

FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES

January 2020



Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful restful festive season and are refreshed and ready to dive into the 2020s

As a grandparent visited by small children over the break I have been so grateful for all of the wonderful facilities available in our region, the Adventure Park, our spectacular beaches, cycle ways and of course Te Tareretanga o Kura Hau Po and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom which have offers great Summer reading programmes to keep the kids busy.

Thankyou to all of our dedicated library staff who have kept the show on the road for the summer



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You are invited to join us for our first

Morning Tea

gathering for 2020 at Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po

Wednesday 4th February at 10 30am.

Guest Speaker: to be advised



**The Annual Summer Book sale is in full swing
January 13th to 24th.**



**There were about 10,000 good quality books for sale when we started last Monday
and they have been going like hot cakes!**



Thanks to the wonderful people who came along to help unpack and sort the books into rough categories so that people would have a chance to find what they were looking for. It's always a challenge to those of us sorting to resist taking home as many books as we have cleared out of our own collections to make some space!



You still have a few days to pop in to stock up with some summer reading.



We didn't have room to open all of the boxes so some new stock is being added daily.

Don't miss out!
Do come and see us.

Library reorganisation

I'm sure by now you will have noticed the beautiful bright new shelves on the right as you enter Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po. These have been sponsored by the Friends of Horowhenua library to enable the creation of a much larger popular fiction collection.



The Te Ao Maori collection has been relocated to the area near the Local History section towards the Eastern wall of the building.

The Young Adult collection has been moved downstairs—near the Information desk at the entrance and closer to the desk which will have two staff on duty at all times.

This means that some of the Non Fiction collection which has previously been downstairs is now upstairs. Remember there is a lift to get you up to the mezzanine floor if your favourite collection has been relocated up there.

If you can't find what you are looking for please ask a staff member and I'm sure they will be happy to help you.



Tea and Tales is story time for adults.

Who doesn't like a good story? **Tea and Tales** is a monthly session where you can come along for a cuppa and listen to some stories

—short stories, excerpts from old favourites, introductions to new stories and authors.



10.30am

Tuesday 11 February Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Thursday 13 February Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po

Come along and join us for some morning tea treats and
Some great stories.

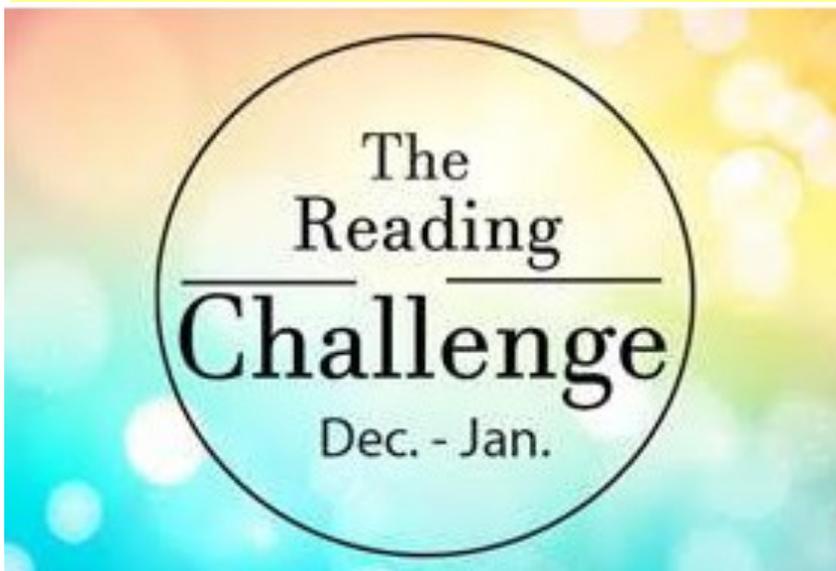
Adult Reading Challenge

Is your reading list getting a bit stale?

1 December 2020 to 1 February 2020

Our library has put together a reading challenge for the summer to guide and inspire your reading choices. Its not too late to take part!

Reading Challenge Bookmarks and activities will be available in your local library from December.



Pick up your entry form at the library and start your summer reading adventure.

Read 6 books over the summer and write a brief (6 to 60 word) review to go in the draw to win a goodie basket, tablet or ereader AND an invitation to an exclusive wine and cheese event in February.

Spice up your current reading schedule or be inspired to read something different!

Check out the **Book Tasting table** for a bit of fun in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po—you never know you might find something you like that you never thought about reading before. “Taste” a new genre, say what you think of the cover, the blurb and the first few pages and go in to the draw to win a \$25.00 credit on your library card.

For any questions please contact Pam Coleman pamelac@horowhenua.govt.nz



Curious about digital devices?

Come along in January for an informal drop in session.

BYO device or use one from the library

Shannon library, Monday 20th Jan 10.30am—12.00 noon

Monday 27th Jan 10.30am—12.00 noon

Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po

Friday 24th Jan 10.30am—12.00 noon

Tuesday 28th Jan 10.30am—12.00 noon

Friday 31st Jan 10.30am—12.00 noon

Its that time again!



We are planning to hold another working bee in Te Takere one the School break is over to help tidy up after the summer holidays/

If you are free on

Wednesday February 12th and would like to help out please call

Margaret Clarke at (06)3689881

Or email her at cmclarke@xtra.co.nz

Have you met Libby?



For a long time we have been able to access free ebooks from our library using the ebook platform linked to our libraries.

Now we have even more choice as Horowhenua libraries have become subscribers to Libby, a free app which is compatible with IOS and Android devices. Libby even has a font designed to make determining letters easier for dyslexic readers. You can change the font and the background colour to suit your preferences which makes reading on an iPad or similar device much more comfortable. I personally prefer a pale sepia toned background screen which is easy on the eyes.

Just download the FREE app onto your iPad and away you go. You should be able to use your current library password but if you have any problems just have a chat with our lovely library staff. They are happy to help.

When I did a quick check today there were over 13,000 available Fiction titles to choose from! And of course there is a huge non fiction collection too.

And did I say there were also Audio books? Great for listening to on a long road trip, lazing at the beach or even while doing the ironing (if you still do!).

**The old library ebook platform still works too—
so we have double the fun!**

We are so lucky to have such forward thinking library staff.

Read to your Baby—or Grandbaby

In an interesting article in the **Dominion Post Education section on Saturday November 23** last year, **Brittany Keogh** reported on work done by researchers at the University of Auckland and the University of Otago who have been analysing data from the long running ***Growing up in New Zealand*** Study of 6000 children.

They found children whose parents had been proactive about reading and counting with them and encouraging them to start writing were better at recognising and forming letters at 4 1/2/yrs old than those whose parents did not read with them.

Dr Kane Meissel said that the findings showed the importance of Parents as first teachers. Children who have been exposed to books and have been read to have a broader view of the world because they learn to think about things outside their home environment.

In a world where children are increasingly using digital devices it is important they read print books which appear to have a positive impact on their learning.

Ministry of Education deputy secretary of early learning and student achievement, Ellen MacGregor-Reid said that the Ministry encouraged whanau to read to tamariki early and often.

If you think reading to your grandbaby could be a chore have a look at the Youtube clip of the Scottish Granny reading the Wonky Donkey.

(Link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yskf94MYM1I>



Its great fun—You can do it too!

Music, Music Music

There is always music in our libraries.

This summer the place to be for the **Holiday Music showcase** is at
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom



16th January Paul Halcombe



23 January Steve Poulton



30 January Rhondda Tyler

JAZZ JAM SESSION



**The popular Jazz Jam sessions
recommence on 16th February 2020 at
Te Takaretanga o Kura hau Po**

Happy Reading Everyone!