

# FRIENDS

April 2018



You are invited to

Join us for

**Morning tea in Te Takere**

**Wednesday May 2nd 10.00**

**May is**

**New Zealand Music month**

so we thought we warm you all up  
and get you singing along with the

**Ukuladies of Levin.**

Come along and share some fun and  
start the month of with a song.

You never know—you might be tempt-  
ed to take up playing along yourself!



FRIENDS OF THE HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES SOCIETY

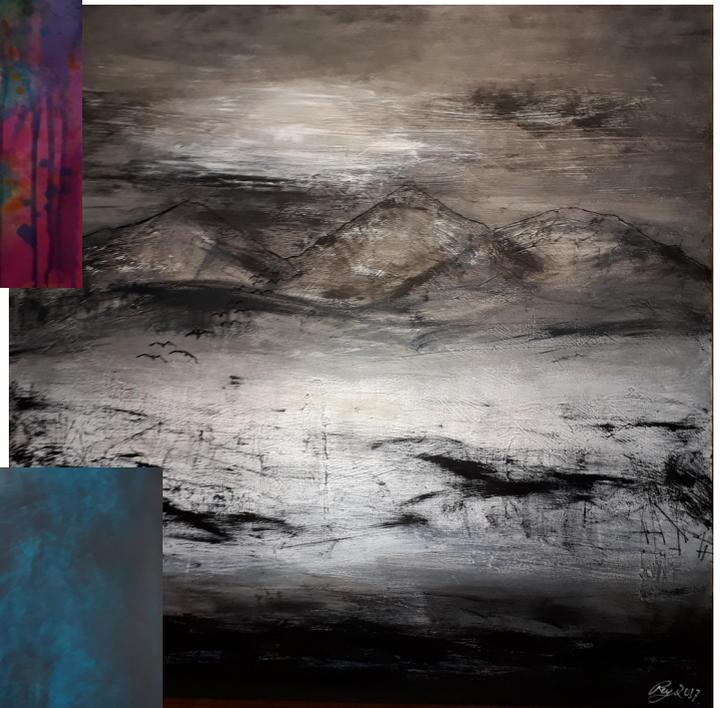
## **.From Mountains to Sea—Art Exhibition by Rae Lamble**

Art has been a hobby and a passion for most of Rae’s life. In the last 15 years she has had the opportunity to explore and produce large acrylic works. Rae loves the process of experimentation and allowing the painting to evolve and take on a life of its own, rather than being constrained by a predetermined plan.

We are very impressed with Rae’s paintings and we are excited to have her exhibit with us for the month. We look forward to being able to share Rae’s fabulous exhibition with the Horowhenua community.



The Reef



The Escape



Avatar

This selection of images do not do her work justice— do take the time to come in and enjoy the skill and exuberant colour of her work.

These works are for sale so maybe you could take some beautiful art home!

## Annual Large Print appeal



The volunteers from Friends of Horowhenua Libraries are once again supporting this initiative, operating our Large Print & Audio Appeal display for 2 weeks, assisting customers who wish to sponsor a book.

Friends of the Library will be donating \$4000.00 of their funds to support this appeal. However we are very aware that Large Print books are some of the most expensive print materials in our libraries as well as being some of the most highly used section of the collection. They cost more than regular books because they are 'built to last'. (A large print book will usually survive more than twice as many readings as a regularly bound book)

***The more money we can raise the better this collection will be***

If you have a Mum in the Horowhenua and she claims to have everything she needs, perhaps consider sponsoring a large print book or audio book in her name for Mother's Day – she will get to read it first, giving her the gift of that new book smell.

Visit our Large Print Appeal stand at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō between 7th-18th May and sponsor a large print or audio book.

## Keeping our Libraries Beautiful



Thanks to the team who came to help tidy and clean in Te Takere this month. We managed to get most of the stock upstairs into order and clean the shelves at the same time. Have you ever noticed how dusty those shelves get?

A little bird tells me that the book vote for 2018 has been increased and the plan is to update the tired non-fiction stock.

We plan to have another working bee on Wednesday May 9th after the school holidays so that when the library staff come to weed out the old stock in preparation for some lovely new non fiction there is plenty of room on the shelves.

If you haven't helped out with a shelf tidy up, and would like to have a go do come and join us. It's always fun working with a friendly team and I personally always find something intriguing to read during the process!

For more information please contact Margaret Clarke on (06)3689881.

## Some exciting Coming Events to mark in your calendar

### Friday concerts

### Affordable internet for families

Spark Jump helps families and whānau get home broadband so children can learn online at home.

It's a low-cost, pre-pay internet service for families with children under 18, with no current broadband connection. No contract or credit check is needed.

They attend a 2-hour workshop and we send them home with a modem and 30GB of data. When this data has run out, or expires in 30 days, they can purchase another 30GB for \$10.

Our first workshop is already fully booked with the next ones filling fast.

Find out more and reserve your seat at <https://steppingup.nz>

### School holiday programme



The poster features a young boy with glasses and a wand, set against a background of bookshelves. The text on the poster includes the 'libraries' logo, '20th Anniversary', 'Harry Potter Holiday Programme', and the text 'Join in with Harry Potter based crafts and activities. No need to register, it's free!'. Below this, it lists the schedule for four libraries: Levin Library (10am-12pm, 16-27 April), Shannon Library (2-3pm, 16-20 April), Foxton Library (10:30-11:30am, 16-20 April), and a Finale event at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po (10am, 27 April).

Library	Time	Dates	Location
Levin Library	10am - 12pm	16 - 27 April	Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po
Shannon Library	2 - 3pm	16 - 20 April	
Foxton Library	10:30 - 11:30am	16 - 20 April	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
Finale	10am	27 April	Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po Open meeting room

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter books and over the holidays we will be running crafts and activities at each of the Horowhenua Libraries based around this theme.

Bring the kids along to make a Harry Potter wand, some delicious lemon sherbet or they may like to create their own book of magic!

There will be a different activity every day - something for everyone. At the finale they will be decorating biscuits, drinking butter beer and watching the Harry Potter movie that started it all.

Dates and times as follows:

**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō:** Both weeks of the holidays, 16th - 27th April. 10am to 12pm.

**Foxton Library:** First week of the holidays, 16th-20th April. 10.30am - 11.30am

**Shannon Library:** First week of the holiday, 16th-20th April. 2pm to 3pm.

*Please note the programme will not be available on the 25th of April, Anzac Day.*

## Preserving History

The Construction of the Mangahau Dam during the decade between 1920—29 was a crucial time in the history of Shannon. To help preserve these memories the Friends of Horowhenua libraries will donate \$2000.00 to assist with the digitization of the Shannon News from 1920—1929 as part of the Papers Past project. In the past we have assisted funding of the digitization of the Levin Chronicle. We have now gone as far as allowed under copyright laws with that paper so now it is the turn of other local papers.



And at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom—a fascinating FREE event

Saturday May 5th 11.00am.

A blue event poster for 'Slavery in America: Past, Present, and Politics' featuring Victoria Gaither. The poster includes a portrait of Victoria Gaither, an African American Broadcast Journalist, and a historical poster titled 'SLAVES TO SELL!' with the text: 'ON SATURDAY, 15TH OF SEPT'R NEXT, A NEGRO MAN, Negro Woman & Child, AND TWO FEMALE CHILDREN.' The event is held at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on Saturday, May 5th at 11am, and is a free event with afternoon tea. There are decorative flourishes on the poster.

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African American  
Broadcast Journalist

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## Kuttner's Choice: great books for great readers

Library volunteer Julia Kuttner has been writing hugely entertaining book reviews for her blog since 2009. Each of the books reviewed in "Kuttner's Choice: great books for great readers" was borrowed from the Libraries Horowhenua collection.

