

# Otorohanga Inkling S

News from Otorohanga District Library

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## Otorohanga children have the Write Stuff!

It was Joy Cowley's night on 17 May, winning the New Zealand Post Book of the Year, and Best Junior Fiction category, with her novel *Hunter*.

One day that award might go to one of the Otorohanga District's budding young writers, who came together for a creative writing workshop with author Alison Robertson at the library last month.

Other category winners in the awards were: Brigid Lowry's *With Lots of Love from Georgia*; Ben Brown's *A Booming in the Night*; Leon Davidson's *Scarecrow Army: The Anzacs at Gallipoli*; and Phil Smith's *The Unknown Zone*. The children's choice award went to Jennifer Beck for *Nobody's Dog*.



Fifty Otorohanga children put pens to paper under the guidance of children's writer Alison Robertson last month.



## New charges for library users from outside Otorohanga

Otorohanga District Council resolved to add a non-resident membership fee to the Schedule of Library Fees & Charges at its meeting on 2 May.

The new charge will take effect from 1 July 2006.

What this means is that current, and prospective, Otorohanga Library members who reside outside the district, or who are not

district ratepayers, will pay an annual fee of \$60 to use our library services.

Most other libraries in the greater Waikato region levy their non-resident members a similar charge; for example, Waipa District Council charges Otorohanga ratepayers \$60 per year to use the libraries at Te Awamutu and Cambridge. Those who may be affected

by this new charge are encouraged to discuss their status with library staff prior to joining the library, or when their membership becomes due for renewal.

The non-resident membership fee may be waived where evidence of a local address (such as a business address) can be provided.

– District Librarian  
Sarah Osborne



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### OTOROHANGA LIBRARY

#### Hours:

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Friday 9am-5:30pm  
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# Off the shelf...

## **SHELDON, Sidney. *The other side of me.***

*They say truth is stranger than fiction and with this autobiography by renowned author Sidney Sheldon that couldn't be more true.*

*From his first brush with suicide as a 17-year-old delivery boy, young Sidney Schechtel battled the bi-polar disorder (manic depression) that would plague his adult life as Sidney Sheldon.*

*As he developed as a composer, Broadway script-writer, US Army Air Corps pilot, Hollywood screen writer, director and finally author, Sheldon continued to experience emotional highs and lows, which did not necessarily follow the highs and lows of his career.*

*This book provides a fascinating insight into the frailty that often comes with great talent, and will be enjoyed by both biography readers and those who are familiar with Sheldon's novels, including *Tell me your dreams*, *Best laid plans*, and *Nothing lasts forever*.*

**REVIEWER: Fiona Shewan**



## **DELAMAIN, Brenda. *Lizzie, love.***

*This book is the story of a 12-year-old handicapped girl with eight brothers and sisters. It is more of an adult book, best suited to serious readers and those who like a sad story. I found it very interesting, so if you are looking for a good book to settle down with this could be the one for you.*

**REVIEWER: Emily Higginson (11)**

# Thanks Ruth



**A small, but enthusiastic, bunch of toddlers joined retired teacher Ruth Short for a story session at the library on 17 May.**

**The children were treated to a selection of stories by New Zealand Post Book Awards nominees and popular New Zealand writers.**

## **EPIC launch!**

**Tuesday, 13 June**

**10.30am**

**Library Meeting Room**



# Glowworm book club

## Balloon magic is coming to Otorohanga!

STOP! Before you plan your next holidays, make sure you're in town for a magical treat at the library in July.

Illusionist Alista Fow from The Magic Company will be visiting the library on Tuesday, 4 July and Friday, 7 July to share his balloon sculpting secrets... poodles and so much more!

We'll be taking booking for this great holiday programme from 22 June, numbers are limited, so don't miss out!

