

### 3. CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Committee of the Canterbury Public Library's Children's and Young Adult Services Annual Report. The report, circulated separately, gives a review of the year's achievements.

Highlights include:

- **The Nada Beardsley Literacy Award**, given to the Library's **Books for Babies Project** by the Canterbury Council of the New Zealand Reading Association.
- Twelve month **Service Level Agreements** negotiated for children's services.
- The opening of the **Margaret Mahy Collection of New Zealand children's books**, attended by fifty children from ten schools. The ribbon was cut by Margaret herself.
- A **Bookgig** of Paula Boock's award winning novel **Dare Truth or Promise** featured on both local television channels
- Writing workshops presented by Alan Bagnall, the 1997 **Writer in the Library**, resulted in a publication of children's poems which was distributed to the **25** schools who sent students to the workshops.
- **Guidelines for children left unattended in the Library** were prepared to assist colleagues in dealing with any difficult situations that might arise.
- The Library's publication **Writing and Illustrating for Children**, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> edition, was recommended by John Parsons in his book **The New Zealand Writers' Handbook** (1998). It also received excellent feedback from a number of people who purchased a copy.
- A **Writers' Wall of Fame** was initiated as part of the Margaret Mahy Collection of New Zealand children's books. New Zealand writers and illustrators are invited to leave their handprints on the walls of the Margaret Mahy room.

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Recommendation:** That the information be received.