

Baseline Survey to all councils in Aotearoa Public Libraries in 2021

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INCREASED STAFFING

EXTENDING SERVICES

Increased Community Outreach

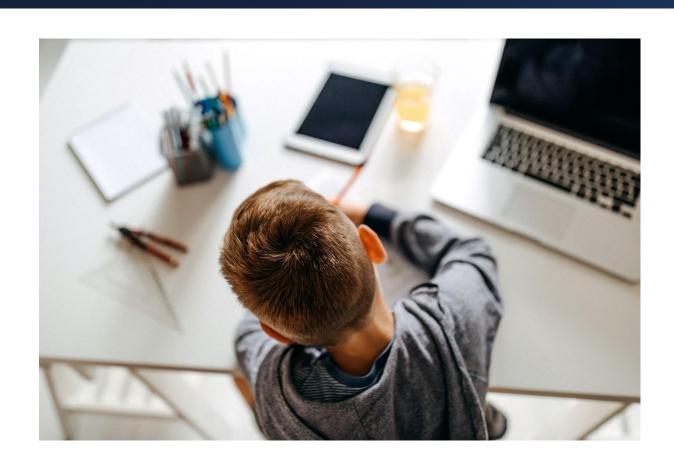
Increased Digital Inclusion



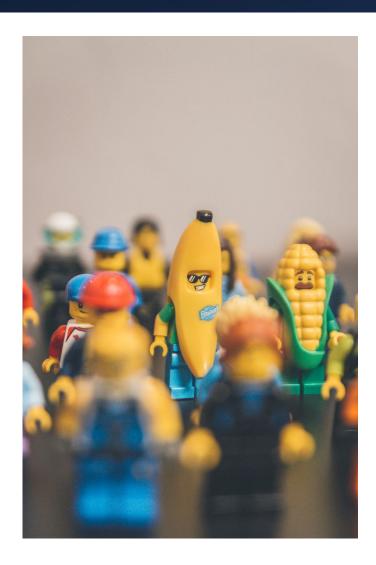
Improvements in all round library services

76%

Delivery of more programmes



Increased digital literacy



Delivery of more events



Increased Te Reo Programmes



Partnership Programmes



Have a shared services model

Partnership Programmes



Have multi-agency partnerships



"The NZLPP secondees have boosted morale and wellbeing in existing teams: have provided the time to support existing staff with training requirements as well as upskilling existing teams"

Other Feedback

"The NZLPP secondee programme saved us from having to close our doors due to low staffing numbers - NZLPP funding for staff (specifically) has been an absolute godsend. Need it to continue until Dec 2022."

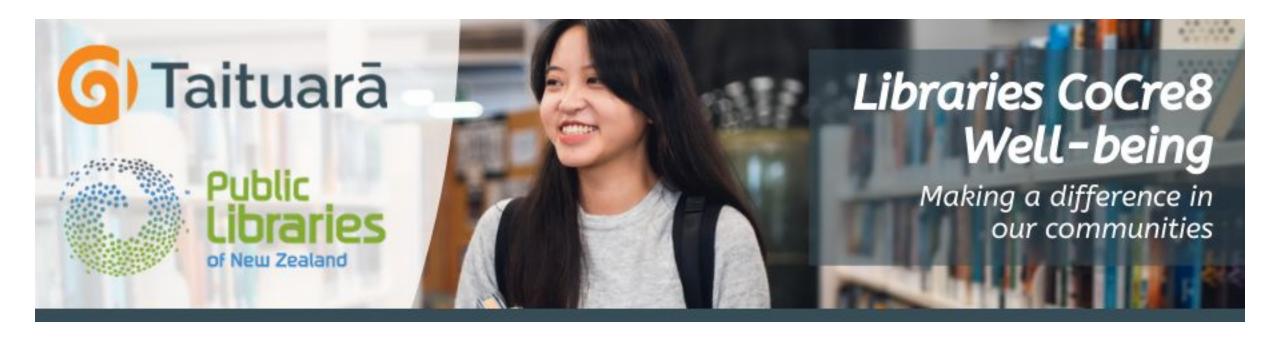
"Increased collection, curation and description of community digital content"



"We have increased the number of loans to institutions and small communities. This has had a positive impact on our circulation figures, it has provided an opportunity to engage with one of our local rest homes, which has increased customer satisfaction with our library"



"Having an extra staff member to assist has enables other staff to extend outreach work, especially housebound deliveries and school visits. Feedback and appreciation shown from the community and schools has been very encouraging"



Katherine Davies, Survey Consultant, Libraries CoCre8 Wellbeing Project

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Performance reporting

A review of councils LTP 2021-31 highlighted that libraries only report against two or three key performance indicators.

