

Mahere Whare Puna Mātauranga City Library plan

We want our City Library to provide opportunities for connection and learning.

We provide library services through the City Library, made up of the Central Library, four community libraries (Ashhurst, Awapuni, Te Pātikitiki Highbury, and Roslyn), the mobile library, and Blueprint. City archives gather and protect materials that tell our city's stories.

Our City Library's kaupapa is Te Ara Whānui o Te Ao – to inspire people to explore the pathways of the world. The City Library collects, curates and provides access to knowledge, ideas and creative works that focus on communities with the greatest needs. Programmes and services support literacy in all its forms. The City Library will minimise barriers to access and provide libraries that reflect community identities and needs.

Ka aha mātou?

What will we do?

Provide collections, services and programmes through all City Library locations

What will this mean?

City Library collections, services and programmes are widely accessible and responsive to community needs. There are no fines charged for overdue City Library items.

Specific actions

- Provide library collections, services and sustainably-managed programmes through the Central Library, Ashhurst, Awapuni, Te Pātikitiki Highbury, and Roslyn community libraries
- Provide a mobile library service
- Provide creative resources through Blueprint, the City Library Makerspace
- Provide library collections, services and programmes for young people through Youth Space
- Provide City Library spaces for community activities

New or one-off actions

- Provide mobile library services through an electric mobile library (year 3)
- Plan and develop a community library hub in Awapuni (years 4 and 5)
[See **Community support plan**]
- Include a Changing Places bathroom in the Awapuni community library hub (year 5)
- Earthquake strengthen and upgrade the Central Library (years 6 and 7)
- Plan (year 1) and develop Te Pātikitiki Highbury Library (years 6 and 7)
- Incorporate the Enabling Good Lives principles in planning for the City Library

Collect and protect community stories through the city archives

What will this mean?

Manawatū Heritage and the Ian Matheson City Archives gather and protect materials that tell our city's stories. People have the resources they need to find and contribute to the historical record.

Specific actions

- Provide information and resources through the city archives
- Support communities to contribute to city story-telling
[See **Heritage plan**]