Kuttner's Choice has just been given a spruce up with a new banner, links through to our library catalogue and separate sections for reviews of children's books and young adult books as well as a page showcasing Julia's top reads from each year. You can now subscribe to blog posts and receive a email each time Julia posts a new review.

If you're looking for your next read or one for your child or teen, we recommend checking out Kuttner's Choice:

<https://kuttnerschoice.blogspot.co.nz>.



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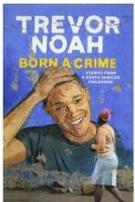
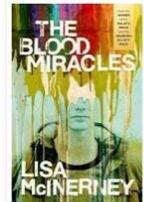
Julia Kuttner's reviews her favourite reads. These books were all borrowed from Libraries Horowhenua.

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Friday, 29 December 2017

**Julia's top twenty books from 2017**

Click the links to read my reviews of the following books:

- [Blue Dog](#), by Louis de Bernieres (January 2017)
- [I am Pilgrim](#), by Terry Hayes (February 2017)
- [A man Called Ove](#), by Frederick Backman (February 2017)
- [The Pigeon Tunnel](#), a memoir by John le Carré (February 2017)

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- Libraries Horowhenua catalogue
- New York Times book reviews
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The Rules of Backyard Cricket, by Jock Serong

Hagseed, by Margaret Atwood

Carry Me, by Peter Behren

Leap of Faith, by Jenny Patric

Moonglow, a memoir by Michael Chabon  
The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas - Young Adults  
Saints for All Occasions, by J. Courtney Sullivan  
Look Who's Back, by Timur Vermes  
Lincoln in the Bardo, by George Saunders  
Among the Living, by Jonathan Rabb

## Stepping Up computer workshops

Tuesday 24 April	3.30-5.00pm	Word processing
Thursday 26 April	10.00-11.00am	Library catalogue
Tuesday 8 May	3.30-5.00pm	Internet
Tuesday 22 May	3.30-5.00pm	Email

Register online at <https://steppingup.nz> or at your local library.

## Concerts

### Sunday Concerts

Bryan Van Vliet, Sunday 29 April, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

## Upcoming trips to Wellington

### Chicago the Musical - Group Trip

Sunday 16th September

Departing Levin at 10am for a 1pm Matinee in Wellington - A Reserve Seating

Small Group Trip - Limited Seats Available

\$175.00 per person

### 30th Anniversary World of Wearable Arts - Group Trip

Sunday 7th October

Departing Levin 11am for a 2pm matinee in Wellington - Premium Show Seating

Limited Seats Available

\$195.00 per person

**Contact Levin i-SITE for more information and bookings 06 366 0848**



## Tinkercad club in Term 2

Do you have young active people to occupy after school?

Here is an option that might appeal to young minds and keep them well and truly engaged.

After a term creating games in Roblox Studio, we are now excited to be launching a brand new after school club.

From Monday 7th May we will be teaching 8-18 year olds how to use Tinkercad, an online 3D design tool, to create 3D objects that can be printed out at the end of term. You can also try out Tinkercad yourself at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com).

If you know a young person who is interested in technology and design register them for Tinkercad club by emailing Joanne Dillon (JD), Learning and Literacy Programmes Librarian [joanned@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:joanned@horowhenua.govt.nz).

Mondays 3.30-5.00pm from Monday 7th May to Monday 2 July

**Free to attend**



We are super excited to have New Zealand's Soul Sister, Hollie Smith to take centre stage with her magical Duo. That's right kiwi music fans, we have Hollie Smith performing with her stripped back duo here in the Horowhenua.

She's described as the reigning queen of Aotearoa soul, an original voice that whispers as well as it soars and that's captivated and overwhelmed thousands.

Friday 18th May 8.00pm—10.00pm.

Get your tickets now from Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō or online

Pre sale \$40.00 Door Sales \$50.00

Contact: [events@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:events@horowhenua.govt.nz) Hollie Smith Sales