



# FRIENDS

September 2019

**Morning Tea**

**Wednesday October 2nd**

**10.30am.**

Join us in the Open Meeting Room in Te Takere to hear Hanchen Johnsen, a former pupil and now a teacher at Horowhenua College speak about the use of Chromebooks in schools. Just what do kids use them for and why do they need them?



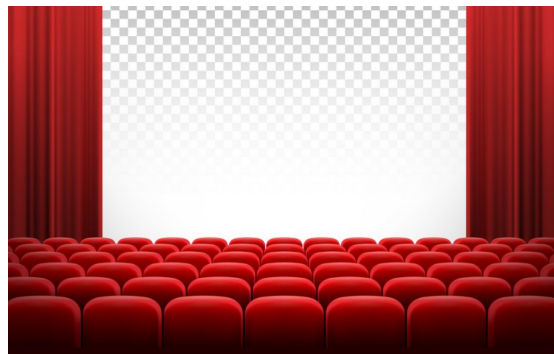


It's that time of year again—The Festival of Stories is happening from September 21st—29th this year. As the Festival this year coincides with Banned Book weeks many of the speakers and events will be thinking and talking about censorship issues.

**Stories are things that people, as social animals, have always shared and used to communicate deeper meaning. The sharing of stories has a powerful ability to bring people from all backgrounds, together, help them understand each other's perspectives and find common ground.**

Stories aren't limited to those contained within the printed page – they exist in movies and songs, in oral storytelling and artwork, in family trees and photographs and now in this digital age, online through social media platforms

The Festival of Stories this year explores the right to share our stories and the stories of those who work to uphold free expression. It is a chance to explore the concept lines around freedom of speech and hate speech, banned and challenged material and discuss the centuries-old debate over the censorship of ideas.



### **A Daily Surprise**

10:30am-12:30pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: Once upon a Time – Banned Adult's Books to Film

3.30pm -5pm Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom; Shannon Library; Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō:  
Once Upon a Time – Banned Children's Books to Film

\*We have special permission to screen these films for free in public libraries as long as we don't advertise the film name online. Please call your local library during opening hours to get more details about the film screenings.

## Two Events sponsored by the Friends of Horowhenua libraries:



On Sunday 22nd at 2.00 pm the first Keynote speaker for the week will be **Tammam Tammim**, a former refugee who is now the President of the Manawatu Refugee voice. Tammam will share the story of how he and his family escaped from Syria via Thailand and have now settled in New Zealand.

The Friends of the library will be hosting and catering for this event, and also on Thursday evening (26th) at 6.00pm when **Nicky Hager**



**Hager** will speak about his experiences and his career in investigative journalism. Nicky has produced six books since 1996, covering topics such as intelligence networks, environmental issues and politics. He is the only New Zealand member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

There are many more events scheduled for the week. These are listed on the next two pages so that you can plan which ones you would like to take part in.

## **Sunday 22 September**

### **Special event: Tammam Tamim**

2pm-4pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.

Tammam Tamim, former refugee and now President of the Manawatu Refugee Voice, shares his story about how he fled Syria, his experience in Thailand and how his family have settled into life in New Zealand. Join us to hear Tammam and his families' story, and learn how we can create a force for positive change in our community.

## **Monday 23 September**

### **Workshop: Make Your Own Mini Handmade Book**

11am-12pm, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

### **Slam Poetry Workshop: RikTheMost**

1pm-4pm, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.

First of our three Spoken word and poetry workshops. Free but registration for all three workshops is essential. Age 14+ Contact Pam Coleman for details - [pamelac@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:pamelac@horowhenua.govt.nz)

### **Virtual Reality: Express your creativity**

3.30pm to 5pm Shannon Library

Unleash your creativity and paint in 3D space with virtual reality.

## **Tuesday 24 September**

### **Film and Literature Classification**

2pm to 3pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Erica Brooks from the Office of Film and Literature Classification discusses the history of censorship and talks about how classifications and censorship decisions are made.

## **Wednesday 25 September**

### **Storytelling: Zebong: Storytelling with a Twist!**

Zebong will take you on an enthralling adventure that has you on the edge of your seat, and up on stage!

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō- 9.30am

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom 11.30am

Shannon School 1.45pm

### **Tea and Tales: Turn the Light On!**

2pm-3pm, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Join us for a cup of tea and listen and share your favourite banned or challenged books.

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## **Thursday 26 September**

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11am-12pm, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

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### **Workshop: Make Your Own Mini Handmade Book**

2pm-3pm, Shannon Library

### **Special event: Nicky Hager**

6pm-8pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.

Investigative writer Nicky Hager joins us to discuss how people need to be "re-empowered" to give their views openly without fear of repercussions.

## **Friday 27 September**

### **Slam Poetry Workshop with RikTheMost**

9.00am -3.30pm Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.

Third of our three Spoken word and poetry workshops. Free but registration for all three workshops is essential. Contact Pam Coleman - [pamelac@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:pamelac@horowhenua.govt.nz)

### **Bus trip: Magical Musical Mystery Tour- All aboard Ladies and Gents**

9:30am-2pm. Departs Bath St. bus stop, Levin

Tour visits Shannon Library to enjoy a concert from Nick Van Dijk and enjoy some refreshments, before continuing to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton for a light lunch and a lunchtime concert from our mystery guests. Returns to Levin via Shannon. Free, but bookings essential as seats are limited.

### **Virtual Reality: Express your creativity**

3.30pm to 5pm Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Unleash your creativity and paint in a 3D space with virtual reality. Our space is your canvas.

