



# FRIENDS

August 2019

**Morning Tea**

**Wednesday September 4th**

**10.30am.**

**This month our guest speaker will be another wonderful member of Te Takeretanga Staff.**



**Pam Coleman, our Community Engagement librarian is the author of many of the library columns in the Horowhenua Chronicle.**

**She is a woman who wears many hats and is responsible for co-ordinating many of the great events hosted in our libraries.**



**FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES**

# The Library Café

## Great News!

**The Sponge Kitchen** will be taking over management of the Library Café with a great range of cabinet food and light meals.

Once again we will be able to sit with a coffee and something tasty and relax in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po during a lunch break or when meeting with friends.  
Lets all support them in this new venture.



## OVERDUE FINES AMNESTY



Have you caught up with the Food for Fines amnesty in the library this August?

If you, your children or anyone you know have outstanding fines on your library card that are preventing you from using our libraries for a donation of a can or two of food which will be passed on to our local food bank you can have those fines wiped!

It's very rare that Local bodies give permission for libraries to do this so why not take advantage of this great offer?

What a deal! What a great opportunity to help yourself and the community at the same time.

## Review: The Bees

by Laline Paull pub. Harper Collins 2014

Flora 717 is a bee, the lowest of the low, a sanitation worker in her totalitarian hive. Flora 717 is considered ugly by her contemporaries. She is dark when they are golden. She is large and ungainly compared to others in the hive.

But Flora 717 is loyal to her Queen and prepared to serve the hive in whatever capacity is required.

The hierarchy of the hive with its Queen and her ladies, Priestesses, Fertility police, Nurse bees, Foragers and Guards is strictly regimented. Curiosity is seen as a flaw and rules are strictly enforced. Accept, Obey and Serve is the mantra of the hive while the first of many laws that govern the hive is that only the queen may breed.

Flora is curious, Flora is adventurous, Flora, much to her own surprise, lays an egg...

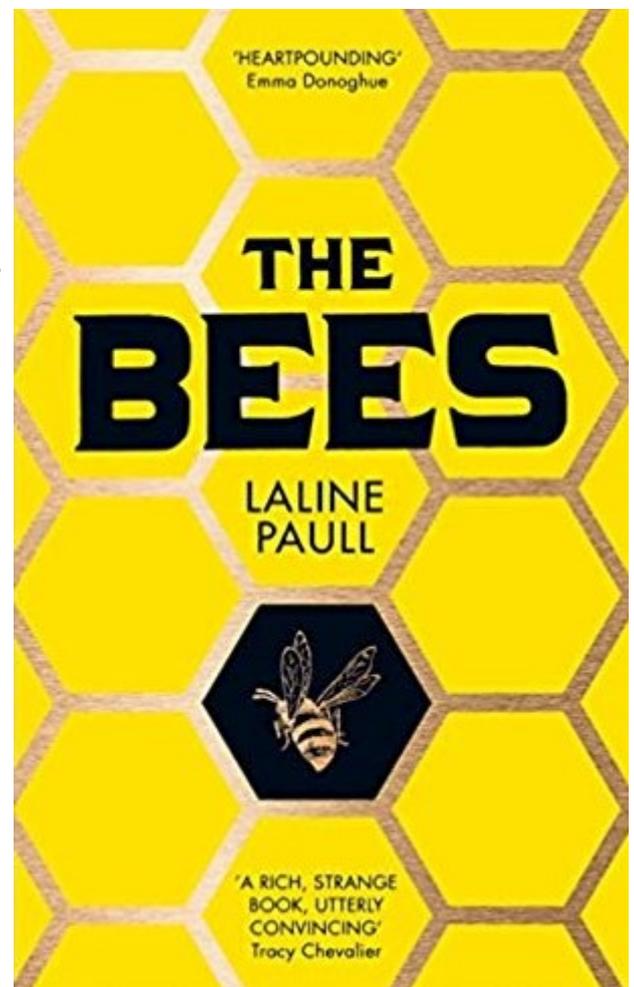
The book contains all of the violence, internal massacre, political upheaval, adventure and sexual tension of a great novel. There is also love, loyalty and an appreciation of the beauty of the natural world.

