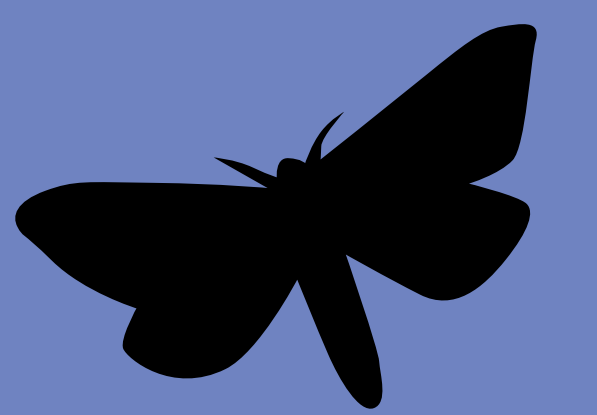


Te Whare Pukapuka o Nāianeī – e ahu atu ana hei pokapū hāpori

The modern library – towards a community hub



Modern libraries are evolving to reflect the needs of the communities they serve. They are more of a community hub – a place where people can connect with each other, access information and services, and learn.

Community is at the heart of everything libraries do; they connect, strengthen, inspire, and activate. They nurture energy, creativity, imagination, and discovery. Multi-generational access to knowledge, learning and entertainment helps build more connected and inclusive communities.

While book collections remain a priority, modern facilities draw on many other methods to enrich people's visits. They offer windows to the past through archives and heritage collections, and portals to the future with technology outreach and maker spaces. Supporting digital literacy is as important as nurturing traditional print-based literacy. A range of meeting, working, and bumping spaces allow people to gather with purpose or by chance.

Building a new community hub for Waikanae gives us the opportunity to think about what a new facility could offer our growing and changing community. We have a once-in-a-generation chance to create a destination facility that helps anchor and connect our community.

We know the services offered by future libraries will continue to evolve, so it is critical our new community hub is also flexible and adaptable.

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