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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 31 May 2012  
**Report Author:** Glennis Coote, 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

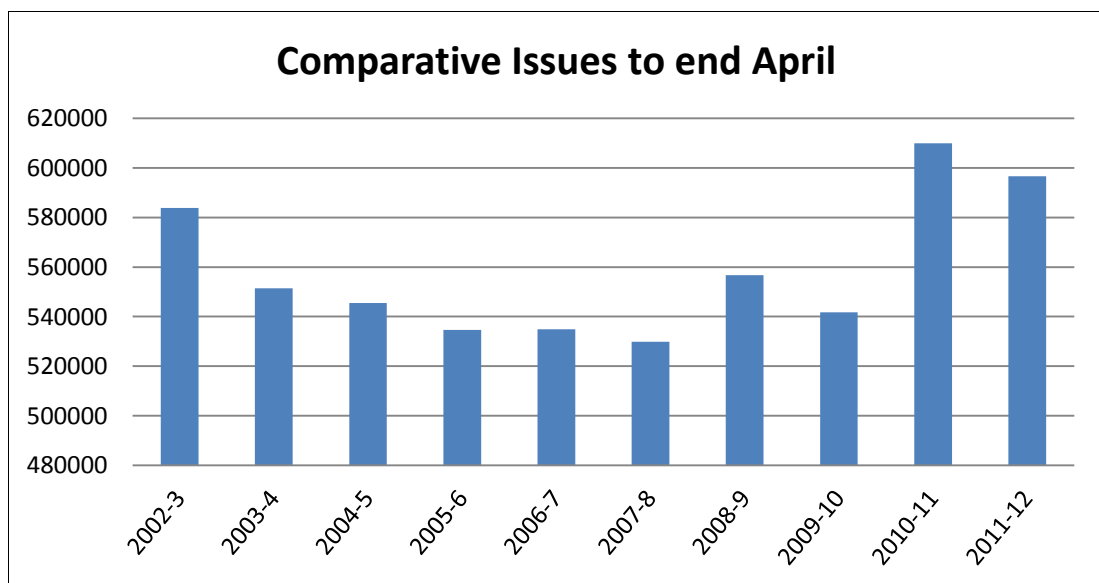
**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Libraries Report RCS12-05-09.**

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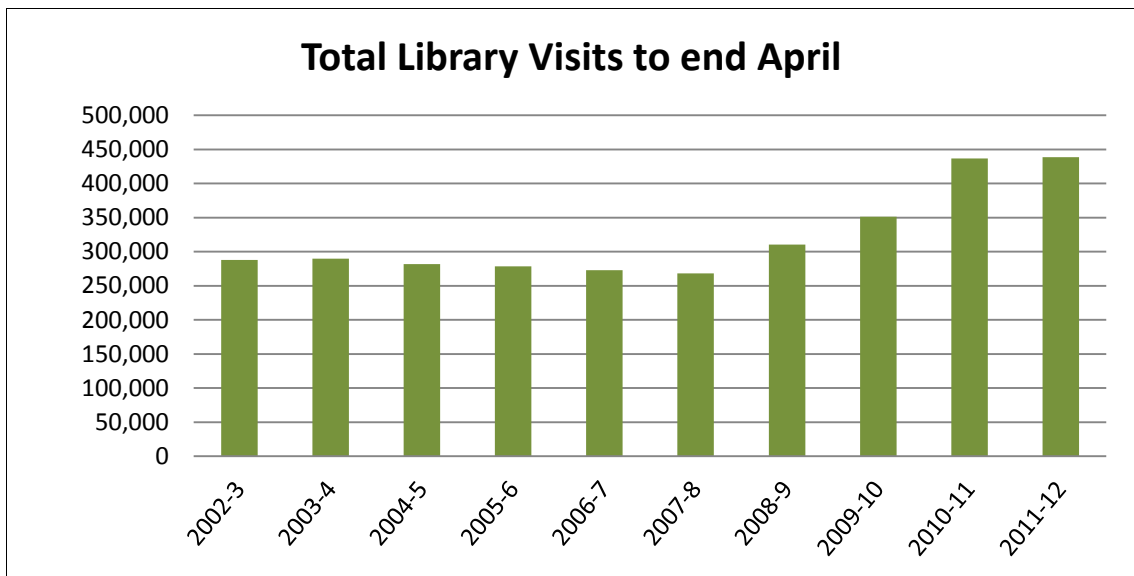
## 1. STATISTICAL TRENDS

- 1.1 Items issued in April totalled 56,097, a decrease of 5,711 items or 9% compared to April 2011. All branches experienced a decrease in issues compared with last year. Lower issue levels can be explained in part by all libraries being closed for three days for the Easter and Anzac Day public holidays. The average number of issues per day for April was 2,550 compared to 2,575 in April 2011. Total issues for the year to date are 2.2% lower than last year and 10% higher than 2009-10.