Output, or satisfaction based

Only one council reported an outcome measure specific to libraries

Measuring value

Insight

Those who disagreed with the statement "The library has increased my feelings of happiness and wellbeing" used <u>less</u> facilities and activities overall and tended to disagree across all wellbeing questions.

Whereas....

Those who agreed with the statement: "The library has increased my feelings of happiness and wellbeing" used more facilities and tended to agree across all wellbeing questions.

Verbatim coding – Eight themes

- 1. Live in communities
- 2. Change lives and support children and families
- 3. Increase digital equity and inclusion
- 4. Support learning for life
- 5. Support community resilience
- 6. Provide community hubs, supporting engaged and creative communities
- 7. Provide economic support
- 8. Improve health and wellbeing

Libraries provide economic support

"Giving me a place to go, where I can stay as long as I like without being expected to spend money. Allowing me to work on anything I need and give me all the time I need for it".

Libraries change lives and support children and families (accessibility)

"I can spoil my children for free"

"My daughter goes to the library after school.

I know she is happy and safe until I can collect her."

Libraries change lives and support children and families (accessibility)

"Being able to put a hold on books is invaluable to me as I am not able to spend time browsing the shelves due to limited mobility. I appreciate the very helpful staff."

"Enables me to borrow electronic books and as I am sight impaired, I can increase the font size" Libraries change lives and support children and families (accessibility)

"The newly-formed reading group for people suffering from dementia has helped me understand more fully the needs of people with dementia, how to better interact with these people and had enabled me to reach out to the community and assist those in need" Libraries change lives and support children and families

"The library is a wonderful parenting tool"

Libraries change lives and support children and families

"Provided me with an opportunity to meet other people and make new friends. They connected me with what was happening as a new migrant to this community through all the different community group activities and partnerships already happening at the library. The books in the collection have changed my life (no exaggeration).....The library is so important! It is the heart of every community!"

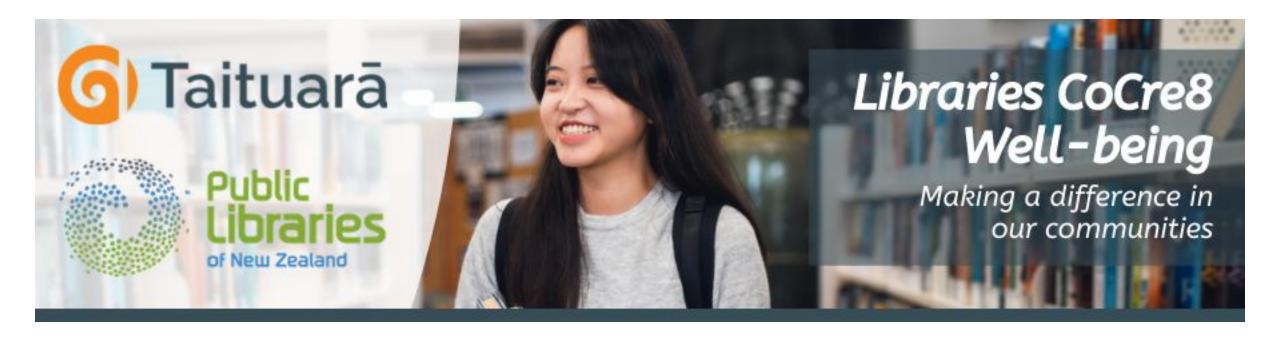
Libraries live in communities

"Our library and the staff are open and friendly, and they go out of their way to be helpful. The space is cool in the Summer and warm in the Winter and overall, it is the perfect example of manaakitanga and āhurutanga i.e. an inclusive welcoming space".

