

# Otorohanga Inkling S

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## Holiday programme goes

# SKY HIGH!



*The Sharinga – a Japanese paper kite – proved no challenge for Emily*

Otorohanga can now boast more than 70 kite-makers after the library's recent school holiday programme.

Initially proposed for Wednesday, September 28, the activity proved so popular that a second session was offered on October 5 and was also fully booked.

With designs from Charlie Watson of *A Kiwi Kite* in Raglan, Dawn Marsh, Kassie Chisholm and Judith Hall assisted the children, aged between 6 and 12, to make two kites – a Japanese paper kite and a P.C. Sled.

Although the wet weather put a dampener on kite flying, you may have seen colourful kites in the air (and the occasional tree) around the district.

It was great to see so many children take part, with parents, Friends of the Library and Mayor Dale Williams lending a hand. The older children also proved to be great role-models, helping to ensure even the youngest had a successful day – well done, all of you!

## Engaged and informed citizens, building strong communities

This is the vision statement adopted by the authors of a consultation document currently being debated by local authorities throughout New Zealand.

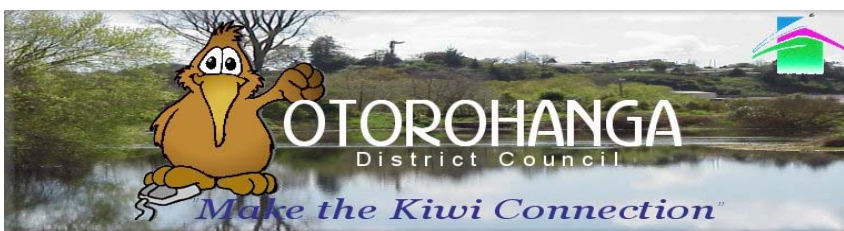
Along with Otorohanga Council members Deborah Pilkington and Elizabeth Cowan, I recently attended a regional meeting in Hamilton to discuss "Public Libraries of

*New Zealand: A Strategic Framework, 2005 to 2015".*

This paper highlights the roles public libraries play in achieving community outcomes, and seeks to develop a commonly-held view of the future of public libraries. The need for public libraries to change to keep up with social trends is stressed by the *Framework*:

*"Public libraries are trusted, respected and valued but they will only prosper in the longer term if they adapt to the changing environment. This includes not only the changing expectations of users and funders, but the challenges of the digital revolution and the information age".*

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# Off the shelf...

## Gannaway, Steven. *Seraphim Blues*.

This book will be enjoyed by anyone with a good sense of humour who's not easily offended. I enjoyed its dark humour and found it very easy to read. The language is straight-forward to follow and the settings and background of the main character are very familiar to me as young(ish) New Zealander.



There is no profanity, gratuitous sex or violence, but it does touch on religion and euthanasia in a way that some may find offensive.

While the book's light tone made it an easy read that certainly didn't diminish from the subject matter – mortality, we are all going to die – what would you do if you found out you only had a short time to live? This is a very good, thought provoking read and all the more recommended because of its local origin.

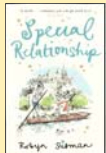
**REVIEWER: Trevor Penwarden**

## KING, Dean. *Skeletons on the Zahara*

This is not a book to "enjoy", rather it is one to learn from. It is the amazing story of human endurance under cruel and inhuman conditions of slavery, where survival was either dependent on the elements or the will of the captors.



**REVIEWER: Dick Holt**



## SISMAN, Robyn. *Special Relationship*

A jolly good read. Light, easy, you almost felt tempted to read the back page... but I didn't!

**REVIEWER: Lorraine Sanson**

# Looking for a new book?

Thank you to those of you who have given us feedback on our *Inklings* newsletter.

Several readers suggested we include a list of our recent acquisitions in the newsletter ~ unfortunately if we did that, we wouldn't have room for much else!

However, it's a great idea,

so we are now putting out monthly lists of our latest purchases. These

will be available in the library and from our

[http://www.otodc.govt.nz/Community/Library/](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/Community/Library/LibraryLatest.htm)

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Thanks for the suggestion!

# Glowworm book club

Check out some of our master kite-makers!



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