



## Planning ahead: Libraries 2008-2018

Selwyn Library has been working on a creating a strategic plan, the draft version of which will be published before Christmas and opened up for comment by customers.

The Library Strategic Plan is intended as a guide for use and development of the library service in Selwyn District in coming years. It has become important to create guiding documents like this (and review them periodically) because the nature of libraries will change over time to reflect way in which we live. A library reaches out to all age groups

and interests, seeking to provide education, recreation and inspiration whenever called upon. Some people use their library every day, others may not have used a library service for some time but they need to know that the service will be there whenever they have need, such as when family arrives or they want to investigate health conditions or when they retire and look for inspiration.

The draft strategic plan, 2008-2018 will be available in Libraries and on the Library website for comment during from December until February.

## Summer Libraries

Selwyn Library wishes you a very happy holiday season.

Libraries will be opening between Christmas and New Year, though Service Centre functions will not be available. Please note some altered hours.

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 11:30-5pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> close at 3pm

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-1

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> closed

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> closed

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> closed

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> open (no late night)

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> open

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> closed

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> open

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> closed

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> closed

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> open (no late night)

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> open

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10-1

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>, resume

all services and

hours



## Laughter, Reading and Dogs

Connecting with the community is a core function of Libraries, which are often the host for displays and talks to groups in our District, plus the Library initiates a number of programs throughout the year. Particularly notable are the weekly Toddler Time sessions held in each library during term time. Outreach Librarian Jackie Claridge takes children through a

different set of books songs and rhymes each week—during a recent *Dogs* themed session her Alaskan Malamute, Shelby, came to visit as well! Over summer there are activity and reading programmes which have already been almost fully booked out - although there is plenty of quiet time to browse, modern Libraries are no longer a

domain of the Shhh!



Shelby & friends at Lincoln Library

### Did You Know?..

You can find every new item that the Libraries buy, through our catalogue. Either click on the New Books link when in the catalogue or you can go straight to <http://opac.selwyn.govt.nz/new.html>

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All of the following people were also notable Librarians:

- David Hume** (1711-1776)
- Casanova** (1725-1798)
- Pope Pius XI** (1857-1939)
- Lewis Carroll** (1832-1898)
- Mao Tse-Tung** (1893-1976)
- J. Edgar Hoover** (1895-1972)

## Business Resources @ Your Library

Selwyn Library subscribes on behalf of all customers to a number of online databases, research and news sources which are equally valuable to hobbyists, students and people in business. Librarians are always happy to help customers explore these resources plus printed resources are kept right up to date. Council and E-Can meeting materials are kept in Libraries for your reference and most business books are located at the shelf (aka "Dewey") number of 658, plus there are a wide range of magazines available such as NZ Growing today, New Scientist, North and South, Consumer and many more. The Library welcomes your suggestions and feedback:

<http://library.selwyn.govt.nz>

