

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Libraries Manager
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SUBJECT: Libraries Manager's Report

AOTEAROA PEOPLE'S NETWORK

Thank you to those councillors who called in to their local libraries to check out the APN computers. If you haven't yet had a look, please do feel welcome to call in at your convenience to work on the computers or just for a look. Library staff are available to help if you are interested. Laptop users can connect freely to the WiFi in the libraries as well.

TRENDS

Across the district - Issues for Q1 2008 are up over Q1 2007.

First quarter of this year saw a 16.5% rise in transactions at Takaka over the same quarter last year and a 10.6% rise over same period last year for Motueka. These increases are likely to be resultant from the new library building and the refurbishment at Motueka.

VALUE ADDED SERVICES

Reference

October – 1226 reference queries were answered across the district with Richmond seeing a 7% increase for the month.

Inter Library Loans

TDC Libraries borrowed **72** items from other libraries in NZ for our customers and lent 19 of our items out.

Housebound services

October - Motueka - 27 visits to 15 customers

Richmond - 17 visits to 10 customers

Takaka - housebound service has just been set up with 4 people signed up so far

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME - SUPER HEROES READ

Lucy Brunwin has organised this hugely successful programme for the upcoming summer holidays and we will have:

- 200 places for Richmond
- 100 for Motueka
- 80 for Takaka
- 20 for Murchison

SERVICE TO CHILDREN

Story times, Tiny Tots, Hands on sessions, active movement, visits from preschools, and primary schools as well as outreach visits to schools and preschools take place all over the district with hundreds of children participating each month.

TAKAKA

Book Launch – on Saturday 22 November at 11.00 am Helen McKinley is releasing “Grandma’s Kiwi Xmas”. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite festive costume. Helen McKinley used to live in Golden Bay and launched her first book at the old library.

Takaka Memorial Library - won the public architecture category and the Resene Colour award in the Nelson/Marlborough architectural Awards.

REGIONAL/ NATIONAL

- I’ve recently met with colleagues from Marlborough, Nelson, Buller, Grey and Westland to discuss regional issues and explore potential areas of collaboration.
- Plans for New Zealand wide consortium for Library Management software are progressing – led by National library but indications are that it will not be viable for several years.

- Nationally there are several other collaborative ventures, eg: for digital audio books, etc that we are investigating in order to deliver more for our customers.
- The Prow website: This local history project which TDC libraries has been a part of for the past several years will be launched in February 2009 at celebrations in Nelson. Our information services librarian Cathy Vaughan has been part of this project from inception and continues to work with colleagues at Nelson library getting the work done so that it is ready for launch.

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