

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: District Librarian

REFERENCE: L407

DATE: 5 May 2005

SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

ISSUES TO BORROWERS

	March 2004	March 2005
District Library	32,058	31,381
Motueka	14,767	15,050
Murchison	1,072	953
Takaka	8,881	8,807
Web	0	673
Total	56,778	56,864

DOOR COUNTS

	March 2004	March 2005
District Library	15,560	14,811
Motueka	7,654	7,902
Takaka	6,974	5,761
Total	30,188	28,474

RESERVATIONS

	March 2004	March 2005
District Library	716	828
Motueka	307	372
Murchison	82	91
Takaka	274	289
Total	1,379	1,580

INFORMATION SERVICE

Information queries:

	March 2004	March 2005
District Library	733	696
Motueka	303	330
Murchison	102	92
Takaka	202	224
Total	1,340	1,342

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The final presentations of medals and certificates to those children who successfully completed the Books Ahoy Summer Reading Programme were made in this month.

School class visits took place in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka and story time sessions for pre-schoolers were held in all the libraries.

An additional sponsorship of \$1,400.00 for the Books for Babies program was obtained from the Rotary Club of Richmond.

ACTIVITIES

The Library hosted the annual meeting of the South Island Library Managers. The meeting was opened by the Mayor. The meeting was successful both as regards organisation and the content of the discussions.

The Friends of the Tasman District Libraries hosted a meeting in the District Library at which new author Maggie Rainey-Smith spoke about her book "About turns". About 40 members of the public attended.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The ceiling and part of the south interior wall of the Motueka Library were painted over the Easter Weekend.

Brian Paterson
District Librarian