

Otorohanga Inklings

News from Otorohanga District Library

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Welcome to our first issue of *Otorohanga Inklings*.

Through this monthly newsletter we hope to give you an inkling into what is happening at our Otorohanga and Kawhia libraries.

In future issues we hope to bring you book reviews and information about upcoming events at your library. It is still a 'work in progress', so your input will be appreciated.

July was a busy month in the library, with lots of new fiction, non-fiction and children's books arriving, so be sure to check the 'new books' shelves during your next visit.

Our poetry celebration on July 22 was well attended and we hope some of you took up the challenge to improve your pronunciation and vocabulary during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) July 25-31.

We are looking forward to hosting Rooms 1 and 3 of Otewa School on August 4, during Conservation Week.

It will be great to get to know some of our rural readers, and we hope more schools will visit us here at the library.

Happy reading!

- District Librarian
Sarah Osborne

A taste of poetry



Sylvia Beveridge led Otorohanga's tribute to New Zealand's distinctive poetic voice.

Library hosts poetry circle

Poets and poetry enthusiasts shared their favourite verses at Otorohanga District Library last month.

About 20 people joined guest reader Sylvia Beveridge at the library to celebrate Montana Poetry Day on July 22.

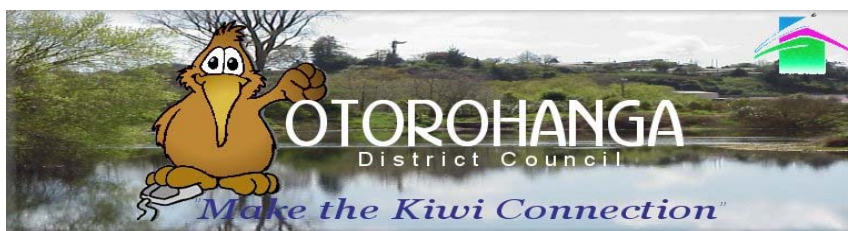
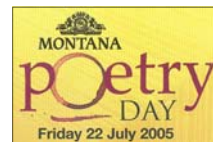
"Poetry touches you in a very special way. The words capture you in a way that other writing does not," said Mrs Beveridge, who read some of her favourite poetry as well

as her own work.

Local poets Zelda Pope and Mataroa Frew were among those who participated in the event, as did Janice Marx whose selection included the work of her son Rohan.

A hidden talent, Council's environmental services manager Julie Meade Rose, read her tribute to the places and characters of Otorohanga.

Given the enthusiastic response we hope to host more poetry gatherings in the future.



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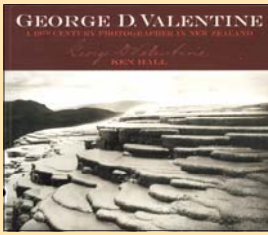
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Off the shelf...



HALL, Ken. *George D. Valentine: A 19th century photographer in New Zealand.*

A very interesting history of early New Zealand with great photographs of the era. This book would

appeal to anyone with an interest in early New Zealand and those with an interest in photography. I was particularly taken by chapter 5, which shows photographs of the Pink and White Terraces before the eruption of Mount Tarawera in 1886. Chapter 7 also gives a graphic description of the eruption and its aftermath – most interesting.

REVIEWER: BRIAN THOMPSON

SWARUP, Vikas. *Q and A.*

“I have been arrested for winning a prize.” These are the words spoken by a penniless waiter from Mumbai. Is he a cheat, or has he gained his knowledge through life experiences? A very enjoyable, easy reading book that can be enjoyed by all.

REVIEWER: MARION LOVERIDGE

Five Minute Reviews...

Read a good book? Why not put pen to paper? We'd love to include your views in our next *Inklings!*

YOUR NAME:

AUTHOR:

TITLE:

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE BOOK?

WHO ELSE MIGHT ENJOY THIS BOOK?

OTHER COMMENTS:

Glowworm book club

Harry is here!

It was great to see so many young readers visiting the library in the holidays.

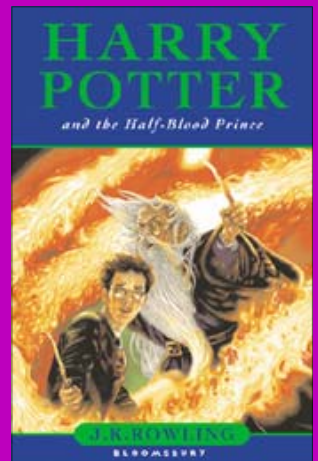
We also had a very special visitor... Harry Potter!

We have three copies of J.K. Rowling's latest book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood*

Prince, available for borrowing.

Two copies are held at Otorohanga and one at Kawhia.

They're already proving very popular, so if you'd like a turn ask your librarian to put a copy on hold for you next time you visit the library.



GLOWWORM Book Club

