

Oberon Council Library Committee Meeting

1st February 2011

Manager's Report

The Summer Reading Challenge was launched in December with an event around this year's theme of 'Scare Yourself up a Good Book". 31 children attended and 38 joined up for the reading challenge. Children enthusiastically participated on the night and the program will finish mid- January with a presentation afternoon at the library.

Reduced staffing was implemented over December and early January (with leave taken) to reflect the seasonal reduced demand on library services.

The library closed at 12pm 24th December and reopened 4th January. Some borrowers took advantage of the extended borrowing limits over the break which is indicated in the statistics with increased loans. Visits were down in December, rising the last week and moving toward average in January reflecting the normal seasonal variation. Visits to borrow or use the Internet were up the first week back, settling only slightly lower after the second week back. This would also reflect the additional leisure time many library users have over this period. No complaints were received concerning the holiday break, and most library users were aware of the planned closure.

School holiday activities once again proved popular with 55 children attending over 5 sessions. Featured was a workshop run by Celia Ravesi, making figures out of recycled books in preparation for this year's Waste to Art competition.

Many visitors have been visiting the library over the summer, appreciative of somewhere to be indoors as well as the Internet. Positive feedback has been forthcoming on the comparison between the Oberon Council Library Service and their own (both Australian and International).