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New Lincoln library sets records

The new Lincoln Library has had a record number of new members join since it opened its doors on 4 February.

In its first month the library issued almost 8,000 books and other items, up from 5,200 in the February last year. The number of new members joining was more than three times as many as the same month in 2013, with 172 new members signing up over the past month.

“We’ve had a wide range of people using the services at the Lincoln Library. Our tables are rarely unoccupied as there are many local residents and business people using the Wi-Fi, as well as the books,” says Lincoln Librarian Sian McDonald.

The new \$3.3 million library and service centre on Gerald Street replaced the old library and service centre and is more than three times larger than that building.

Mrs McDonald says the new building has space for new additions to the library collection to be displayed and for a range of activities – including pre-schoolers programmes, adult book clubs, talks, displays and concerts.

“With all this extra space, people using the library have room to read, learn and take part in events – all under one roof. It is a great place to host activities. Since opening we have been approached by another preschool that are keen to get involved with Toddler Time. It is extremely positive not only for Lincoln, but for the whole district,” says Mrs McDonald.

The newest addition to the activities offered is a free Beginner Mah-jong class on Tuesday from 1-3pm.

Feedback from Selwyn residents has been positive too.

“We invited people using the library to share their thoughts about the new library by posting their comments on notes which were displayed on our walls. The comments have been overwhelmingly positive,” says Mrs McDonald.

Comments from library users include:

- “Bright and spacious with funky décor”
- “Love the picture windows”
- “Great space to be in for both kids and adults”
- “Spacious and calm atmosphere”
- “Great area for students to study”
- “Awesome children’s area”.

Lincoln Library is open Monday - Friday from 8.30am - 5pm (late night Thursday until 7pm), and Saturday from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The Service Centre is closed on Saturday. For information on activities at the library visit www.selwynlibrary.co.nz.

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