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Library holiday activities

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the operations of the Library services.

Te Kahu o Waipuna

Visitor numbers exceeded 250,000 in December, since opening on 12 May 2023.

'Kura Pounamu' - On Saturday 2 December, the Marlborough Art Gallery opened its 'Kura Pounamu' exhibition, presented by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

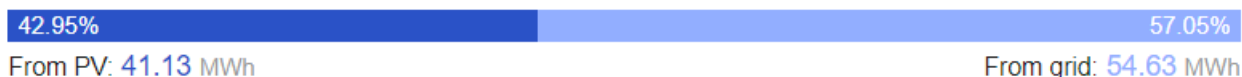
Two facility concerns arose in December:

Air-Conditioning Fault – A fault in the first-floor air-conditioning system, is currently being investigated to remedy and make operational again. This couldn't have come at a worse time with the hot temperatures experienced, school holidays and the high visitor numbers.

Pigeons / Seagulls – Unfortunately pigeons and seagulls have decided to take up residence on the roof and are perching / nesting in-between the sunscreens. A long-term solution is currently being investigated which is likely to come at some cost.

Solar Panels - The meter to monitor consumption was installed on 28/09/2023. Since that date ~42.95% of the power needs of the building have been met from our photovoltaic grid (see below). Since the installation, we have generated 58.3 MWh (Megawatt hours) of this ~95% has been consumed so we are maximising the benefit of the solar array.

Consumption: 95.76 MWh



Summer Reading Programme

This year's Summer Reading Programme theme is "Pizza Fiesta". Children can sign up to read over the holidays and for every 15 minutes reading completed they can create and compile their pizzas, with various toppings. Alongside this, children can participate in other Library holiday activities that go towards completing this year's programme.



Family Search Presentation

Marlborough Libraries are an affiliated member of Family Search, a nonprofit organisation and website offering genealogical records, education and software. On 11 December, New Zealand representative Garrick Parr, spoke to an interested audience of approximately 25, and explained how FamilySearch goes about its business, and introduced a couple of apps that most of the audience were unaware of. This meeting was supported by Blenheim's Family History Group who meet in the Marlborough Library every Wednesday afternoon offering genealogical assistance.

Walk-in Wednesday

'Walk-in Wednesday' commenced on 6 December, between 10 and noon, offering basic one on one help with devices, ie, Downloading e-Resources, computer skills, how to use social media, the internet, etc.

Marlborough Libraries Usage Statistics

Membership

New Members

- 12 May – 31 December 2023

TOTAL **3,320**

Renewed Memberships

- 12 May – 31 December 2023

TOTAL **3,736**



Visitor Numbers (Door Count)

The number of people who visited **Te Kahu o Waipuna**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

Visitor Numbers
1 – 31 December 2023
27,429

Total Visitor Numbers
12 May – 31 December 2023
253,082

12 May – 31 December 2022 comparison (Marlborough District Library) = 99,702 visitors

The number of people who visited **Picton Library and Service Centre Waitohi Whare Mātauranga**, recorded via the RFID entrance gates, was:

Visitor Numbers
1 – 31 December 2023
8,197

Total Visitor Numbers
12 May - 31 December 2023
54,877

12 May – 31 December 2022 comparison = 49,446 visitors



Items Checked Out (Issued) and Checked In (Returned)

Checkouts and Renewals	December -23	December -22	Variance
Marlborough Library	33,405	28,973	+4,432
Picton Library	4,624	5,180	- 556
E-Resources	4,782	3,828	+ 954
TOTAL	42,811	37,981	+ 4,830
Check-ins	December -23	December -22	Variance
Marlborough Library	28,530	24,586	+ 3,944
Picton Library	4,234	4,444	-210
TOTAL	32,764	29,030	+ 3,734

Room Bookings

The number of rooms booked by groups and individuals in December was:

December Room Bookings		Community Use		Commercial Use		TOTAL Use
Te Kahu o Waipuna		64		36		100
Picton Library		74		0		74
TOTAL		138		36		174

Holdings (Items Reserved)

The number of holds placed on items in December 2023 was: **3,180**

Internet Usage Sessions – Aotearoa People’s Network Kaharoa (APNK)

The following usage statistics were recorded in December 2023

	In-Library Computer Sessions		Wi-Fi Sessions
Marlborough Library	1,235		5,283
Picton Library	689		2,929
TOTAL	1,924		8,212



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