

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: District Librarian
REFERENCE: L407
DATE: 29 April 2008
SUBJECT: District Librarian's Report

LIBRARY NEWS

Takaka library was reopened in its new premises as planned on 8 April.

As at this writing, the number of people through the doors is up substantially on the same time last year and also on typical numbers previous to the move. The month of March saw 5000 visitors to the Takaka Library whilst there have already been 4080 visitors in the first two weeks in the new building. Clearly we will need to monitor this over time. The staff at Takaka report uniformly positive feedback from the public visiting the building.

The official opening will take place on 12 May and we anticipate that all remaining work will be finished by then. The Mayor will unveil the plaque at 3.30 pm and there will be other events organised by the Takaka Library team throughout the day.

The \$12,500 which we received from the Canterbury Community Trust has been used to buy the couches, chairs, tables in the library as well as some shelving supplies for the children's area and furniture for the workroom.

I will be going to Tauranga as one of two South Island delegates to the North Island Library Managers Meeting (sponsored).

In June, Tasman are hosting the Library Association regional one day professional development workshops here in Richmond.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES- MARCH

Richmond	8 visits to schools, 6 visits from schools
Motueka	6 visits to schools, 3 visits from schools
Takaka	5 visits from schools
Murchison	11 visits from schools

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Visitors to the library

	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008
Total	32,675	24,097	24,717
Richmond	16,483	11,932	12,541
Motueka	8,442	6,903	7,137
Takaka	7,750	5,262	5,039

Transactions via the website

Month	Number
March	1272
February	1022
January	1505

Value added services

	March 2008	
Reference Queries	1243	
Interlibrary loans	69 borrowed/26 lent	
Housebound visits	Richmond	12
	Motueka	31

Visits to the Library Website

December	6528
January	7334
February	5400
March	8734

New Library Members

March	221
February	188
January	212

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District Librarian

http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_committee/reports/2008/rcs080508_report_district_librarian.doc

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