

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: District Librarian
REFERENCE: L407
DATE: 8 August 2007
SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

ISSUES:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
District Library	362,086	349,829	351,259
Motueka Library	172,504	175,355	172,156
Murchison Library	10,396	9,267	8,477
Takaka Library	104,473	95,957	95,820
Website	4,702	9,811	13,842
TOTAL	654,161	640,219	641,554

DOOR COUNT STATISTICS:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
District Library	174,632	171,673	169,181
Motueka Library	90,724	91,955	89,020
Takaka Library	73,022	70,542	67,523
TOTAL	338,378	334,170	325,724

STATISTICS FOR VALUE ADDED SERVICES:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Reservations	18,406	21,185	23,433
Reference queries	15,531	14,790	15,463
Inter-Library loans	908	1,022	1,009

	March	April	May	June
Story time sessions	4	17	5	12
Story time attendance	22	231	46	178
School class visits	35	1	31	18
Class visit attendance	NA	NA	609	454
Housebound visits	34	41	20	36
Housebound issues	109	136	173	140
Website visits	8,206	7,695	7,494	8,916
On-line database searches	NA	NA	985	474

Website visits 27 July 2006 to 24 July 2007: 88,539

Active Membership (July 2007): 23,159

New Members (2006-2007): 2,852

Beneath the relatively stable total issues statistics there are some interesting trends. Most categories of material show both upward and downward variations over the three year period but several of the major categories show consistent trends over that time. Moving steadily upward are adult fiction and books for young adults. Moving down is adult non-fiction. The most consistently stable category is children's picture books:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Adult fiction	177,129	180,625	181,948
Adult non-fiction	136,143	128,336	126,193
Young Adult books	28,697	28,743	32,234
Children's picture books	100,358	100,151	100,268

We have started to collect and report statistics representing a wider range of the services provided by the libraries. In time these will create a more comprehensive picture of the impact of the libraries in the community.

The increasing use made of the Library website facilities is reflected in the rapid increase in on-line renewals from 4,702 in 2004-2005 to 13,842 in 2006-2007. About one third of Library notices to customers are now delivered by email instead of through the postal system.

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