

Friends of Horowhenua libraries August 2022



Morning tea Wednesday September 7th

We always have a very nice group who join us for morning tea. I have seen on Facebook lately several messages from folk who have recently moved into our district and are wondering how to make contact with new friends here. If you have a new neighbour please let them know about our monthly morning tea meetings or any other library activities that you are aware of. New faces are always welcome.



Our September morning tea speaker is Kim Stewart, Community Development Advisor at Horowhenua District Council. Her role is to work in partnership with Community groups and agencies to improve wellbeing in accordance with identified community needs. Come along and meet Kim and hear about the great work she does for our region

Tea and Tales

Our Tea and tales meetings are always held in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po on the first Thursday each month. I'm sure the regular group who come along would love to see new faces.



If the idea of sharing written words is a bit daunting, maybe you would prefer to just come along to the **“Meet Street”** get together which is held in

Te Takere on Monday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am.

This opportunity for a friendly coffee and chat is open to everyone. There is no need to feel isolated or lonely when we can gather and share a friendly word.

Don't forget the regular **Wednesday night quiz sessions** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Or the **Senior net sessions** where you can get help with your digital devices on Fridays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

If you are a **Digital novice** there is an introductory course starting up on August 29th from 10.00am - 12 noon that might interest you.

Learn new skills and build confidence with computers, devices and the internet, for free!

Libraries Horowhenua, in partnership with [Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa](#) are offering free four part courses to help seniors use digital technology. These courses offer small group hands on learning in a relaxed environment.

The Digital Introductory Pathway is for those who want to know more about *why* to connect to the digital world. For seniors who want to use digital technologies to pursue hobbies, find the right digital device, communicate with family and friends, and become more independent online.



If meeting new people isn't your thing why not spice up your reading with the

Spring Reading Challenge

The first official day of Spring is September 1st and that is when this challenge begins. If you love to read and you love winning prizes then this is the challenge for you. Register online or at your local library to receive a challenge card with this seasons tasks. It's a fun way to stretch your reading range and discover new books, authors and genres. Your taste in books may never be the same!

This challenge is designed for readers 18 and up. Book titles can only be used once per card. Booklet must be submitted by Monday 31 October.

In the Exhibition space

Watch out for the powerful photographic exhibition of images by Eshan Hazaveh which tells refugees stories and experiences about leaving their homelands and moving to Aotearoa through photography.

Ehsan Hazaveh is an independent Iranian photographer based in Wellington, Aotearoa. He graduated with the Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from the University of Tehran in 2015, and has just finished his Pih.D. in Media Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. His personal projects focus on social, environmental, and political themes, and they have appeared in high-profile magazines.

Our libraries are offering you the opportunity to visit two amazing events outside of our region .

WOW - the bus tour organised to the **World of Wearable arts** show is almost full - if you want to join the tour just enquire at the information desk for details.

The second event is a bus trip to the **Crosshills Country Fair**. There are a limited number of places for this trip. I can personally recommend a visit to the fair - music food and a chance to do some Christmas shopping at the wide variety of craft stalls. It's a great day out. <https://www.crosshillsfair.co.nz/> .

Again - enquire at the information desk if you would like to join this trip on Saturday 19th November.

Te Takeretanga O Kura Hau Po will have its 10th anniversary in September. I can't believe the years have rolled by so fast. The main birthday celebration will be on September 29th and everyone is invited.

Birthday cake, music, a free movie screening, activities for children and adults are all being planned. So watch out for more information in the local paper and in the libraries. You won't want to miss out on the fun.

Our Library websites are great sources of information about coming events

For Te Takere go to <https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>

To find out what is going on at Te Awahau Nieuwe Stroom go to <https://www.teawahou.com/Te-Awahou-Nieuwe-Stroom>

If you are a Facebook user you can follow Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po and always be kept up to date with what is coming up in our libraries.

Happy Reading Everyone