7. CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES REPORT FOR 2001

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The purpose of this report is to table the annual report on the activities and achievements of Christchurch City Libraries for children in the city. The full report has been separately circulated and should be read in conjunction with this report. The highlights from the year are:

- A record number of immediate enrolments resulting from the Books for Babies pack - a total of 653, which is 45% more than in 2000.
- A 14.5% increase in enrolments from the Pre-school Outreach Project.
- Development of 'Lapsit' or under-2s programmes at Centre for the Child and at some community libraries.
- High level of positive teacher feedback to class visit programmes.
- 'Schoolz Out' programme, a partnership with the Pacific Island Executive Council to provide homework support to Pacific Island children – delivered from the Central City Library.
- Development of electronic resources ranging from local history fact sheets to New Zealand children's author interviews.
- Overseas visitors from Singapore, Australia and England, to look at services, programmes and resources.
- Strong programme of visiting writers and associated writing and literature programmes, including co-ordination of the Nestle Write Around New Zealand national writing competition.
- Well-attended events and holiday activities, including the "Piratical Rumbustification" for Channel Two Kidsfest, and the "Story Tram" during the New Zealand Post Children's Book Festival, and Books and Beyond Festival.
- Participation in the GlobalNet Summit.
- Preparation of a Children's Services Development Plan.

Christchurch City Libraries continues to be recognised as a leader in the development of innovative programmes for the encouragement of reading and information literacy.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the Committee extend its congratulations to the staff who provide these excellent services.