

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY?

2024 ADULT WINTER LIBRARY CHALLENGE FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE 18 PLUS

Winter is coming, with shorter days and longer nights. It's the perfect time to curl up with a good book and check out other cool library resources we have on offer.

There are nine activities you can complete. Each one you complete puts you into that weeks' draw to win a coffee voucher and a \$20 grocery voucher.

If you complete seven of the nine activities by 28th July, you go into the draw to win our Grand Prize of a winter pamper hamper valued at over \$300!

Sign up at Ōtorohanga or Kāwhia library now. It's free and fun! You can also sign up using our online reading app Beanstack [otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://www.beanstack.org/reader365)

SAVE THE DATE - 2024 SCHOOL AGED WINTER READING PROGRAMME

The title of this year's winter reading programme for 2024 is "The Sky's the Limit" and it is running from 8 July and finishes on 16 August. It is suitable for school aged children aged 6 to 13 years old. Keep an eye on our library Facebook page for more details coming soon www.facebook.com/otolib

ANZAC DAY

During the recent school holidays, we offered local children the opportunity to try a range of crafts. Children made gift boxes, hung mobiles and created an ANZAC story board.



PRŌTOTYPE MAKERSPACE

Always wanting to bring your creations to life, but don't have the resources to do it?

Want to learn new skills and build your knowledge but not sure where to start?

Ōtorohanga District Library have launched our Prŏtotype makerspace, and this may be just what you need to kickstart your learning journey.

What's a Makerspace?

It's a space and resources where people can take part in self-paced learning activities.

We provide the space, free internet and some equipment to get you started.

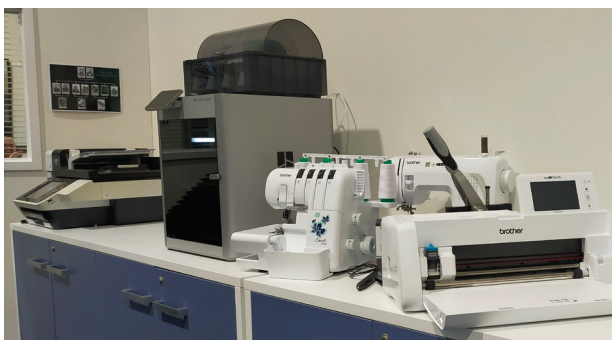
We will even point you to some options of free online software that you can use to learn and create.

Makerspaces are designed to provide a self-learning experience. A space where you can learn and support others in their learning journey.

Whether it's using Canva, Tinkercad, Thingiverse or any other free online platform, there are many places where you can self-learn at your own pace.

When it comes time to turn your ideas into a physical reality, Prŏtotype will have some equipment to help you with that. Our suite of resources includes:

- Sewing Machine
- Overlocker
- Brother Scan n Cut (like a Cricut)
- Badge maker
- 3D pens
- 3D printer



The library also has a printer/photocopier and scanner.

The equipment is free to use. Some of the items have a small fee just so we can cover the costs, such as the 3D printer and the badge maker.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Tuesday 4 June 4pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 6 June 4pm
Risk and Assurance Committee	Wednesday 12 June 10 am
Ōtorohanga District Council	Tuesday 25 June 10 am

DOG REGISTRATIONS

It's time to register your best friend!

How much are the fees?

- Urban dogs - \$162 per dog
- Urban dogs neutered - \$127 per dog
- Urban dogs special owner scheme - \$127 per dog
- Urban dogs neutered and special owner scheme - \$70 per dog
- Rural dogs special owner scheme - \$70 per dog

If you don't register your dog, you will incur a late registration fee and may also be issued with an infringement notice, a fine of \$300 and disqualification from the special owner scheme.

Talk to us if you're having difficulty paying - phone us on 07 873 4000 or email info@otodc.govt.nz.

When do fees need to be paid?

Fees are payable from 1 July and must be paid by 1 August 2024.

How do I pay?

You can pay at the council office or by visiting our website

www.otodc.govt.nz



YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS RATES REBATE!

We had 213 approved Department of Internal Affairs Rates Rebate applications for the 2022/2023 rating year, totalling \$129,000! You may also qualify - check out this website www.govt.nz/browse/housing-and-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-a-rates-rebate/what-is-a-rates-rebate/ or call our friendly Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000 to discuss.

"We are committed to supporting our community, and that's why we took the initiative in February 2024 to reach out to ratepayers who had not applied for a Rates Rebate in the past two years" states Mayor Max Baxter

"We also have a successful community outreach programme called Pop-Up Council. This initiative was started by our Customer Experience team and sees council staff go out to different parts of our community each month to make council services more accessible for our district. A big part of this work is ensuring our communities know about Rates Rebates and how to apply for one."

ONLINE RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

You can find out about the rates on your property by using our Rates Information Database (RID).

You can search this database by using the property address or by using the first six digits of your assessment number (found at the top of your rates notice). Just head to the Rates Search function on our website - www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/properties-and-rates/rates-search or scan the QR code below.

This information is also available for viewing, during opening hours, at our council office - 17 Maniapoto, Ōtorohanga.

There is some information that Council is prohibited from showing, such as the owner of the property and rates owing. If you are the owner, or other authorised person, you can obtain this information by calling our Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000.

