



Te Puna Whare Mātauranga ā Kura

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SLANZA Award - School Librarian

Kim Spencer

Kim has transformed the Putaruru College Library into a vibrant community hub, exemplified by the hugely successful school-wide chess tournament. Her deep commitment to manaakitanga ensures everyone feels welcome, making the library an indispensable partner in the teaching and learning at her kura.

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Katrina Lawton

Katrina's innovative spirit has transformed the library at Tokomaru School into a vibrant and essential school hub, using creative ideas like reading buddies and thematic events to make it a welcoming environment where students genuinely want to be.

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Sapphire Hawes

Sapphire has transformed the Awapuni School library into a vibrant hub of learning and creativity through her innovative approaches, like themed literacy weeks and digital resource integration. She has created a space where every student feels seen and valued, making her an indispensable partner in strengthening literacy and learning across the school.

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Melissa Duffy

Melissa has skillfully made the library a more central and valued part of the school through innovative approaches, including school-wide reading challenges and a diverse "Book of the Week" series. She exemplifies manaakitanga by creating a space where every student feels a sense of belonging, while her close collaboration with teachers makes the library a cornerstone of learning.

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Jessica Stephens

Jess is an exemplary librarian who has made the library the vibrant heart of the school at Northcote College, with her dynamic and creative initiatives raising its profile among students, colleagues, and parents. Through her dedicated and generous work, Jess greatly enhances teaching and learning in a multitude of ways.

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Lauryn Urquhart

Lauryn has raised the profile of the library through innovative initiatives like the cross-school Reading Challenge, which gives students a powerful alternative to traditional sports activities. She demonstrates manaakitanga by creating a welcoming space and fostering a love of reading among students and staff alike. Her leadership and generous sharing of ideas make her a true inspiration to her colleagues and a vital contributor to Taieri College.

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Ljiljana Kosijer

Ljiljana has created an innovative and welcoming library space that prioritises student wellbeing and learning. Through her student-led team and engaging promotions, she ensures the library is a central and dynamic contributor to Waikato Diocesan School for Girls.

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Helen Duckworth

Through her passion and commitment, Helen has enriched the lives of both staff and students at Darfield High School. She has created a library that is not just a space, but a vibrant hub of learning, inclusion, and inspiration. Her close collaboration with teachers and passion for connecting every reader with the perfect book makes her an invaluable partner in teaching and learning.

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Janine Jamieson

Janine has revitalised the library into a bustling hub at the heart of the school, utilising innovative approaches like a pizza-prize reading competition and a badge scheme to actively engage students. Her inclusive approach to literacy, particularly her work with ESOL and refugee students meets the needs of all the students at Wellington East Girls' College

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Keri Cochrane

Keri has strengthened the library's profile through innovative and engaging events, such as a school-wide reading challenge and the "Starbooks Cafe," which foster a genuine love of reading among students. Her deep sense of manaakitanga is evident in the safe and inclusive space she has created, making her a trusted adult for vulnerable students, and her proactive, collaborative approach ensures the library is an invaluable partner that directly contributes to teaching and learning across the school.

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SLANZA Award of Excellence School Librarian

Cathy-Ann Scoon

Cathy-Ann has raised the library's profile through innovative approaches like training a nationally competitive Lit Quiz team and creating a welcoming, book-first environment for the entire school. Her dedication to manaakitanga shines through in her tireless efforts to provide tailored support for both students and staff. She successfully contributes to teaching and learning by ensuring every child has access to literature and by proactively sourcing texts to support classroom learning.

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SLANZA Award of Excellence Information Literacy Programmes

Clare Lee

Clare Lee has implemented outstanding information literacy programs by creating dynamic, topic-specific resources and teaching students and staff how to ethically use databases, referencing tools, and AI. These programs empower ākonga to transform complex research projects into manageable tasks, fostering academic confidence and integrity across all subjects. By proactively collaborating with teachers and making her curated resources readily accessible, she has cemented the library's role as a vital hub of learning.

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SLANZA Life Membership

Julia Smith

Julia Smith is an exemplary leader whose unwavering commitment has profoundly advanced school librarianship on a national level for over two decades. As an influential voice on the National Executive and a former Co-President, she has tirelessly championed the profession, leveraging her expertise in communication and social media to advocate for school libraries and strengthen the SLANZA organization. Her passion for reading is evident in her hands-on work with students, while her generous mentorship and willingness to share knowledge have enriched the lives of countless colleagues. Her tireless work ethic, lifelong dedication, and genuine care for the sector make her a truly deserving recipient of SLANZA's highest honor.

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