

2025 LitFest

Read, write,
speak, create.

Celebrate literacy at your local library!

Dozens of FREE events held
across Queenstown Lakes
libraries from March to May.

Author talks, workshops,
panel discussions and more!

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Te whakapuāwai i kā hinengaro me kā hapori. Enriching minds and communities.

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Queenstown Lakes

Open Mic – Wānaka Project

Thursday 20 March / 5.00 – 6.30pm

Have you ever wanted to try an open mic night? Come along and perform original music in front of a friendly and supportive audience. Local group Wānaka Project will be on hand to offer support and instruments. Families welcome.

Bookings recommended:

Email wanaka.library@qldc.govt.co.nz or call 03 443 0410.

Micro-Fiction Writing Workshops with Steph Fieldsend: Part 1

Saturday 22 March / 11.00am – 12.00pm

Micro-fiction takes craft-knife precision to convey emotions, drama and imagery. Push your creativity to the limits as you delve into strategic word choice and cut everything but the essential. This is the first of three workshops.

Bookings essential:

Email queenstown.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 441 0600.

WORKSHOP
**PART
1 OF 3**

ASB Financial Literacy

Thursday 27 March / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join ASB Community Banker, Shyla Hona, in this financial literacy workshop. Create better financial habits through setting goals and taking action. Families welcome. You do not have to bank with ASB to attend these workshops.

Bookings recommended:

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Meaningful Conversations: Neurodiverse Panel Discussion

Thursday 27 March / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join us for an insightful panel discussion on neurodiversity, navigating adult diagnosis, and supporting neurodiverse literacy. Featuring experts in ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and Autism – Kiara Moore, Chris Cole, Deb Saint, and MaryAnn Hughes.

Bookings essential:

Scan the QR code or email frankton.library@qldc.govt.nz or call 03 441 3680.

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Micro-Fiction Writing Workshops with Steph Fieldsend: Part 2

Saturday 29 March / 11.00am – 12.00pm

Micro-fiction takes craft-knife precision to convey emotions, drama and imagery. Push your creativity to the limits as you delve into strategic word choice and cut everything but the essential. This is the second of three workshops.

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WORKSHOP
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ASB Financial Literacy: Everyday Money Tips

Thursday 3 April / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join ASB Community Banker, Shyla Hona, in this financial literacy workshop. Create better financial habits through setting goals and taking action. Families welcome. You do not have to bank with ASB to attend these workshops.

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Tight Writing Workshop with Steph Fieldsend

Thursday 3 April / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Blaise Pascal famously said of tight writing: "I would have written a shorter letter but I did not have the time!" Tight writing is essential for all types of writing, whether you need it for poetry, creative writing, in the business world, for your website, or blogging.

Bookings essential:

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Compelling Non-Fiction with Peta Carey

Thursday 3 April / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Documentary filmmaker and writer, Peta Carey has spent her life telling true stories. The focus of her presentation is the art of writing compelling nonfiction. Whether it's memoir, local history, or the story of your bike trip to Timbucktoo, what exactly makes a good read?

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Micro-Fiction Writing Workshops with Steph Fieldsend: Part 3

Saturday 5 April / 11.00am – 12.00pm

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Bookings essential:

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ASB Financial Literacy: Getting Savvy with Savings

Tuesday 8 April / 11.00am – 12.00pm

Join ASB Community Banker, Shyla Hona, in this financial literacy workshop. Create better financial habits through setting goals and taking action. Families welcome. You do not have to bank with ASB to attend these workshops.

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Polish your Performance with Steph Fieldsend

Thursday 10 April / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Should you write to perform? Or write then perform? Is your poem made better by performing? These are the questions we will explore in this workshop. Learn how to make your words jump from the page, come to life, engaging and enthralling your audience.

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ASB Financial Literacy: First Home Buyers

Thursday 10 April / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join ASB Community Banker, Shyla Hona, in this financial literacy workshop. Create better financial habits through setting goals and taking action. Families welcome. You do not have to bank with ASB to attend these workshops.