### **Have a go Instrument Workshop: Find a Voice through music!**

3:30am-5:00pm, Shannon Library

## **Saturday 28 September**

### **Tea and Tales: Turn the Light On!**

11am-12pm, Shannon Library

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### **Slam Poetry Event: RikTheMost**

Join host RikTheMost and special guests for Light refreshments and an acoustic warmup from 6pm

Event starts 6.30pm to 9pm

Poetry Slam is the competitive format taking the world by storm. It's been building up to this! Experience the energy of some of New Zealand's best slam poets battling it out to win a cash prize! A high energy, enthralling event where performance poets are judged by random members of the audience in an arbitrary but totally engaging way. Free

## **Sunday 29 September**

### **Speaker: Georgina Beyer**

2pm-3pm, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Transgender politician Georgina Beyer shares her story and what it means to be someone who works to uphold free expression. Free.



## Banned books

**We, who are fortunate enough to live in our free society find it hard to understand why some books would be banned, withheld from the general public and even burned in huge numbers.**

Some of the reasons given are:

Racial issues—books that encourage discrimination towards one or more group of people

Encouragement of “Damaging” lifestyles

Blasphemous dialog

Sexual content

Violence or negativity

The presence of witchcraft

Affiliation to unpopular religion

Political bias

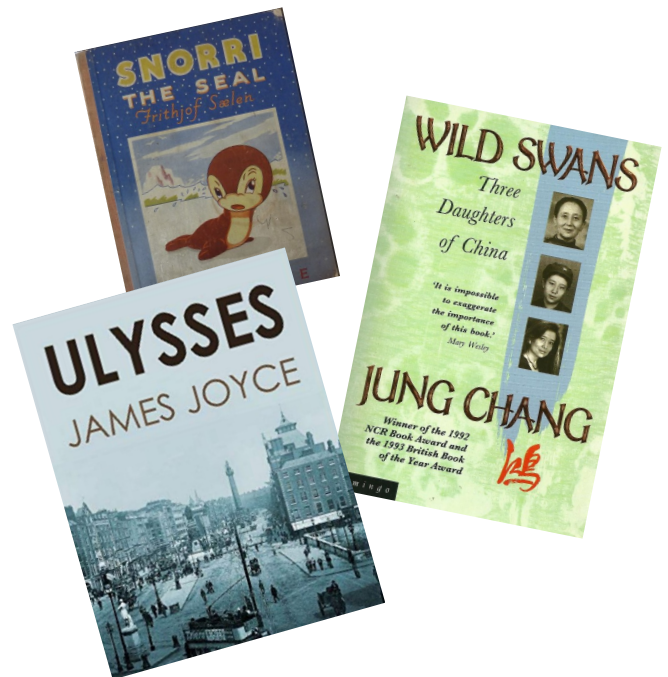
Books that are age inappropriate

Of course all of these reasons are open to interpretation and depend on individual points of view.



**Here is a small selection of books that have been banned—see if you can fit them into the category that caused their banning.**

1. Alice's adventures in wonderland by Lewis Carroll
2. Animal farm by George Orwell
3. The Canterbury tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
4. The Bible
5. Wild Swans by Jung Chang
6. The Straits Impregnable by Sydney Loch
7. Snorri the Seal by Frithjof Saelen
8. The call of the wild by Jack London
9. The grapes of wrath by John Steinbeck
10. The Lorax by Dr Seuss
11. The giver Lois Lowry
12. Ulysses by James Joyce



As you can see—the range of books that have been banned is wide and varied. I'm sure you can think of some of your own. The reasons for the banning of this selection are listed on the last page.

## The Library Café

Welcome to the staff from The Sponge Kitchen and to their delicious looking food and coffee. It's great to have this facility back in full swing in Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po.



**Tai Chi** on Monday mornings from 10.00am Fees apply.

**Toddler time** on Mondays at 2.30pm bring your little people along to and join in the fun

Remember the regular sessions of the **Crochet/Knitting Group** on Wednesday mornings

**Quiz nights** on Wednesdays from 6.30pm –make up a team. Only \$5.00 per person

**LEGO club** on Thursdays after school at 3.30pm

**Lunchtime concerts every Friday** from 12.00 am—why not take your lunch along and eat while you listen.

**Sunday afternoon concerts** on the last Sunday every month.

**Beautiful Art Works** on display in the Exhibition Space



## Banned books answers

- 1 Banned in China as censors decided having talking animals was insulting to humans
- 2 Banned in the USSR (politics) and latterly in Saudi Arabia for images inappropriate to Islam
- 3 Banned from US mail - law forbids the sending/recieving of obscene, filthy or inappropriate material
4. At present, the Bible has been banned in Saudi Arabia. Over the centuries religious texts of many faiths have been banned in countries where they are not paramount.
- 5 Banned in China because of its depiction of Mao Tse Tung
- 6 Fictional biography banned by military censor in Australia under the War Precautions act 1914.
7. Satirical book banned during the German occupation of Norway
- 8 Banned in Yugoslavia and Italy as being too radical. Burned by the Nazis because of  
The authors socialist leanings
9. Angered much of America - seen as promoting Communist values
10. Seen by some as a dangerous political commentary
11. Banned for expressing views on euthanasia (California and Kentucky)
- 12 Banned for sexual content.

### Last but not least

- **don't miss the fabulous quilts on show at the moment—as a novice quilter I am in awe of the skill of these amazing fabric artists!**



**Happy reading Everyone**