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Library holds workshops to celebrate Greats and Grands Month

The Invercargill Library is providing a series of free workshops for elderly people, including social media training, as part of the celebration of Greats and Grands Month 2014.

The workshops to be held across the month include: A Book Restoration Workshop, a Facebook Session, a Skype Session, and a Story Reading and Craft Activity.

Library Community Connections Co-ordinator Diana Hosted said it is sometimes a challenge for older people to find user-friendly instructions on social media and other computer related communication tools like Skype. "These workshops, limited to small groups, will tick all the boxes. It will be a godsend for older people who know absolutely nothing about either, or those who know a teeny bit and would like to know more."

The Book Restore Workshop will be a great opportunity to learn from the Libraries Preservation Assistant Steven Doig, who'll be on hand to demonstrate and give restoration and preservation tips, Mrs Hosted said.

"Afternoon tea will be provided and there'll be lots of opportunity to chat to others and take a look at each other's treasures, as well as items from the Library's archives."

The events also provide an opportunity to bring young and old together at the Story Reading and Craft Activity. "We've invited some Greats and Grands to read much-loved stories to groups of children from 1.30pm to 2pm. Then we'll be into the retro craft with everyone creating colourful pom-poms. All materials will be provided," Mrs Hosted said.

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Spaces are limited for the Facebook Session, Skype Session, and Book Restore Workshop, and Mrs Hosted is advising people to register early by phoning (03) 211 1444 or email help@ilibrary.co.nz.

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Inquiries, please contact Diana Hosted on (03) 211 1444 or 022 698 6657

- Book Restore Workshop: 1.30pm – 3.30pm, October 16
- Greats, Grands and Kids – Story Reading and Craft: 1.30pm – 3pm, October 19
- Facebook Session: 1pm – 2pm, October 28
- Skype Session: 1pm – 2pm, October 29

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