

Riccarton Primary School: Consultation, 9 October 2003

6/7 year olds

Ideas for new Riccarton Library

Building - outside

- Play area – play ground with bus stop outside
- Pool area

Building – inside

- Footprints to lead you the right way
- Graphic signage ('arrows with pictures')
- Pictures on the walls that people have done
- A (noisy) place where you can talk with your mates
- Quiet place
- T-rex posters
- Posters of knights
- Book covers on the walls (like posters)
- Walls in bright colours
- Soft floors, soft carpet purple, gold. Not itchy.
- Place to feed your baby
- Play area
- Lots of different colours
- Separate areas for little kids, big kids and adults
- Balloons in a corner
- Girls and boys toilet and a family one (place for old nappies)

People

- Library cat
- High school students a long way away
- People to help you in earthquakes

Furniture and equipment

- Comfy seats and cushions
- Headphones and music
- Games – (cards; Yu-gi-oh; xbox; playstation 2) – to borrow to play in the library
- TV with Sky
- Soft toys
- Armchairs and some little desk seats (but comfy)
- Bean bags
- Separate seats rather than couch. Don't like sitting by people you don't know
- Issue desks can be too high – want to be able to see; ramp instead of stairs
- Rubbish bins
- Pirate ship
- Stage in library

- Headphones for music (but music playing in play area)
- Picture room (a room to draw pictures)
- Secure place for babies

Stock

- Display new books so you can see the covers
- Books - face out shelving
- Magazines for all ages
- Music (Michael Jackson)
- CD ROMS – monopoly
- Cartoons
- Jewell disks
- Book ‘paddles’ (so you know where the book goes back to)
- Video tapes

Computers

- Internet for kids
- Computers

Services

- Stamps for your hands
- Library bus to take you to library
- Competitions
- Food – roll ups
- Activities at special times, eg Halloween
- Story times

General comments

Things we don't like about libraries now

- Standard shelving
- Shaped picture books bins – these are for younger children – pre-schoolers

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6/7/8 year olds

Ideas for new Riccarton Library

Building - outside

- Two-storey: adults' upstairs; children's downstairs
- A big building
- Looks like a book or a soccer ball
- Lots of windows, all sizes
- Sign that says 'library'
- Outside mural of people reading
- Outside reading verandah
- Colour = red and black
- Mural also on back of building (eg books) so that high school students' entry as good as the 'front'
- Models of books on the roof
- Own children's entries, front and back, smaller sized (like McDonalds)
- A book that opens when people come through the door

Building – inside

- Sculptures/mobiles hanging from ceiling
- Books characters on walls
- Feature walls with pictures
- Book covers on the walls
- Nice toilets with interesting displays
- Separate toilets for children
- Activities room with drawing boards for smaller children
- Cool signage
- Directional signs and maps
- Lots of cushions
- Comfortable reading pit
- Comfortable chair (lazy-boy)
- Play area for younger children – inside and outside
- Children's area has
 - Bean bags and cushions
 - Big couches
 - Table in interesting shapes
 - Fiction and non-fiction
 - Fiction in alphabetical order, shelved spine-out, easier to find
 - Fiction face out to flick through –use browsing 'paddles' so know where to put books back
 - Homework/study area
 - Computers
 - Homework themes

People

- Children would come with friends or family

Furniture and equipment

- Display/notice/drawing board for children's work
- Headphones for music while you read – can bring your own music
- Game boy
- Playstation 2 (can bring own games)
- Small playground for little kids
- Ball pit (cf. Woodpeckers)
- Large TV screen
- Fishtank

Stock

- Free bookmarks
- Really cool books just for kids
- Picture books for smaller kids in bins
- Games provided or space to bring and use own
- Encyclopedias
- Books/videos/DVDs
- Computer games for older children (8+)

Services

- Competitions – reading and colouring
- Café but no food in books areas
- Café but only some food allowed to be taken into library
- Café cheaper, healthy snack food
- Special games for help in using the library

Computers

- Computer catalogues

Opening hours

- 24/7
- 9 – 7 daily

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10-11 year olds

Ideas for new Riccarton Library

Building - outside

- Shape = square/rectangular/ova;
- Large windows
- Corrugated iron roof
- Plants/flowers in front
- Wheelchair ramp
- Security cameras
- Tinted glass (windows)
- Two public entrances, one for children one for adults
- One high school entrance at rear
- Large sign with name of library
- Returns slot
- Entrance way in the shape of a book so it's like walking into a book or story
- Like the Art Gallery but full of books

Building – inside

- Reception area for adults
- Notice board for promotions; new books displays
- Carpet – different colours and shapes in children's area, eg. of children's books
- Children's area semi circular
- Play area for small children with board books, toys and games
- Homework room – large room with reference section, individual bays, computer desks
- Good lighting
- Stage area for storytellers/talent quests etc
- Music centre for group and individual listening
- Bookshop/gift-shop
- Different colours and shapes on the walls
- Things hanging from the ceiling, eg. mobiles
- Safe area for bags and back packs
- Separate toilets for
 - Children
 - Adults
 - Disabled
 - High school students

People

- Specialist staff to help with information (teachers perhaps)

Furniture and equipment

- Shaped tables – star, heart

- Couches/comfy chairs
- Couch for parents to read to children
- Comfortable chairs for librarians (so they don't have to stand)
- Tables with angled reading surfaces
- Bean bags of different colours
- Books on tape for blind people to listen to in library
- Interesting shelving