Future of local government

- Finance
- Measuring Outcomes
- Reflecting the four aspects of community wellbeing
 - Vital role of community assets and libraries
 - Beyond partnerships a social prescription role
 - Reflecting Diversity

only 24% of councils believe that the diversity in the community is adequately reflected in their library staff



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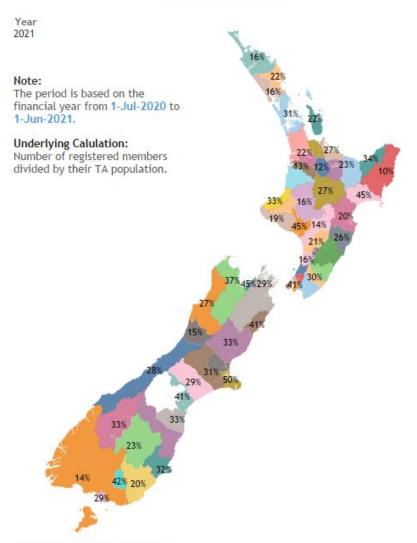


Living Libraries

of Aotearoa



Active Users By Area



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Datasources:

Stats NZ: https://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE7980
PLNZ: Public Libraries of New Zealand.xlsx

Active Members

The number of Active Members in 2021 is 1,633,802 compared to 2020 1,624,727 the Growth Rate(%) observed is 0.56% \blacktriangle .

Number of Libraries

The total number of Libraries in 2021 is 329 compared to 2020 328 the Growth Rate(%) observed is 0.30% .

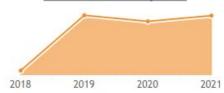
Events Organised by Library

The number of Events Organised in 2021 is 47,990 compared to 2020 38,747 the Growth Rate(%) observed is 23.85% \blacktriangle .

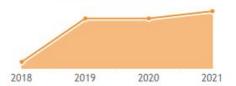
Number of Books Issues

The total number of Books Issues (Physical + E-books +E-resource) in 2021 is 57,271,453 compared to 2020 41,971,438 the Growth Rate(%) observed is 36,45% A.

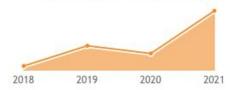
Active Members by Year



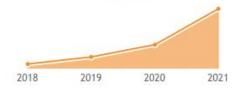
Libraries Count by Year



Events Organised by Library



Total Issues

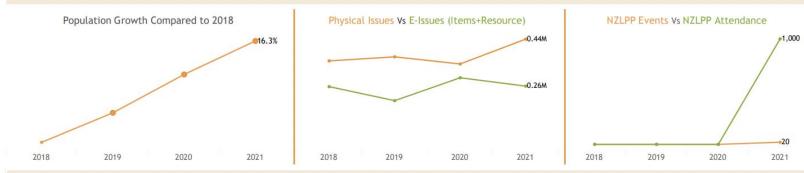




Living Libraries Summary of Selwyn Library







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Library Name	Year	Reading Programmes?	Population Value	Active Members	Number of Libraries	Events Organised by the Library	Attendance at Events	Issues (e-Item)	Issues (e-Resources)	Total Physical Issues	Visits (physical)	Visits (virtual)	NZLPP Events	NZLPP Event Attendance
Selwyn Library	2018	Y	63,300	8,749	5	1,019	16,976	23,364	230,082	355,839	266,562	138,625	0	0
	2019	Υ	66,300	16,341	5	1,475	25,029	36,598	161,091	371,935	313,947	155,858	0	0
	2020	N	70,200	17,130	5	1,513	20,875	52,054	236,653	343,661	284,875	206,374	0	0
	2021	Y	73,600	22,795	5	2,060	30,331	62,019	193,554	442,431	331,916	476,581	20	1,000
Average Total			68,350	16,254	5	1,517	23,303	43,509	205,345	1,513,866	299,325	244,360	20	1,000

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Survey Data Dashboards

https://data.solgm.org.nz/#/views/PLNZDashboardLivingLibraries/SurveyConclusion?:iid=2

