

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Libraries Manager
REFERENCE: L407
DATE: 10 September, 2008
SUBJECT: Libraries Manager's Report

LIBRARY NEWS

Year End Figures

<p>The number of people entering the library buildings. Foot traffic was down by 0.3% from previous year</p>	<p>The number of people entering library buildings during the 2007/2008 year were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="781 982 1380 1066"> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>Richmond</td> <td>Motueka</td> <td>Takaka</td> </tr> <tr> <td>324,543</td> <td>168,182</td> <td>89,545</td> <td>66,816</td> </tr> </table>	Total	Richmond	Motueka	Takaka	324,543	168,182	89,545	66,816
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<p>Use of the Web site Transactions via the internet are up 7.5% from previous year</p>	<p>The number of times our website was accessed was: 86,338 Transactions via the website: 14,888</p>								
<p>The number of items borrowed Issues were down by 1% from previous year</p>	<p>Items borrowed at TDC Libraries during the 2007/2008 year amounted to : 634,802</p>								
<p>The size of collections</p>	<p>The Council's library collection at 30 June 2008 amounted to : 126,393</p>								
<p>The use made of value-added services such as the reference service, reservations and inter library services Reserves were up 4% over previous year.</p>	<p>Value-added services :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="781 1470 1380 1631"> <tr> <td>reserves</td> <td>Reference queries</td> <td>Interlibrary loans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24,487</td> <td>15,057</td> <td>1,655</td> </tr> </table>	reserves	Reference queries	Interlibrary loans	24,487	15,057	1,655		
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Richmond

August was a busy month in Richmond Library with Library week featuring our Mayor Richard Kempthorne reading to local children for the nationwide story time

and visiting speakers. We've also had a surge in new memberships. Even accounting for the 174 new members from Nelson we have had a significant increase in the number of new borrowers from our own district.

Takaka

Takaka Library celebrated library week with something scheduled most days – free internet access, storytime with a theme of “What’s your story”, Wacky Wednesday in costume and continued with the “Big Read” which was very successful. We also had a lunchtime speaker on Friday and a book launch on Saturday. Both events were well patronized and the public feedback was excellent.

Issues continue to grow; they are up on June'08 and up 16.2% on July last year. The door count for July is up 8.2% on the previous year.

Meeting Room - eight community groups met this month. The meeting room is becoming popular for monthly meetings.

German Books – Toni Bischoff has donated a large number of German books. We have selected those suitable for our use. The next step is to set up parameters for a German Collection with the Technical Services team and then set them on their journey to the shelf (Tish Potter - Takaka librarian).

Murchison

Pedometers are now available for Murchison borrowers. 14 have been requested for participants in the Spring Strut Stride challenge. Sonya Leusink took a style workshop for in the library - thoroughly enjoyed by all. Yoga classes have started in the library on Thursday afternoon/evenings with 8-10 participants. (Janne Falkner – Murchison Librarian)

STAFFING CHANGES

Louise Gribbon has been promoted to Assistant Librarian – Information Services based in Richmond.

Doris Sadlowski has moved into a fulltime position with children’s responsibility at Takaka Library.

We have employed two new staff – John Heighes (part time library assistant Takaka) and Sophus Glasgow (full time library assistant in Richmond).

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Library Week:

NZ's Biggest Storytime: Wednesday 20 August

Guest reader: Mayor Kempthorne

Plus Waverley Street Kindergarten and Richmond Montessori (approx 50 children plus 12 adults.

Also Junior Lucky Draw – winners from Takaka & Richmond Libraries.

Richmond had 198 junior entries.

We also contributed a selection of children's books to Ecofest 15-18/8

(Lucy Brunwin- Children's Librarian)

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Visitors to the library

	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008
Total	24,649	30,431	26,553
Richmond	12,613	15,222	13,380
Motueka	7,111	9,152	7,895
Takaka	4,925	6,057	5,278

Value added services

	June 2008	July 2008	August 2008
Reference Queries	1190	1394	1133
Interlibrary loans	96	120	71

Visits to the Library Website

June	7293
July	6464
August	5277

Transactions via website

July	1176
August	1346

Website Database Searches

July	705
August	764

New Library Members

June	114
July	160
August	358

Housebound

	Visits	Customers	Issues
Richmond	16	11	78
Motueka	29	16	101

School & Preschool Visits Out

	School	Preschool
Richmond		5
Motueka	1	4
Takaka		1

School & Preschool Visits at Library

	School	Preschool
Richmond	6	1
Motueka	2	
Takaka		3

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2008/rcs080917_report_libraries_manager.doc