# **Friends of Horowhenua Libraries**

## Newsletter July 2020



## Morning Tea in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po

#### Our guest speaker on Wednesday August 5th will be

#### David Harris of

#### **English Language Partners**

Do come along and join us to hear David speak about the wonderful work that English Language partners do to assist new New Zealanders and their families We'd love to see you there,





FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES

## The Annual Winter Book sale was held from Monday July 6th to Friday July 10th



### We Need You

Thank you to all those who supported our recent very successful book sale, either by helping with the sale, donating items, or by buying books.

Aside from fund raising, we also help our very busy and dedicated library staff with a number of other activities.

So please watch out for a request from time to time to help with a working bee, stocktaking or with some other activity. None of these tasks are difficult and there are always committee members or staff on hand to explain what is needed. We work as a team, and as with most things, many hands make light work.

Even if you can only help for a short time, all help is very much appreciated by your committee and the library staff.

Margaret Clarke Chairperson

## July Morning tea entertainment

Many thanks to Alan Smith who entertained everyone at our last morning tea . Alan is truly a local treasure.

It was wonderful to finally be able to get back together with friends and catch up with folk post Lockdown.



#### Thankyou for being a Friend .

We love our Friends but would love to have more! If you know of anyone in our community who would like to be involved in our activities do invite them along to a morning tea meeting (10.30 am, first Wednesday every month at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po).

Spending our funds:

Have you had a look at the makeover of Shannon Library? If you are passing by do drop in to say hello and have a look at the new shelving, fresh paint and comfortable furniture thanks to HDC.

The Friends will be funding new sunscreen roller blinds for the large picture windows on the East window wall of the library. We look forward to seeing them in place.

Another small donation was to the Family History group to assist with the purchase of a scanner which we are told in in much use by the group.

Its great to be able to contribute to our community in this way.



**Matariki** has passed but there is still time to call in to Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po to see the clever artwork that has been created by children from the various child care organisations around our town.









The popular **Tea and Tales** will begin again on Thursday

August 6th at 10.30pm.

Do come along and join the happy group a people who admit that they are never too old to enjoy having a story read to them. And of course to enjoy the morning tea the the library provides.

It's a lovely social occasion and we'd love to see you there.

# Festival of Stories



## something special to look forward to...

The Festival of Stories has been rescheduled for February 2021 and will centre around Library Lovers Day— (Valentines Day ) February 14th What a great initiative this is—and an amazing opportunity to learn new skills and save money! If you've never tried sewing why not give it a go—or encourage your younger family members to try.

# Made to Sew

Next date: Thursday, 23 July 2020 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



An Introduction to Sewing - Everything you need to get started

Come along to the Youth Space to learn new skills and develop the confidence to use our sewing machines for your own, un-tutored projects.

The possibilities of modern sewing are endless. Registrations are essential.

Register at the library or Contact <u>TTyouthspace@horowhenua.govt.nz</u>

All Ages Welcome!

# The current Art Exhibition in Te Takere is a collection of Acrylics by Keith Hastings



"You can let your imagination run wild. It's a chance to start with a blank canvas and just see what happens."

#### -Keith Hastings

From an early age Keith was naturally drawn to art through sketching and drawing. Since retiring, Keith has been able to devote more time to his passion of painting- exploring diverse themes in different styles from scenic landscapes to abstract expressionism using mixed mediums and textures.

In only a very short time, Keith's work has been displayed around the country, including the Alexandra Blossom Festival and the Porirua Exhibition at Pataka Art + Museum. Keith was also awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for his abstract piece *'Green'* at the Wanaka Arts Society Annual Exhibition (2012).

Keith's style is a reflection of the risks he takes as an artist, and highlights his talent to employ form, colour and composition – creating original, bright and engaging narrative works of art. Keith draws on inspiration from NZ artist Alan Waters, a good friend.

Happy Reading everyone!

## Regular happenings



**Toddler time** Stories, songs music and rhymes for caregiver and babies. Mondays 2.00pm to 2.30pm each week Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po



Justice of the Peace Clinic: Tuesdays 11.30am—1.30pm Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po

Quiz nights: Wednesday evenings 7.00pm—9.00pm. Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po

Friday Concerts: Free live music every Friday lunchtime



**Lego fun hour** : Check the tetakere.org.nz website for scheduled times in all three libraries



**Jazz Jam** : Third Sunday every month in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po