

11.4 Library Services - Quarterly Report

REPORT BY THE MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES

TO 04 AUGUST 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the report by the Manager Library Services on the Library Services - Quarterly Report.

Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council of the activities undertaken by the Mid-Western Regional Council Library Service, under the broad themes of Customer Visits, Library Borrowings & Purchased Items, and Sustainable Organisations. This report covers the period April-June 2021.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

CUSTOMER VISITS, LIBRARY BORROWINGS, & PURCHASED ITEMS

Visits to our Library branches during the April-June 2021 period are similar to the number of visits during the previous quarter.

Quarter	Visits
April – June 2021	18,884
January – March 2021	18,048

Across the Library Service, loans of library items remain stable compared to the previous quarter.

Quarter	Loans
April – June 2021	19,342
January – March 2021	20,228

Loans from the Mobile Library during April – June 2021 remain stable when compared to the previous quarter

Quarter	Loans
April – June 2021	1,397
January – March 2021	1,287

The use of library resources (library subscribed databases) has increased by 14% when compared to the previous quarter

Quarter	Accesses
April – June 2021	20,974
January – March 2021	18,294

The Library continues to purchase new items in line with the Collection Development Strategy. These items include audio books, magazines, fiction and non-fiction for adults and children in both print and electronic formats, and DVDs.

Quarter	Purchases
April – June 2021	2,173

SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

The Library hosts 2 adult Bookgroups, and facilitates 5 community Bookgroups – in addition to 2 Teen Bookgroups in partnership with Council's Youth Services. There is also a Teen writing group, meeting monthly at Mudgee Library.

The Library continues to encourage a life-long love of books and reading through its early literacy initiatives. During the April-June 2021 period, Library staff hosted 74 separate early learning sessions, reaching 344 children.

The Library is continuing to pilot 2 literacy programs for school-aged children – Bigger Bookworms for K-Y2 students, and Junior Book Bouncers for Yr3-6 children. During the April – June 2021 period, there were 8 face-to-face sessions held at Mudgee Library, reaching 52 children.

The Library continues to facilitate small craft groups for a disability services group – during this period, Library staff conducted 3 workshops, reaching 30 customers.

Monday History talks have continued to be popular with the community, averaging 15-20 people at each event.

Chess Club has proven to be very popular at Mudgee Library, meeting every second Wednesday, with between 8 and 12 participants at each event.

During the April school holidays, Library staff held 20 storytelling and activity workshops, reaching 115 children. During May, the Library celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime with 78 children and their parents/carers attending. Library staff also conducted outreach visits to preschools and childcare centres.

The Library Knitting Group continues to meet monthly at Mudgee Library.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	A safe and healthy community
Strategy	Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The Library Services – Quarterly Report has been developed in line with the 2017/18 – 2020/21 Delivery Program, and the Library’s Collection Management Strategy.

Council Policies

Not applicable

Legislation

Not applicable

Financial implications

Not applicable

Associated Risks

Not applicable

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Attachments: Nil

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