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The purpose of this report is to brief the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board on the services provided from Hornby Library, and the highlights of the 1998/99 year.

Hornby Library provides resources and services to meet the recreation and information needs of our community in a friendly and welcoming environment.

The library is open for 45.5 hours a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am to 5.30pm; Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am to 8.00pm; and Saturday 9.00am to 12.00pm. The staffing level is equivalent to 5.17 FTE.

Hornby Library's issue figures have steadily continued to grow, being on target for just under 300,000 items in the current year – about a 5% increase on 1997/98.

## SERVICES

### Children

Hornby Library supports literacy by providing structural programmes of stories, quizzes and games to our local school children. Four class visits are timetabled each week, and Hornby, South Hornby, St Bernadettes, Ladbrooks, and Greenpark schools visit regularly. One-off visits are also often provided to Yaldhurst, Sockburn and Weedons schools to coincide with Book Weeks etc.

A Preschool Outreach Project Librarian, based at the Outreach and Special Needs Unit in Smith Street, provides monthly story telling visits to five local preschool groups, and library resources are also exchanged. Another librarian visits parent groups to help stress the importance of early literacy and library use, and to encourage parents to share language and books with their children.

Children's borrowing makes up about 30% of Hornby's annual total issues. Resources provided for them include picture, story and information books, magazines, videos, cassettes, CDs and CD-ROMs. A MAC computer funded by the Canterbury Community trust is also constantly in use.

### Young Adult

The latest music cassettes and CDs are popular with this age group, as is access to the Internet. Magazines, recreational and lifestyle reading, as well as information to support their studies are other resources that are provided.

### Adults

This collection includes novels and non-fiction books, cassettes, CDs, CD-ROMs, videos, talking books, a wide range of magazines, a Bestseller selection of new titles; Large Print books, motor manuals, adult reading assistance books to develop reading and writing skills, the Nga Taonga Maori collection, jigsaws to swap, a selection of New Zealand newspapers, New Zealand telephone directories, a reference collection, Christchurch electoral rolls, and council and community information, agendas and minutes.

CINCH, a database of clubs, organisations and services, and DICE, a database of classes and courses, are also well utilised resources.

Hornby supplies bulk loans to six local rest homes. It also acts as a collection point for loans, administered from the Outreach and Special Needs Unit to Rolleston and Paparoa men's and women's prisons. Outreach and Special Needs also organises talking books for 10 of our housebound borrowers, which are delivered by relatives or volunteer couriers.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR**

- Two public information terminals (PITs) installed, providing access to the Internet and other electronic resources
- Continued success of the class visit programme, with about 4,000 children involved
- EFT POS installed
- The purchase of three artworks by local artist Rhonda Campbell with funding from the Harold Lester Wilson bequest
- Story telling sessions for Kidsfest
- An author visit for children by Ken Catran
- A writing workshop for children by Alan Bagnall
- Integration of the Sockburn Service Centre Customer Services team with the library

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