

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: District Librarian

REFERENCE: L407

DATE: 16 June 2005

SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

ISSUES TO BORROWERS

	April 2004	April 2005	May 2004	May 2005
District Library	31942	31333	30796	30145
Motueka	14462	15002	13974	14822
Murchison	990	882	1049	752
Takaka	9057	8796	8891	8578
Web	0	461	0	560
Total	56451	56474	54710	54857

DOOR COUNTS

	April 2004	April 2005	May 2004	May 2005
District Library	15177	15553	14564	14979
Motueka	7686	7709	7741	7955
Takaka	6864	6403	6459	5879
Total	29727	29665	28764	28813

RESERVATIONS

	April 2004	April 2005	May 2004	May 2005
District Library	639	810	661	862
Motueka	288	370	344	375
Murchison	57	64	46	86
Takaka	222	324	339	349
Total	1206	1568	1390	1672

INFORMATION SERVICE

Information queries:

	April 2004	April 2005	May 2004	May 2005
District Library	592	738	766	801
Motueka	295	336	291	287
Murchison	87	109	99	96
Takaka	217	289	235	230
Total	1191	1472	1391	1414

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

School class visits took place in a wide range of schools and story time sessions were held in all the libraries. A calendar of events for the year was produced to help both children and parents to keep track of the programs on offer in the Libraries.

Preparations for the Odyssey reading program for teenagers are well in hand and some sponsorship for incentives was finally obtained from the Nelson Reading Association.

A graphic novel collection for young adults was introduced at all libraries in the District.

ACTIVITIES

The Friends of the Tasman District Libraries hosted a successful fundraiser by selling tickets for a film premiere of Ladies in Lavender at the State Cinema in Nelson.

Preparations were completed for focus groups to be held in each of the branch centres. A wide range of people from the community is scheduled to attend and will discuss questions relating to the libraries' current services and future direction as well as comment on requirements for the library building projects planned in Takaka and Richmond.

STAFF

Mandy Chignell, Motueka Children's Library Assistant, resigned from her position on 14 April. Sue Hovenden has increased her working hours creating a combined part-time position of Library Assistant/Children's Library Assistant.

Heather Lamond, Takaka Branch Librarian, finished work on 15 April. We were very sorry to lose her very capable services in this important role. Barbara Jardine has been acting as branch librarian while a replacement is recruited. Glennis Coote has returned from retirement yet again to assist with the resultant staff shortage in Richmond.

A number of staff attended a training seminar on Customer Service presented in Nelson on behalf of Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough public library services.

Angela Holland and Helen Taylor attended a workshop on MARC cataloguing in Christchurch. We have only been able to catalogue using MARC standards since converting to the Spydus computer system in 2003 and this was the first training opportunity to present itself for our staff to learn some of the fundamentals about these standards.

Tasman District Library hosted the annual LIANZA Aoraki Branch Weekend School. Librarians attended from as far away as Greymouth and Christchurch as well as from our District, Nelson and Marlborough. Cathy Vaughan convened the organising committee.

The District Librarian attended the North Island Library Managers' Meeting in Wanganui, as one of two representatives of the South Island Library managers. This was arranged as part of an initiative to improve communication between public library managers in New Zealand as a whole. There is currently no organisation which represents all public library authorities in New Zealand nor do these library managers have national forum.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2005/rcs050616_report_district_librarian.doc