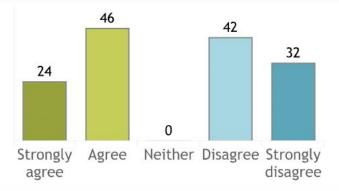


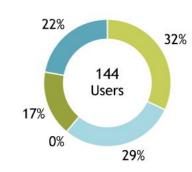
Economic Wellbeing - Learning, work and skills





Helped me obtain a new job or promotion



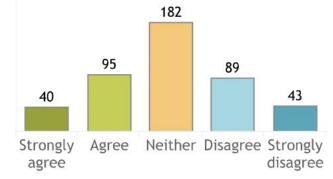


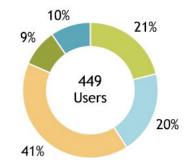


Social Wellbeing - Why/how it makes you feel



Helped me find friends and a social network



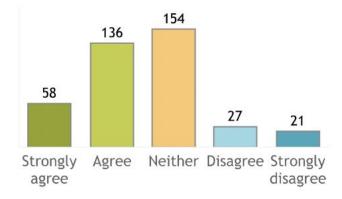


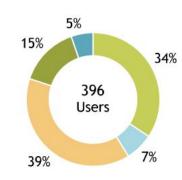


Environment Wellbeing - Environment



Helped me to be more mindful of environmental issues



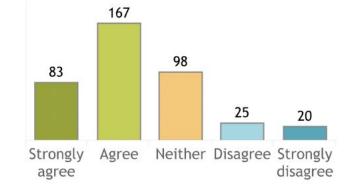


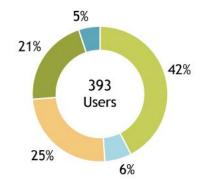


Cultural Wellbeing - Arts and culture



Helped me appreciate local artists



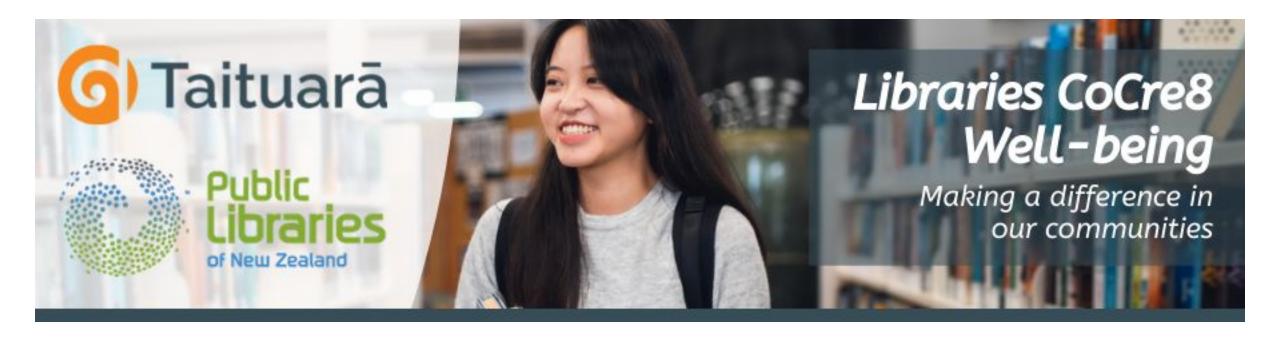


More Opportunities

- We have an extension to the project which will allow us to continue to gather survey data from councils who have not already taken part – we will send a reminder out this week
- We are gathering an extensive collection of positive case studies covering a range of topic areas and will continue this work to be a shared resource for you all
- We have developed several templates which we hope libraries will use to contribute to their Annual Plans and Long Term Plans with infographics for you to use and fill in your own data
- We will continue to post on the Cro Cre8 Teamsite any new information for sharing
- A final full report "Living Libraries Aotearoa" with all our project findings will be available to you all in December 2022 and we will keep working with you throughout the rest of the year

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Questions and Answers

What are the Major challenges facing libraries and councils in the next two years?

What can we do to influence positive change?

Five Priorities!