

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: District Librarian
REFERENCE: L407
DATE: 17 March 2005
SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

ISSUES TO BORROWERS

	February 2004	February 2005
District Library	27,735	27,700
Motueka	12,638	13,669
Murchison	894	829
Takaka	8,201	7,932
Web	0	488
Total	49,468	50,618

DOOR COUNTS

	February 2004	February 2005
District Library	13,223	13,678
Motueka	6,991	7,292
Takaka	6,291	5,791
Total	26,505	26,761

RESERVATIONS

	February 2004	February 2005
District Library	653	666
Motueka	272	271
Murchison	16	24
Takaka	273	252
Total	1,214	1,213

INFORMATION SERVICE

Information queries:

	February 2004	February 2005
District Library	634	676
Motueka	308	270
Murchison	74	75
Takaka	190	233
Total	1,206	1,254

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

An important activity for the children's service once schools opened was visits by library staff to present medals and certificates to those children who successfully completed the Books Ahoy Summer Reading Programme.

Class visits have also started again.

ACTIVITIES

The New Zealand Book Council has sponsored a tour of the country by six New Zealand authors. The authors spoke at a meeting arranged by the library in Takaka, where more than 100 people gathered for the occasion in the Rose Garden and at a meeting arranged by the Friends of the Tasman District Libraries in Richmond where over 80 people packed the meeting room of the District Library. The authors were very well received and the two occasions provided the libraries with a festive end to the summer season.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The upper level and former Wrightson's bulk store area of the District Library building has been occupied by Council staff displaced by building operations at the Council main building.

The Libraries successfully and smoothly upgraded to version 6.5.3 of the Spydus computer system which went live on 9 March.

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