary.co.nz

EA Networks Centre

20 River Terrace, Ashburton

03 308 4020

eanetworkscentre.co.nz

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