This book will lead you into an amazingly convincing imagined world of bees. The dangers that are inherent in the world of bees are myriad, crows, wasps, toxic sprays and humans as well as inclement weather all present their own challenges.

All of the main characters are bees. For anyone who has ever kept bees and is fascinated by these amazing creatures it is easy to imagine such goings on in the hive. The known facts and behaviour of bees are presented as accurately as possible while the story woven around them is as gripping an adventure as could be imagined.

I for one will be looking at the bees in my garden next spring with renewed respect.

Highly Recommended.



**The boys and girls who look after our libraries sure are busy folk co-ordinating regular events as well as one off special happenings.**



Here is the list of current happenings which are planned for the next week or so—and they do this every week!

**Wednesday August 28:**

Quiz Night- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō \$5 pp.

**Friday August 30:**

Friday Lunchtime Concert: Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 12pm

SeniorNet: Get help with your tablets, phones and laptops

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom 10am-12pm

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō 2pm -4pm

**Saturday, 31 August 2019**

Petals for Peace: Charity Auction Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō 7pm

Tickets for the auction are \$25 from Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

**Sunday, September 1:**

Sunday Concert Pip Payne Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 2pm

**Monday September 2:**

Tai Chi classes Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Main Space 10am

Toddler Time:

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō – Children's Library, every Monday, 2pm

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom – Children's Library, every Monday 2.15pm

**Tuesday September 3:**

Raukawa Whanau Ora playgroup: Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō 9.30am-12.00pm

JP Service: Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō 11.30am-1.30pm

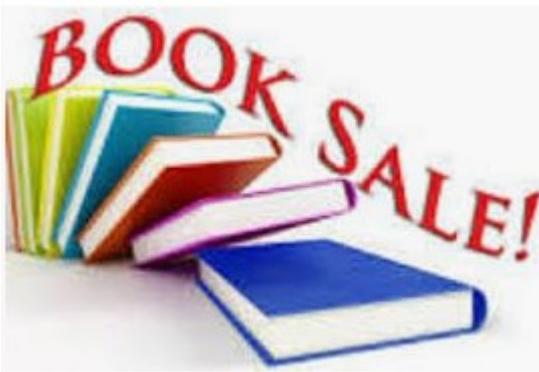
**Wednesday September 4:**

Toddler Time: Shannon Community Library, every Wednesday, 1.30pm

Social crochet and coffee club: Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō 10.30am

Quiz Night- 7pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō \$5

**Did you know that if you follow Te Takeretanga O Kura hau Po on facebook you can get regular updates on coming events?**



WOW! We are very happy with the proceeds from our last book sale

Together with your help and support we have raised another \$4,500 which will go towards supporting our libraries.

What a great result!

## Looking forward :

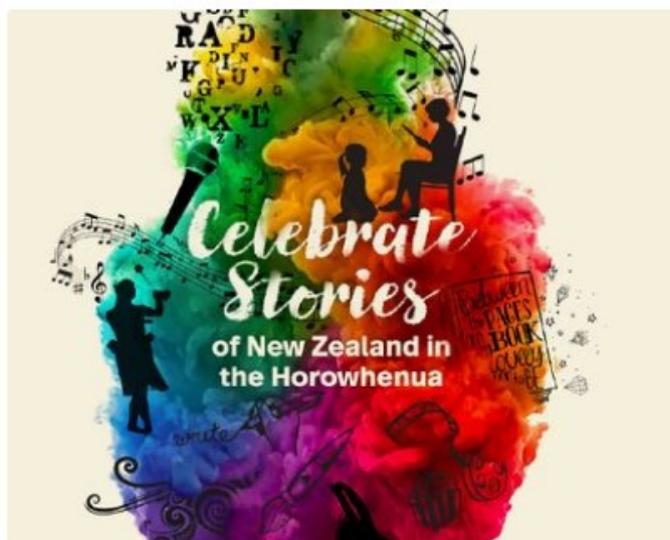
Celebrating the right to share our stories—the **Festival of Stories** will be back this year coinciding with Banned Books week.

Typically Banned books week is celebrated annually in the last week of September and highlights current and historical attempts to ban books in libraries and schools.