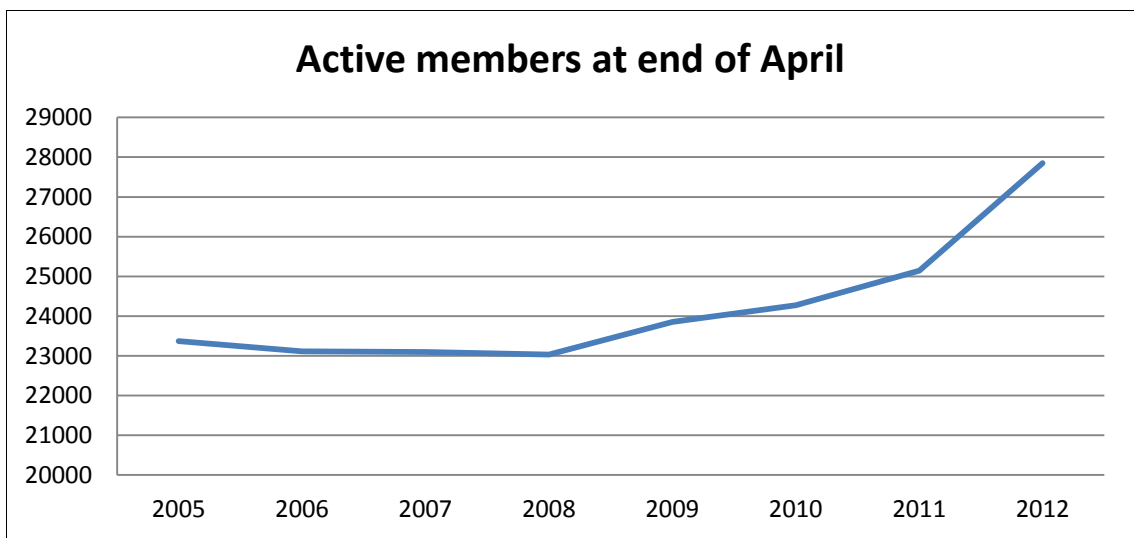


- 1.2 Visitor numbers for April totalled 42,060, a decrease of 7.3% compared to 2011 with all branches experiencing a decrease in the number of visitors compared to last year. The average number of visitors per day was 1,912 compared to 1,890 in April 2011. The Tuesday following the Easter break is typically a busy time for the libraries and this year was no exception; a total of 2,954 visits were recorded on that day across our libraries. Total visitor

numbers for the year to date are 0.5% higher than for 2010-11 and 25% higher than for 2009-10.



- 1.3 During April 258 new member registrations were processed, 31 fewer than in April 2011. At the end of April the number of active members who had used their library card within the last two years was 27,850.



## 2. NEW ZEALAND POST CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL

- 2.1 The 16<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the best New Zealand Children’s Books took place in May. Responsibility for organising events in the Tasman/Nelson area is shared between Tasman and Nelson Libraries and local booksellers each year. This year the regional festival was co-ordinated by Tasman District

Libraries' Children's and Young Adults Librarian with assistance from Motueka and Nelson Library staff. They were tasked to create an event or events to highlight the 20 shortlisted children's books and funding was provided by New Zealand Post.

- 2.2 Our highlight event was held on Friday evening, 11 May with an "Illuminated Pyjama Party" for families in the newly renovated Motueka Town Hall. The event was attended by 120 children and 72 adults. The party provided an opportunity for children to dress up and be involved in action songs, story readings or art activities. Entertainers included: the Motueka South Kapa Haka group; Levity Beet, a professional children's entertainer from Golden Bay and The Groovy Chickens, a student group from Motueka High School. Refreshments were sold by the local Steiner School, and TakeNote Motueka had a bookstall, making for an inclusive and wide ranging mix of the local community. Library staff received a lot of positive comments and thanks with one father telling staff "that was the best night out we've had in ages!"
- 2.3 Motueka Library ran a "Catch the Cat" competition where images from the picture book "The Cat's Pyjamas" by Catherine Foreman were displayed in selected shops on High Street, Motueka for children to spot. The competition, for children under eight years old, attracted a very good response with 96 entries received. TakeNote Motueka provided book vouchers as part of the prize package and New Zealand children's books were provided by publishers. Several shop owners commented that it was great to see the children visiting their premises.

### **3. USE OF RICHMOND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

- 3.1 Use of Richmond Library's meeting rooms continues to increase; in April there were 55 bookings for use of the library's meeting rooms compared to 21 bookings in April 2011. During April approximately 300 people used the meeting rooms and total number of users for the year to date is approximately 2,400. The meeting rooms are used for a variety of purposes from Pilates classes to computer user group meetings to coaching and mentoring sessions to job interviews.
- 3.2 During April the main use of the Imaginarium was for scanning and digitising of photos, slides and historical documents. The recording suite remains popular for music production and editing by individuals and groups. Council's Community Recreation Officer, Paul McConachie, is currently running a Job Track training course using the Imaginarium. Using the facilities trainees are able to create and record their own music, produce artwork to accompany their music CDs and produce promotional videos.

## **4. LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

### 4.1 Highlights for April and May included:

- School holiday storytime sessions were run at each library branch. As usual there was enthusiastic participation from all attending. Total attendance was 230 children, plus caregivers.
- Family history courses at Richmond Library. These courses introduce participants to family history research and use of the library's genealogy databases.
- Nelson Medieval group display of banners and replica medieval items at Richmond Library.
- "Dress your scooter" display at Richmond Library, organised by Tasman District Council and ACC.
- Motueka Teen Book group held a lively meeting at Motueka Library in April with 21 teams in attendance.
- Tasman District Libraries shared a stall with Nelson Public Libraries at the Age2Be Expo at the Headingly Centre.
- Takaka Library's U-Read challenge for teen readers began in May.
- Lunchtime concerts at Takaka Library in support of New Zealand Music Month featured local musicians Catherine Sangster, Charlotte Squire and Mohua Sun.

### 4.2 Upcoming events:

- A new course will be run at the Richmond Library; "Homework Help for Parents" will show parents how our online databases can be used to help with their children's homework.
- Tasman District Library Book Quiz for year 5 and 6 students will be held across the district in mid-June.
- Writer's workshops at Richmond Library in June. These will be presented by the 2012 Top of the South Writers in Residence, Gavin Bishop and Jill Marshall.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION/S**

### 5.1 That the report be received.

<b>6. DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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