

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: District Librarian
REFERENCE: L407
DATE: 20 March 2008
SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

TAKAKA LIBRARY

Takaka Library is close to being finished. The carpets have been installed, painting is done, and the workmen are almost finished with the inside. The issues desks were installed on 10 March. There is still work to be completed on the exterior of the building as well as the landscaping. The car park work is underway.

The current library will cease operations on 29 March and service will commence in the new building from 8 April.

During the 10 days that the library is closed, all the books and other material will be removed from the current library as well as the shelves which will be dismantled and shifted into the new library.

We have now received \$12,500 from Canterbury Community Trust for the furniture for the new building and orders are in for furniture for the work room and public areas.

We will have an official opening only once the entire building and landscaping is finished and all the interior furniture and fittings are in place probably towards the end of May – or even June.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Planning has begun on the redevelopment of the Richmond Library. We have been looking at New Zealand standards for public libraries and have been discussing work flows, functional relationships; trends and developments in library use which will all affect the design of the library; as well as population projections for Richmond as well as Tasman District.

Some of the trends in library use include increased space for public computer use, much more space for public seating, reading, gathering; community meeting space, digital content creation facilities.

Population trends indicated in the projections from Statistics New Zealand indicate continued steady growth in the Richmond area over the next 10 years. We know that the young adult population is on the rise, as is the number of young children. By planning for these populations and other trends, we can make the library into a community destination – a heart of the community providing safe, inviting spaces for information and leisure pursuits.

We have received \$1000 from the Friends of the Library which will be used to fund shelving for the new DVD collection which is due to be launched at the end of the year.

DISTRICT LIBRARIES

We have applied to become part of the Aotearoa People's Network. If we are successful, we will receive a number of computers for public access to the internet for all of our libraries.

The goal of the People's network is: "To provide free access to computers, training and broadband internet access in public libraries".

This clearly fits into our plans to increase access to internet and other digital technology via the public library. 35 public libraries in NZ received networked computers in the last round and we are hoping to be included in this round.

LIBRARY STATISTICS – FEBRUARY

Visitors to the libraries

	February 2008	January 2008
Total	24,097	28,982
Richmond	11,932	15,584
Motueka	6,903	8,442
Takaka	5,262	4956

Visits to the library website

February	5400
January	7334
December	6528

Transactions via website

February	1022
January	1505
December	995

New Library Members

February	January
239	266

Value Added Services

	February 2008	January 2008
Interlibrary Loans	Supplied to TDC borrowers 82	70
	Supplied to other NZ libraries 23	27
Reference Queries	Takaka 195	190
	Murchison 110	127
	Motueka 389	312
	Richmond 595	634
Housebound Motueka	24	38
Housebound Richmond	6	14
<u>Children's Services</u>		February 2008
Visits to schools Richmond		<u>5</u>
Visits to schools Motueka		8
Story times/class visits Richmond		3
Story times/class visits Motueka		2
Visits to schools Murchison		1
Class visits Murchison		2

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