

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** District Librarian  
**REFERENCE:** L407  
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**SUBJECT:** District Librarian's Report

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## ISSUES TO BORROWERS (includes renewals)

For the first six months of this financial year issue statistics trended downwards, the exceptions being Motueka with an overall increase in issues of 1.7% and the categories of fiction and children's picture books, also both up. Use of the website for renewals also increased.

	July – December 2004	July – December 2005
District Library	180840	172897
Motueka Library	85876	87363
Murchison Library	5240	4576
Takaka Library	53325	48310
WWW	1384	4335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>326665</b>	<b>317481</b>

## DOOR COUNTS

The fine holiday weather was no doubt a factor in the drop in foot traffic this summer.

	July – December 2004	July – December 2005
District Library	86944	85516
Motueka	45259	45555
Takaka	36543	34335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168746</b>	<b>165406</b>

## RESERVATIONS

Comparative figures for 2004 are not available as a result of a computer software failure.

	<b>July – December 2005</b>
District Library	5300
Motueka	2523
Murchison	383
Takaka	1968
<b>Total</b>	<b>10174</b>

## INFORMATION SERVICE

Requests for assistance in finding information:

	<b>July – December 2004</b>	<b>July – December 2005</b>
District Library	3864	3770
Motueka	1623	1659
Murchison	564	550
Takaka	1512	1040
<b>Total</b>	<b>7563</b>	<b>7019</b>

## CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The focus of the children's service over the holidays has been the summer reading programme – Reading is Fantastic. As always there was tremendous interest in the programme from the young people in the District and for the first time all places in Richmond were taken on the first day of registrations. Preliminary reports indicate a high completion rate and written feedback received so far has been very positive. The next edition of this report will contain more detail about this year's programme.

## ACTIVITIES

Library book sales were held in Motueka, Richmond and Takaka which raised nearly \$2,500.00 in total. Motueka took the prize with sales of more than \$1,200.00.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Brian Paterson and Jay Robinson met with the architects for the new Takaka Library building along with Lloyd Kennedy and Jim Frater to discuss the brief and to view the existing library and the site for the new building.

Brian Paterson  
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