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Body Language for Spoken Word Performance with Steph Fieldsend

Saturday 12 April / 11.00am – 12.30pm

What if you could enhance how your lovingly crafted words are received – simply by adding intentional body language into your performances? Learn how to use body language, emblems, speech illustrators, manipulators, proxemics, and more in your performance.

Bookings essential:

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ASB Financial Literacy: Borrow Smart and Pay Off Debt

Tuesday 15 April / 11.00am – 12.00pm

Join ASB Community Banker, Shyla Hona, in this financial literacy workshop. Create better financial habits through setting goals and taking action. Families welcome. You do not have to bank with ASB to attend these workshops.

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Author Talk with Eva Wong-Ng and Denise Ng

Thursday 24 April / 5.00 – 6.00pm

Join acclaimed Gibbston author Eva Wong-Ng for a special talk in collaboration with the Arrowtown Autumn Festival. Eva will share excerpts from her poetry and short stories, reflecting on the experiences of Chinese people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Bookings essential:

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By its Cover: The Art of Book Design with Holly Dunn

Thursday 1 May / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join designer Holly Dunn as she explores the creative process behind book design. From concept to final artwork, Holly will share insights into what makes a cover stand out, how typography and imagery work together, and the hidden details that bring a book to life.

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Body Language for Spoken Word with Steph Fieldsend

Saturday 3 May / 11.00am – 12.30pm

Learn to use directional body language, emblems, speech illustrators, manipulators, proxemics, and more in performance. Bring an existing piece of performance poetry or prose or create one on the day. And, if you want to, you can share your work with others.

Bookings essential:

Email arrowtown.library@qldc.govt.nz
or call 03 442 1607.

Songwriting and Cello with Jane Shearer

Saturday 3 May / 3.00 – 4.00pm

Join local author Jane Shearer as she shares her process of writing songs and lyrics for the cello. She'll explore the inspiration behind her music, how melody and words interact, and the creative choices that bring a song to life.

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Lawbreakers by the Lake: A Mystery in The Library

Thursday 8 May / 6.00 – 7.00pm

Ngaio Marsh Awards presents Lawbreakers by the Lake – A Mystery in The Library event at Wānaka Library. Local Wānaka authors Kate Gordon-Smith and LA Joye (aka Lauren Sleeman) are joined by two Dunedin authors: two-time Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Novel finalist Paddy Richardson and literature professor turned historical thriller novelist Wendy Parkins for a fun and fascinating kōrero.

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Illustrating the Story: A Conversation with Holly Dunn and Dīne the Fox

Thursday 8 May / 5.30 – 6.30pm

Join cover designer Holly Dunn and illustrator Dīne the Fox for a behind-the-scenes discussion on the art of visual storytelling in publishing. Learn about their creative processes, how they work with authors, and what makes for a successful collaboration.

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Coptic Book Binding 101: Part 1

Saturday 10 May / 10.30am – 1.00pm

Learn the ancient art of Coptic bookbinding, a technique dating back to 4th-century Ethiopian monasteries. Join Natasya from Tāhuna Kollektif for this two-part workshop and craft your own bound book. Attendance at both sessions preferred. Materials provided.

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The Zine Project: The Art of Zine Making

Saturday 10 May / 12.00 – 2.00pm

This workshop with Fluid will dive into the art of zine-making. Explore layout and design techniques to bring your zines to life, using various materials to arrange text and images that showcase stories and perspectives. All materials are provided.

Bookings essential:

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Saturday 17 May / 12.00 – 1.30pm

This documentary follows poets Liz Breslin, Laura Williamson, and Annabel Wilson as they weave queer and women's storytelling into the Pākehā poetic record, set against the landscapes of rural Aotearoa. Join us for a screening and a spin of the poem wheel!

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Coptic Book Binding 101: Part 2

Saturday 24 May / 10.30am – 1.00pm

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