

Friends of Horowhenua Libraries

Newsletter January 2021



Join us for **Morning Tea in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po**

at 10.30am on Wednesday 3rd February

Our guest speaker will be

Deborah Campbell

of **Neighbourhood Support**

The purpose Neighbourhood support is to create safer and caring neighbourhoods and communities, reducing the incidences and effects of criminal offending, building community resilience and strengthening community networks to improve the quality of life and enhance wellbeing.



FRIENDS OF HOROWHENUA LIBRARIES

A Friend of the Library?

We need you....

Shelf-tidying Working Bee

A couple of times a year we like to help the hard-working library staff by running a working bee.

Our next one is on **Wednesday 10 February at Te Takere**. We start at 9.00am and finish by 10.30am. This gives us an hour before the library opens and becomes too busy. You are given training if you haven't done this before, but it is not difficult. We dust the shelves, check that the books are in the correct order and pulled to the front of the shelves neatly.

If you would like to help, please phone Margaret Clarke, 368 9881, or you may just turn up at the Bath Street entrance at 9.00am. You need to arrive promptly as someone on the staff needs to let us in.

Tea and Tales

This initiative was started last year, but is being re-launched in February. It is held on the first Thursday of each month starting at 10.30am. The library puts on morning tea and two people entertain those attending my reading tales. The tales could be a short story, an excerpt from a book, an interesting article or, maybe, poetry.

You are welcome to attend as a guest. However, **we are looking for interested people to read**. You would not be doing it on your own, as it works best if there are two to entertain.

If you think this is something you would like to help with, please phone Margaret Clarke, 368 9881

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is being held at **10.30am on Wednesday 17 March**.

It is a few weeks away, but we are looking for new members for the committee.

If you would like to be more involved with the work of the Friends then please give this serious consideration.

To find out more about what is involved please talk to one of our committee members or phone Margaret Clarke, 368 9881.



Tea and Tales will recommence on Thursday February 4th at 10.30am

Who doesn't enjoy listening to a good story? Why not come along and enjoy a relaxing morning, good company and a nice cuppa while you listen.

We'd love to see you there.



The Adult Reading Challenge

will be launched on the week from 8 – 14 February to coincide with

Love Your Library Week.

There will be a **Blind Date with a Book activity; Got caught reading** – with spot prizes on social media and out and about in Levin.

Watch this space for some more info.



What an amazing Booksale!

We hope you found some great summer reading among the thousands of books on offer.

Thankyou for your support.



Thankyou to everyone who helped with the organisation of the sale—the unpacking, setting up, selling and packing up at the end.

There were only a few boxes of unsold books left which is very pleasing.

The final tally of monies raised has not yet been calculated as many transactions were put through the Library efpos system.

We will let you know the final total as soon as we can. Of course the cash will be spent in our libraries on items not generally included in the library day to day budget.



Fresh faces in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po

Libraries Horowhenua have welcomed two specialist librarians to the team for an eighteen month secondment, thanks to Central Government COVID-19 recovery funding.

This investment demonstrates Central government's belief that local libraries and librarians nationwide are at the heart of communities and are crucial with helping to support community recovery and improve reading, digital literacy and learning activity.

Jennifer Walton has been appointed **Services to Older Adults Librarian**. Her role will be to develop programming and services to support the needs of our older adult community.

She is highly regarded within our library team. Jennifer has energy and positivity and her enthusiasm is infectious. She is already planning to get out and about to visit the local Rest Homes and organisations around Horowhenua. Jennifer is keen to address some of the barriers older adults face when accessing our services, including isolation; providing suitable and ongoing new reading material and working with the team to provide suitable digital literacy skills in our community.

Leala Faleseuga has been appointed as our **Digital Inclusion coordinator**. People may remember Leala as being the wonderful face behind the Skinny Jump programme last year and the person who was responsible for ensuring that most children in Shannon were able to go online during the lockdown period and therefore continue their education.

Many aspects of life remain significantly altered and will remain heavily reliant on the Internet for some time to come. Her continued work bridging the digital divide also now encompasses older adults, job seekers, people with disabilities, refugees and migrant communities and those in social housing.

Chinese New Year celebrations

at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po this year will begin from the 16th February culminating on the 27th with a day of celebration including the Dragon Dance

Keep a look out at the library for more information.



The new lounge chairs are now in the reading area between the shelves downstairs in Te Takere.



These chairs have been chosen to suit older people who may have difficulty using furniture without arm rests. We hope you enjoy them.

Regular happenings In Te Takere

Some events have been suspended during School holidays—watch this space for updates

Wednesday Crochet/Knitting circle - 10.00am Wednesday mornings.
Come along and bring your handwork. Enjoy a coffee and chat while you work on your own projects.

Justice of the Peace clinic Tuesdays 11.30am—1.30pm

<https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>



Happy reading everyone!