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EBook reading rewarded

Selwyn Library member Corey Woodward has become the proud new owner of a Samsung Galaxy tablet after being selected as one of the winners of the Wheelers ePlatform competition.

Wheelers ePlatform is an innovative eBook lending system that is easy to use and free for all Selwyn Library members. It delivers a huge range of titles including the latest releases from around the world and has more Australasian content than any other platform.

During the first three months of this year Wheelers ePlatform ran a nationwide competition across public libraries. Every member who read an eBook through the ePlatform went in to the draw to win a tablet. One winner was drawn each month.

"We are thrilled that one of our customers was selected as a winner," says Selwyn Library's Digital Services Librarian Christine Grant. "EBooks have been a popular addition to our collections because they allow customers to browse and select reading material from anywhere they want to and they automatically return themselves. They are also a great way for Selwyn residents to get extra value from their library membership - especially for people who are unable to visit their library branch."

Mr Woodward is an avid eReader, having read 40 eBooks since they became available at Selwyn Libraries.

"I was surprised and very grateful to win the tablet," Mr Woodward says. "What I really like about the eBooks available on the Selwyn library website is the ease of finding information about the books. You can see the cover and the synopsis clearly."

He says his kids will get the most out of using the tablet for doing their homework.

In 2013 Selwyn Libraries partnered with Wheelers Books to give Selwyn residents 24-hour access to a collection of eBooks via their ePlatform.

The ePlatform has a user-friendly, intuitive interface and offers the ability for customers to borrow eBooks directly from their computer or mobile device via the ePlatform app.

Reading eBooks is free through Selwyn Libraries. Library members can use the service through the Selwyn Library website under 'ecollections.' People can also ask for assistance at a Selwyn Library and staff will be able to help them use the service.

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Photo attached: *Wheelers ePlatform winner, Mr Corey Woodward, with his new Samsung tablet.*

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