

## Friends of Horowhenua libraries October 2023



### Morning tea Wednesday November 1st 10.30am Te Takeretanga o Kura hau po



Last month we had surprise guests at morning tea. Yes, Pam Coleman came long too, but using her contacts she managed to scoop up for us two unexpected fascinating speakers. Katie and Blair from the Classification Office which is based in Wellington just happened to be in town. It was banned books week, so very timely given the content of their very professional presentation.

Pam kindly gave her speaking spot to them and we were introduced to the world of information classification. Their department, which is independent from government service, is responsible for the classifications given to all published media in New Zealand. Print material from comic books to serious literature, digital media, audio files, in fact, anything that can be published in short, their office which has only 24 staff, is responsible for any published material that you might hear or see.

Pam is coming back to see us for our November morning tea so we will be able to hear about her new role with The Girl Guide association of New Zealand. If you think Girl Guides are a bit 'old hat' these days - think again! According to Pam Guides are alive and well with many exciting happenings still going on,

This will be our last public morning tea for 2023 so please come along and join us. It's a great way to catch up with friends and make new contacts. If you know anyone who would enjoy a morning out along with an interesting guest speaker tell them about us. Or, better still, bring them along with you! We'd love to see you there.

## Shelf-tidying Working Bees

A small group of volunteers are continuing with tidying the Adult Fiction of Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. We are sure users of this section of the library are appreciating the improvements in the order of these shelves. We meet at 8.30am at the Bath Street entrance on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next date will be Wednesday 8th November. Numbers of helpers have dwindled a bit in the last couple of months but we are hoping that with Spring approaching and lighter mornings coming more folk will be willing to come and help. We'd love to have you join us



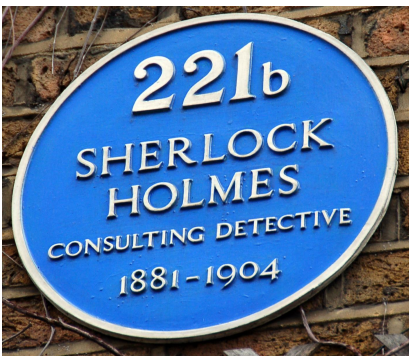
## Tea and Tales

The Friends are always welcome to join Tea and Tales either at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō on the first Thursday of the month, or at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on the last Tuesday of the month.

This is a good opportunity to meet Henry - the new Services to Seniors librarian.

Next meetings :            Foxton Library            Tuesday 31st October  
   Te Takere                    Thursday 2nd November

Both meetings are from 10.30am to 11.30am. Those attending are welcome to bring a tale to share or just to listen.



## A Murder Mystery evening.

**Sadly this event has now been postponed until the Festival of Stories in 2024**

I guess this could give you the time to re read your Arthur Conan Doyle and brush u p your Sherlock Holmes skills. Keep it in mind for next year. I'm sure it will be fun

## Art in the library



Sadly, not a day goes by in the world without a war somewhere. The display in the library at present brings this home only too clearly. Small

boys (and not so small) have played with toy soldiers since time immemorial. The local group Wargaming in Horowhenua is organised by Vince Cholewa. Currently in Te Takeretanga o Kura Hau Po there are some fascinating dioramas put together by the group.

There are wargaming rules covering all periods of history from the beginnings of civilisation to modern times.

Wargaming is a tactical game played on a tabletop. The figures used represent different types of soldiers with different strengths and weaknesses. The aim is to exploit the strengths of your own army against your opponents.

You can follow the Facebook group, Wargaming in Horowhenua or email [toysoldiers111@gmail.com](mailto:toysoldiers111@gmail.com) for more information..

## Friday Concerts

Drop in and enjoy free live music at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō every Friday lunchtime. The Horowhenua boasts a plethora of seasoned musicians with musical stylings across a diverse range of genres.

Pull up a chair for a relaxing hour of live music in the main space, or just listen to the music in the background as you wander through browsing for a good read.



**If your family likes to celebrate Halloween this is for you!**

**Every Halloween, books come alive to haunt the library! Will you make it out alive?**

Behold Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō transformed into a terrifying place of scares, as you enter the realm of horror fiction come to life! Keep your wits about you as you travel through various book worlds, seeing friends become monsters, safe places become perilous dangers, and try to make it out unscathed! Survival not guaranteed!!

Beginning in the Youth Space, courageous participants will be taken through a twisting path by guides that winds through all areas of the library, and (hopefully) end up alive and well at the Main Entrance.

**"Fright Sessions"** start from 6.00pm – for families and younger children

**"Terror Sessions"** start from 8.00pm – for older children (recommended 12+)

Each session runs for approximately 15 minutes and has a maximum limit of 20 participants - session priority will be given to pre-purchased ticketholders.

If the experience becomes too frightening, staff will be available to remove affected participants.

Tickets are available online ( just click the buy tickets link on the library website at <https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities/Haunted-Library> \$5.00 per person or at the door \$8.00 per person.



**Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and renewal of life.**

**Wednesday November 1st. 3.30pm - 5.00pm**

Join us for a vibrant cultural Day of traditional festival activities suitable for the whole family.

**At Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō we will have:**

- Hena.
- Face painting.
- Rangoli rice art.
- Storytime.
- Kids crafts.
- Colouring in.

**At Shannon Library we will have:**

- Storytime.
- Kids crafts.
- Colouring in.

For more event information go to <https://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities>