

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** District Librarian  
**REFERENCE:** L407  
**DATE:** 19 September 2007  
**SUBJECT:** District Librarian's Report

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## ISSUES:

	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>July 2007</b>	<b>August 2006</b>	<b>August 2007</b>
District Library	30,849	29,691	30,054	29,284
Motueka Library	15,541	15,011	15,099	14,609
Murchison Library	738	857	624	949
Takaka Library	8,035	8,168	7,932	7,741
Website	1,128	1,345	1,150	1,425
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,291</b>	<b>55,072</b>	<b>54,859</b>	<b>54,008</b>

## DOOR COUNT STATISTICS:

	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>July 2007</b>	<b>August 2006</b>	<b>August 2007</b>
District Library	15,319	28,493	14,697	14,562
Motueka Library	7,985	8,311	7,942	7,552
Takaka Library	5,708	5,290	5,429	4,868
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,012</b>	<b>28,493</b>	<b>28,068</b>	<b>26,982</b>

## STATISTICS FOR VALUE ADDED SERVICES:

	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>July 2007</b>	<b>August 2006</b>	<b>August 2007</b>
Reservations	1,993	2,103	1,930	2,208
Reference queries	1,428	1,309	1,338	1,212
Inter-Library loans	98	89	103	100

	<b>July 2007</b>	<b>August 2007</b>
Story time sessions	21	12
Story time attendance	806	103
School class visits	36	34
Class visit attendance	389	898
Housebound visits	50	34
Housebound issues	183	119
Website visits	10,481	9,964
On-line database searches	1,545	794
Active Membership	23,159	23,076
New Members	275	209

Two sessions for the public with authors were held in this time – Heather Hapeta, travel writer from Christchurch and Gerard Hindmarsh, well-known local author from Golden Bay.

Meetings were held with colleagues from neighbouring public library authorities. The Top of the South group (Nelson, Marlborough, Kaikoura, Hurunui and Waimakariri) met and agreed to continue to work together on their joint collection of talking books. Waimakariri have taken responsibility for making applications for funding for this project in this year. Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough also met with the West Coast District libraries – Buller, Grey and Westland. At both meetings the principle item for discussion was the proposed “One Voice” organisation which is intended to represent all public libraries in New Zealand. This proposal arose from the February public libraries summit and was strongly recommended by national bodies such as Local Government New Zealand. Library managers from all of New Zealand met in Rotorua before the LIANZA Conference on 9 September to endorse the concept of an Association of Public Library Managers. Feedback from regional meetings was incorporated in a proposed constitution and structure discussed at this meeting.

Staff members have been busy in this time with the revision of job descriptions for the Council-wide job resizing project and with the annual performance review process.

I have resigned as District Librarian with effect from 31 December 2007. The process of recruiting a suitable replacement is well underway in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Brian Paterson  
District Librarian