

3. **CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULTS' SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2000**

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Corporate Plan Output: 8.28 Children's Services and 8.2.11 Pre-school outreach	

The purpose of this report is to present a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the past calendar year's outputs for children and young adults.

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

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.

Ongoing 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.

2000 saw the 10th anniversary of the library's Books for Babies programme, a milestone 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.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.