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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 19 April 2012  
**Report Author:** Libraries Manager  
**Subject:** Libraries Report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities of Tasman District Libraries.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

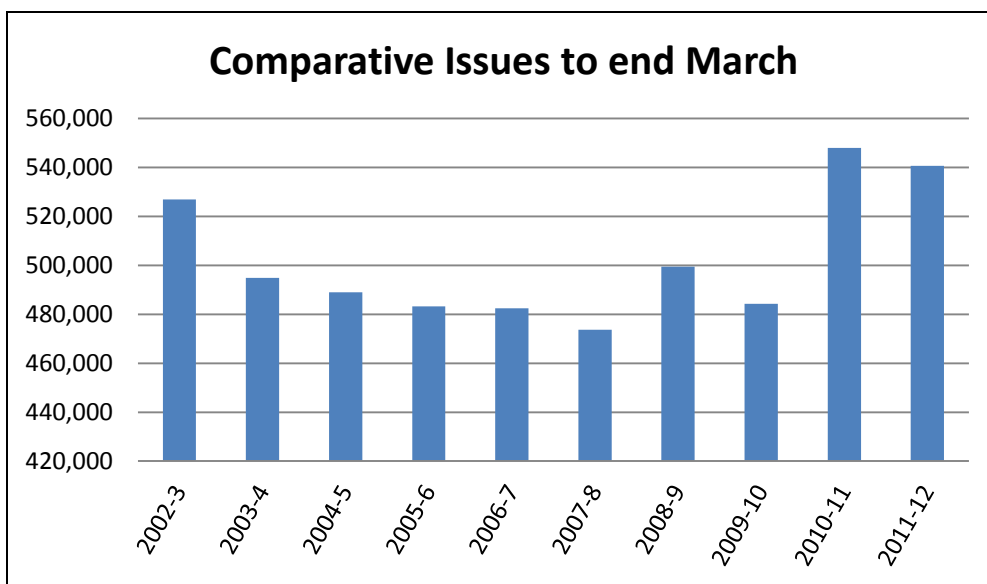
**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Libraries Report RCS12-04-04.**

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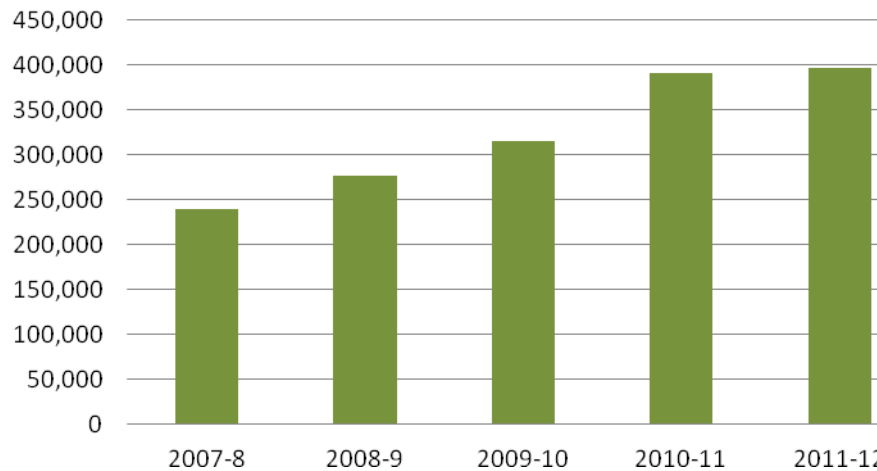
## 1. STATISTICAL TRENDS

- 1.1 Items issued in February and March totalled 112,895, a decrease of 5,997 or 5% compared to the same months in 2011. All branches experienced a decrease in issues compared with last year; Richmond's issues were 6% lower, Motueka's were 3% lower and Takaka's were 7% lower. Total issues for the year to date are 1.3% lower than last year and 12% higher than 2009-10. The following chart shows that despite the recent decrease in issues the total for the year to date compares favourably with previous years.



- 1.2 Visitor numbers for February and March totalled 96,329, a small increase of 0.7 % compared to the same months in 2011. All branches experienced a modest increase in the number of visitors compared with the same months last year with Motueka's increase the highest at 2.4%. Total visitor numbers for the year to date are 1.4% higher than for last year and 26% higher than for 2009-10.

