

Friends of Horowhenua libraries October 2022



Morning tea Wednesday November 2nd Open Meeting Room from 10.15am

Those of you who came to meet **Kim Stewart, Community Development Advisor** of the Horowhenua District Council would have been surprised to see **Chris Clarke** speaking about **Riding for the disabled** instead. Kim was unfortunately unable to attend our gathering because of a last minute happening so we were very grateful to Chris for stepping in.



NZRDA Riding for the disabled is a fantastic service which helps so many people in our community.

If you are able to contribute to their cause or would like further information about them you could contact Stephen Oatley on 06 368 0324 or 021 058 1094



At our next morning tea on **Wednesday November 2nd** we are looking forward to introducing you to **Samantha (Sam) Tibbs** who is the new librarian in charge of services for Children, and to her hardworking team.

They will tell us of the amazing work they do to encourage and support literacy among our younger library users.



**Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po - Still thriving 10 years on
What a lovely week of celebrations we had**

It was great to see so many of our friends and supporters for afternoon tea on Sept 29th





A great turnout for the shelf tidying bee!

A dozen wonderful souls came along to help with this - we were really pleased to see so many willing helpers. We managed to complete the tidying and dusting of all of the upstairs book stock - it sure needed it. Thank you to everyone who came along. Your help is really appreciated by library staff and by shelving volunteers alike. It makes the job of re shelving returned books so much easier when the books on the shelf are in the correct order.

Helping our libraries to do their job

We have been asked to purchase a new magazine rack for Shannon Library and have agreed to this. Shannon library is being reorganised and a new rack will assist with this. With a new rack the library will have space for a wider range of titles which will be better displayed and more easily accessed. We have previously supplied an identical rack for Foxtton library so we are sure that this will work well in Shannon.

How great to see the library Cafe open again!

Do support the new proprietors by stopping for a coffee next time you are in Te Takeretanga o Kura hau Po - the menu of goodies on offer to go with your coffee looks good too!



What a lovely idea this is!

Our librarians are asking for people to spread some Christmas cheer this holiday season by creating cards to share with our local rest home residents. Drop cards into our Happy Mail boxes stationed at our three libraries for us to deliver in time for Christmas. Watch this space for our 'Crafternoons' coming soon where you can come and craft your cards at the library.

Are you borrowing as many books as you used to?



Library issue stats are telling us that folks nationwide are borrowing fewer books in the last couple of years than in previous times. Our Horowhenua libraries are not immune from this trend. If the borrowing levels continue to decline so will funding and so will the size of our library collections. As someone who reads voraciously I am not happy about this prospect.

Have the lockdowns affected your reading habits? Are you reading more online than in print? Did you know that overdue fees in Horowhenua libraries have been cancelled? Do you have any ideas as to how our libraries can entice people back to print? If you do, we (and the library) would love to hear from you either directly or

There is a Community survey about libraries attached to our Library catalogue where you can have your say.

You will find a link to the survey on the first page of the Horowhenua Libraries catalogue at library.org.nz or you could just click on the link below
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/librariesCoCre8Wellbeing_communities

Happy Reading Everyone