Stock

- Face out for younger children; spine out for older children and adults
- Comics for short and long term loan

Computers

- Automatic time-out (with card)

Opening hours

- 7 days
- Sunday closed
- Not 24 hours unless staffed by only 1 – 2 people
- Longer hours weekends and holidays
- Later open on Saturdays because of sports

General comments

Things we like about libraries now

- Lifts and escalators
- Computer games
- Revolving doors
- The ways books are arranged
- On-line catalogues
- Homework area
- Reference section
- Playstation games
- Variety of books
- Computers

Things we don't like about libraries now

- Not enough computers
- Computers/internet too slow
- Too noisy
- Mean librarians

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11/12/13 year olds

Ideas for new Riccarton Library

Building - outside

- Brick building
- Four storeys
- Elevators and escalators
- Skate park, basketball court, playground, pathway for riding scooters bikes, scooters and rollerblades. Chairs to sit and watch. Lights. Open 24/7. SK8 competition. Vert ramp.
- Bike stands where you can see them
- Unable to be vandalised
- Skateboard ramp
- Halfpipes
- Adventure playground
- Gaint chess set in park
- Two entrances; separate entrance from high school
- Mini cars/bumber (?) cars
- Football
- Maze
- Car park
- Waterslide
- Self-opening doors
- Lights to cross road

Building – inside

- Air conditioner in summer and heater in winter
- Windows so no odour
- Somewhere quiet ‘studious silence’ – computers for homework; internet access; table/desks
- Tables to do homework on
- Research books, place especially to do projects/assignments
- Silence
- Meeting room – can also use for parties
- Karaoke machine
- Bookshop; sell CDs
- Game room – playstation, xbox, computers, picture books
- Video room – videos/TV, music headphones or speakers round building (don’t like old people music)
- Canteen, snack bar, drinking fountains
- Colours, anything bright.
- Crazy colours for the walls
- Pale walls
- No bright colours for high schoolers area; no flowers

- Most preferred colours = black, silver and white
- Disco light; disco lights on the roof
- Younger kids' area – TV (cartoons), beanbags, different games to play, cushions, pictures
- Little kiddie's playground and private rooms for them
- Teenage room (13-19) and kiddies room (5-12) separated
- Coke, fish and chips shop, pizza hut, drink machine; ice cream maker – FOOD. Huge café. Need food to study.
- Sustenance stall for students to replenish themselves so they can continue with homework
- Coffee maker and make it free
- Private quiet rooms for doing work; whatever we want
- Children's art on the wall
- Moving floors
- Toilets
- RED
- A secret passage
- Lots of counters so don't have to wait
- Space for lying about so can read comfortably
- Arts and crafts corner
- Free lockers
- Sleeping room with clean bed so when you are tired you can go there (provide alarm clock as well)
- Hygienically clean toilet (germs are gross!)
- Separate toilets for adults and kids
- Children's toilets away from high school students
- Different toilet for toddlers
- Ladders that slide
- Soft blue or red carpet.
- Black carpet
- Lino floor entrance
- Carpet in kids' area neon; something outrageous
- Student art on walls – change art all the time
- Children's posters
- Under 7s kept separate
- Goldfish tanks (not for under 7s)
- Family rooms

People

- Staff who are able to help with homework and book recommendations
- Approachable librarians

Furniture and equipment

- No hard chairs
- Big electric clock
- DVD player with lots of DVDs
- Wide screen colour TV (plasma)
- SKY, MTV

- Music post; stereos with all the good music
- Stereo headphones, not in ears
- Giant bean bags; big fat ones
- Tables
- Fluffy cushions, sheepskins for cover, beanbags
- Sofa with lots of balloons and cushions
- X box/Playstation 2
- American cable (television)
- Computer games – battle field, sudden strike etc
- Sky digital with every channel
- Snooker/pool/table table
- TV
- Chess/big chess board
- Hi tech CDs and CD players; CDs free to borrow
- Lazy boy/comfy chairs
- Trampoline
- Home theatre system
- Artroom

Stock

- War books
- Latest books
- Music – teenage pop, hiphop, rock, country, hard rock and rap egs. Michael Jackson; Eminem
- Language dictionaries
- Full set of encyclopaedias and medical journals
- Comics
- Modern magazines
- Other language books, eg. Chinese, Korean, French, Japanese etc
- Magazines
- Shelves of books reaching to the ceiling
- Sections of age preference
- Books about Indian movie actors
- Indian songs on audio tape
- Quiet games, not giant!

Computers

- More computers – heaps and heaps, so don't have to wait, with access to internet
- Internet access for research purposes only
- No electronics except computers for research on books, going on to find out where to locate a book. If people want to have electrical fun, stay home!
- Artificial computers near every computer
- Internet café
- Chat rooms with age restrictions

Services

- Computer courses after school
- Different courses for different things
- Posters for sale
- Library cat
- Awards for well-behaved children
- Loud-as music; loud library
- 3 news

Opening hours

- Later closing
- Stay open all hours
- 10 – 9
- Including weekends, 10 - 8

General comments

Things we don't like about libraries now

- Little toddlers running and crying
- Parents!!!
- Book limit should be 50
- Smelly – clean it often
- Boring music
- No privacy
- Hard to find the books you want/need
- No playstations
- Food – it's messy
- Music distracting
- Internet access charges
- TVs cause arguments
- No cellphones allowed
- Escalators – dangerous
- Some people don't like bright colours
- Books should be in alphabetical order
- No shops inside
- Allow animals in
- No drinks allowed