### Total Library Visits to end March



- 1.3 During February and March 610 new member registrations were processed, 78 fewer than the same period last year. The count of active members was restarted on 24 November when our new computer system went live. Since that date 14,878 individual library members have borrowed items from our libraries.
- 1.4 A core function of the library is assisting users with their information needs. Requests for information are varied and range from requests for reading recommendations to assistance with in-depth local history research. In addition staff are often called on for technical help including assistance with using eBook readers and providing instruction for those new to using computers and online resources. During February and March we recorded 3,342 information queries, this was an increase of 21.5% compared to 2011.

## 2. KŌTUI CONSORTIUM

- 2.1 In March Waimakariri, Wanganui and Palmerston North libraries joined the Kōtui consortium. This brings the number of libraries in the consortium to eight with another five planning to join in the 2012-13 year. The Kōtui database now contains 1.3 million items and 295,000 borrowers.
- 2.2 Governance of the consortium has now passed from the National Library to a governance group comprising representatives from the National Library, Aotearoa People's Network (APNK), the Association of Public Library Managers (APLM) and managers of consortium libraries. In addition, an advisory group has been established with membership drawn from consortium libraries. The purpose of the advisory group is to provide direction and priorities for development of Kōtui services. Ruth Lawley, Tasman's Collections Librarian, is a member of the advisory group.

- 2.3 As one of the first libraries to join the consortium we have been asked by a number of prospective consortium members for advice on migrating to Kōtui. We have hosted visits from staff of other libraries and have shared our experiences and offered advice to a number of libraries.
- 2.4 Recently key staff from Tasman and Nelson Libraries met to discuss shared services. As members of the Kōtui consortium we now share the same Library Management System. This opens up a number of possibilities for sharing of resources and we will be investigating and pursuing these over coming months.

### **3. LIBRARY WEBSITE**

- 3.1 An update of the Library's website has been planned for some time, with preparatory work having begun in 2011. For the past few months library staff have been working on the project along with staff from the Information Services department.
- 3.2 The new website will have a fresh look more in keeping with the Council and Library branding. A number of features have been put in place to better promote our library services and collections as well as allow library users to conduct more of their business with us on-line. The website will continue to develop; our ultimate aim is for it to become our "fifth branch" where library users can access almost all of the services we offer in our physical branches.
- 3.3 We expect to launch the new website by the end of May.

### **4. READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 Three primary schools in the Motueka area have been invited to participate in a Ministry of Education national rollout of Jeanne Biddulph's Reading Together Programme. The programme aims to help parents support their children's reading at home.
- 4.2 The programme involves a partnership between the school, school families and public library. The programme consists of four workshops, with the final workshop being held at the public library. The workshop is an opportunity for the library to talk about collections, resources, programmes, membership etc.
- 4.3 Participation by the three local schools has not been confirmed at this time. All are interested, but it is a matter of them being able to commit the necessary resources to implement the programme effectively.

## 5. LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

### 5.1 Highlights for March included:

- Card making course for adults at Motueka Library. This was run in response to requests from the public following last year's very successful card making workshops for children during the school holidays.
- Murchison Library hosted a Sustainability workshop.
- Guest presenter Susan Dodd from Christchurch City Libraries ran Storytime presentations at Motueka, Richmond and Takaka libraries. All were very successful; Takaka's session was particularly well attended with an audience of 60 children.
- Nelson Genealogy Society held their monthly meeting at the Richmond Library. Attended by around 35 members the meeting included a lesson on using the new library catalogue and an introduction to the Research room, Tasman Kete and the Imaginarium. Of particular interest to the group were the Imaginarium's facilities for scanning and restoring old photos.
- Laura Close, Richmond Library's Young Adult Services Assistant Librarian, spoke on Fresh FM's Tasman District Council radio slot. Laura took the opportunity to highlight the April school holiday programme, promote the Young Adult collections and the Imaginarium.
- Richmond Bridge Club held live bridge sessions in the Richmond Library every day for a week as part promotion for their group.
- Nelson Bays Primary Health Organisation set up a green prescription display at the Richmond Library accompanied by a display of related health and exercise books. The display attracted a great deal of interest from visitors to the library.

### 5.2 Upcoming events:

- Sign Language Taster workshop at Takaka Library.
- "Ladies Night" at Motueka Library.
- "Hands on" workshop sessions during the school holidays including: collage poetry; percussion and drums; card making and a New Zealand Red Cross Save-a-Mate (SAM) harm minimisation workshop.

- New Zealand Post Book Awards activities including: The Illuminated Pyjama Party at Motueka; a scavenger hunt at Richmond and “The Big Read” at each of our libraries.

<b>6. RECOMMENDATION/S</b>
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6.1 That the report be received.

<b>7. DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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