Watch this space—you might be surprised at some of the titles that appear on the banned list...

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## Festival of Stories



# How New Zealand libraries are adapting to the 21st century

Adapted from an article by Eleanor Black, July, 2019

We love our libraries hard.

When Wellington Central Library closed in March due to earthquake safety concerns, there was an outpouring of concern for the building, the 350,000 books and 100 staff.

There have been similar outpourings in Opotiki, Gore, Titahi Bay and Waikanae, where libraries have been shuttered within the past year due to toxic mould. As our library buildings age and succumb to leaking issues that in some cases have been present for many years, you might argue that the era of the big building filled with shelves of books is finished. After all, people have been predicting the death of the library (and traditional books) for years.

But it turns out libraries are going through something of a renaissance, with millennials their most ardent fans. Pew Research Center found that in the US, 53% of people aged 18 to 35 had visited a library or bookmobile in the past year, the most of any age group.

For reasons of minimalism, environmental concern and finances, millennials are content to go on waiting lists for popular new books, rather than buy their own copies, something their parents are statistically less likely to do. Millennials also like making use of services such as free wi-fi and meeting spaces.

In a time when the divide between rich and poor – and between the technologically connected and the technologically left out – is growing, libraries are true place of community, say proponents. They are about so much more than books.

Kat Cuttriss, Hutt City Libraries manager and chair of Public Libraries of NZ says "The public library is the one place, potentially the only civic place, where people are welcome to come no matter their background, their politics, their beliefs. People who are disenfranchised, have mobility issues, are socially isolated, the very old and the very young, it can be the only comfortable place to be".

Following the Christchurch and Kaikoura earthquakes, and the Christchurch mosque attacks, people flocked to their local libraries.

"What we saw in response to all these events was how much the local library was the place to go for community, for manaakitanga, for aroha, for a safe, caring place for people to be. People come to the library looking for sanctuary," says Cuttriss.

In his book *Palaces for the People*, NY University sociologist Eric Klinenberg argues that "the library is among the most critical forms of social infrastructure that we have".

"[Libraries] offer something for everyone, regardless of whether they're a citizen, a permanent resident, or even a convicted felon – and all of it for free... Libraries and their social infrastructure are essential not only for a neighbourhood's vitality, but also for buffering all kinds of personal problems – including isolation and loneliness.

Events are a major area of growth for libraries and librarians are now defacto event planners as well as their other responsibilities. In the 2017-18 year, more than 1.2 million Kiwis attended events and programmes at libraries including book readings, movement classes for the elderly, computer tuition, puppet-making, school holiday programmes and panels on climate change.

"Traditional use of libraries as a place to go and browse books is still there, but it's becoming a much broader sweep of offerings and experiences," explains Cuttriss.

It's true that people are borrowing fewer items from libraries than in years past. While there were more than 43 million books and digital items borrowed from NZ libraries in 2014-15, that dropped to well below 42 million in 2017-18.

However, at the same time, more people engaged with their local library. The number of "active borrowers" rose from 1,376,600 people in 2014-15 to 1,410,125 in 2017-18. Even those people who don't use or need it, want their local library to be there, says Cuttriss. "They still want it to exist as a vital civic centre.



## AUCTION

Saturday 31st August 7.00 pm

If you saw anything of this amazing exhibition when it was in Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po I'm sure you were impressed.

Now is your opportunity to take home one of these evocative and beautiful first edition Stuart Robertson artworks to have in your own home

Proceeds to Horowhenua charities working against domestic violence.

The auction will include three first edition 900mm by 900mm and one 330mm by 330mm originals. These pieces that have travelled with the exhibition will be auctioned alongside ten custom made one-of-a-kind artworks over 2m tall each, produced exclusively for Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau pō's exhibition.

Tickets for the auction are \$25 from Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

or [online from Eventbrite](#).

## Art in Te Takere



Once again the exhibition area in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po is filled with vibrant and exciting art work.

Beautiful paintings by Sue Taylor and Jill Hammond and clever sculptures by Paul Anderson are all on view until the end of the month.

Do take some time out of your busy schedules to stop and admire their work.

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**Happy Reading everyone!**