

# Otorohanga Inkling S

News from Otorohanga District Library

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## Proposal for a Greater Waikato Regional Libraries' consortium

Representatives of nine libraries from the Greater Waikato region have been meeting since April of this year to discuss ways in which a regional library service might be developed.

A precedent for regional cooperation amongst New Zealand public libraries has been set by the five libraries of the greater Auckland region, which have formed a consortium known as eLGAR.

A draft position paper has been prepared by the Waikato group, and this is currently being considered by the chief executives of the councils involved.

Some of the goals for the proposed consortium would be:

- 📖 To offer customers a wider selection of resources;
- 📖 To develop web-based services and make a greater selection of information available to all;
- 📖 To create a common catalogue;
- 📖 To combine purchasing power to create cost efficiencies and value for money for councils.

– District Librarian  
Sarah Osborne

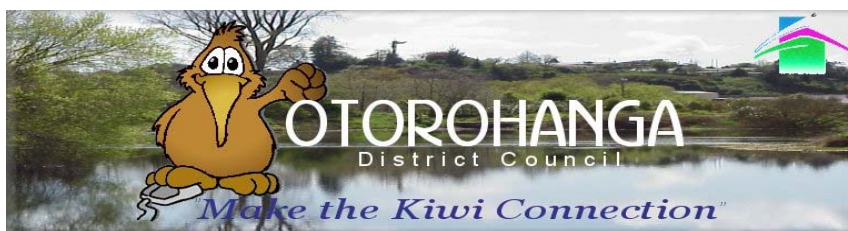
## Time for toddlers



On Tuesday 1 November, we were pleased to welcome to the Otorohanga Library a group of children and caregivers from the Otorohanga Parents' Centre. The centre has been in operation for 18 years and currently offers toddler time sessions on alternate Tuesday mornings.

Each toddler time session has a different theme with stories and a craft relating to this. Co-ordinator Gaylene Cumpstone explains:

“Books should play a prominent part in every child's life from babyhood, so we encourage parents to bring along their infants no matter how young”.



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### OTOROHANGA LIBRARY

#### Hours:

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Saturday 10am-12:30pm  
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# Off the shelf...

**MUKHERJEE, Bharati. Jasmine.**

*This was a very emotionally honest book. I thoroughly enjoyed the creative and poetic use of the English language to convey thoughts and ideas from a different culture and different language.*

*The story challenges our system of morals and beliefs. It is life affirming in the most challenging circumstances.*

**REVIEWER: Katrin Woermer**



**HINDMARSH, Gerard. Angelina: From Stromboli to D'Urville Island – a family story.**

*A tale of the fortitude of this young woman who married a man she had seen only once, and travelled across the world to live in an isolated part of New Zealand.*

*It told of much hardship and grief, but the friendship between Angelina and a Maori prince on the island saved her sanity.*

*This book would appeal to those interested in early New Zealand history. I was very interested in the Maori folklore, agriculture and natural rhythm of seasonal activities – it showed their immense knowledge.*

**REVIEWER: Chrystal Fry**

**COLFER, Eoin. The Supernaturalists.**

*I liked the way that the characters were believable and unbelievable at the same time. People who like fantasy and action stories would enjoy this book.*

**REVIEWER: Tom Streafer (12)**

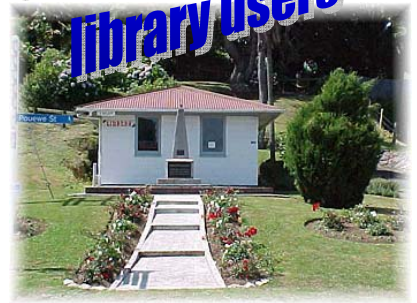


**BURNETT, Frances Hodgson. A little princess.**

*I liked the main character because she is nice to everyone. I think it is good that the story seemed really real and I think other people my age would like it.*

**REVIEWER: Alice Burton (7)**

## Calling our Kawhia library users



During December and January, Otorohanga District Council will be conducting a survey of Kawhia ratepayers and residents to gather information on the level of community satisfaction with the library service at Kawhia. Questionnaires will be sent out with rates notices, and additional copies will be made available for local residents who are renting. Respondents will be asked for their opinion of the library's opening hours, book collection, staffing and premises and will be invited to make further comments, if they so wish. A report of the findings will be presented to the Kawhia Community Board, and will help with planning for future library services at Kawhia.

# Glowworm book club

## How many sleeps until Christmas?

You're probably too busy thinking about homework to start thinking about Christmas yet, but here at the library we are already getting ready for our summer

holiday reading programme. We'll be taking bookings from December 5, so don't miss out! We're also going to have a Christmas Crafts session on December 22.



## Reading is Fantastic

