

## 1. CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS' SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2000

The Committee received the Annual Report and assessment of the past calendar year's outputs for children and young adults.

More than 70,000 children and young adults visited a library, or were visited for an organised activity during the year. Of these, nearly 19,000 participated in the pre-school outreach project.

On-going activities included class visits, outreach, holiday programmes and participation in local and national events. New events during 2000 included Parenting Week and Children's Day, both of which were actively supported by the library.

The tenth anniversary of the library's "Books for Babies" programme was also celebrated during the year 2000. This milestone was marked by a celebratory party and the launch of a suite of web pages. The event received national media coverage. Since the inception of the programme, 50,000 books for babies packs have been delivered and 3,700 babies have been enrolled as library members as a direct and identifiable result of receiving a pack.

In comparison with previous years, issues of children's and young adults' material remained stable, showing a small overall increase.

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