

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: District Librarian
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SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

The poor weather during December made this a very busy time for the Libraries. Although the Libraries were open for 24 days in both December 2003 and December 2004, the number of open days in January 2005 was only 22 compared to 25 in January 2004. This may account for the lower transaction figures for January 2005. Issues per day at around 2,400 and daily door counts averaging about 1,200 were similar for this month in both years.

The number of renewals made by customers using the Library website has been steadily increasing since this service was made available in August 2004. Altogether 1,698 borrowers now have a PIN number which give them access to their own Library records and enables them to carry out transactions such as renewals for themselves.

ISSUES TO BORROWERS (includes renewals)

	November 2003	November 2004	December 2003	December 2004	January 2004	January 2005
District Library	26843	27513	31285	32218	34027	30623
Motueka	12637	13779	13549	14788	15037	13374
Murchison	919	973	862	1063	1158	1057
Takaka	8137	8294	9169	9964	10363	9098
Webpage	3	352	1	407	2	534
Total	48539	50911	54866	58440	60587	54686

DOOR COUNTS

	November 2003	November 2004	December 2003	December 2004	January 2004	January 2005
District Library	13189	13347	14493	15121	15786	14157
Motueka	6762	7266	7048	7572	8188	7171
Takaka	6002	5507	7405	7535	8513	6825
Total	25953	26120	28946	30228	32487	28153

RESERVATIONS

Statistics for reservations placed are not available at this time as a result of a fault in the reporting function of the Spydus computer system. Civica has been asked to correct the fault.

INFORMATION SERVICE

Requests for assistance in finding information:

	November 2003	November 2004	December 2003	December 2004	January 2004	January 2005
District Library	590	577	538	484	616	526
Motueka	298	246	252	299	296	276
Murchison	103	126	78	102	71	75
Takaka	184	237	222	225	226	207
Total	1165	1186	1090	1110	1209	1084

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Tasman District Libraries ran a summer reading program again this year for children aged 5 to 12 years. The theme was Books Ahoy! – Tihē Pukapuka! The reputation of the program has clearly grown as a result of its past success and the available places were heavily oversubscribed and quickly filled. 425 children were enrolled in total, while almost 100 children on the waiting lists could not be accommodated. 367 children completed the program which finished on 28 January. This is an 86% success rate. The target was 80%. Children from 23 schools in the Tasman District and from three schools outside the District participated in the program. Only eight schools in the District were unrepresented. Each child was required to make a commitment to read each day

and to report in at a Library at least four times over the holidays. There they discussed with a librarian the books they were reading and received advice about other books they might enjoy. Evaluation reports received so far from the parent's of participants are very positive. More details of these reports and other aspects of the program will be included in the next report to the Committee. There will then have been sufficient to time to analyse them.

A number of story time sessions were also held at all libraries in the District over this three month period.

ACTIVITIES

Successful book sales were held in Richmond (to coincide with Market Day 30 December 2004) and from 10-15 January in Motueka. In Takaka extensive weeding of the non-fiction collection also had the side effect of increased takings from the sale of deleted books.

Friends of the Takaka Library held a successful evening meeting featuring author Gerard Hindmarsh.

Heather Lamond attended a meeting of the Uruwhenua Women's Institute to speak to an enthusiastic and interested audience about the Library.

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Janne Falkner attended a te Pumaomao training course at the te Awhina Marae. She and Heather Lamond both attended the Ford Advanced Driver training course.

Deana Blick is no longer able to do the Murchison children's story time sessions and Leanne Ealam has taken these over from her.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Work on planning a new Library building for Takaka has started.

Preparations for upgrading the Library's Spydus software to version 6.5.3 are well in hand.

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