

# Christchurch City Libraries Christchurch City Council

A citywide network of libraries contributing to Christchurch City's Community Outcomes



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### Christchurch City

Population: 344,000

www.christchurch.org.nz

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## Dr Lesley McTurk, Chief Executive, Christchurch City Council

" In Christchurch city we believe libraries are about more than books and buildings.

Libraries are at the hub of our communities.

No longer places where everyone has to be quiet, today's libraries are busy information centres focusing on customers and offering a place to meet friends for coffee, surf the net and, of course, find the latest thriller.

The benefits to our communities are well worth the ongoing significant investment.

In the future we anticipate even more innovation in the way libraries help create inclusive communities, and are centres for lifelong learning, fun and creativity."

#### Community outcomes



#### A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity



... recreational activities contribute to our economy, identity, health and well-being







#### A City of Lifelong Learning

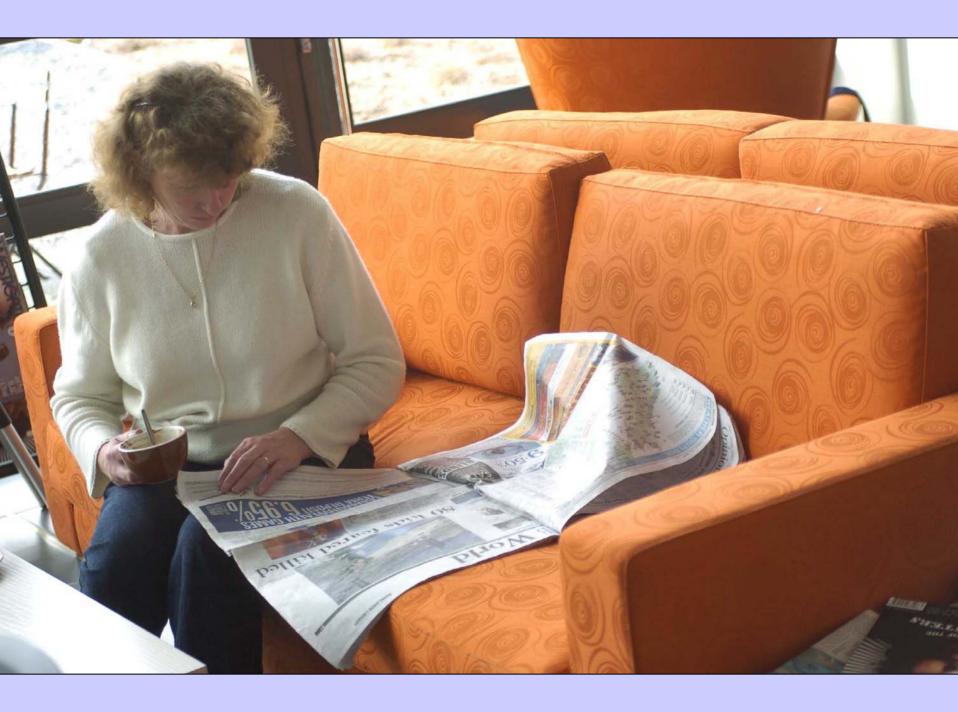


... learning opportunities help us to participate in the community and economy







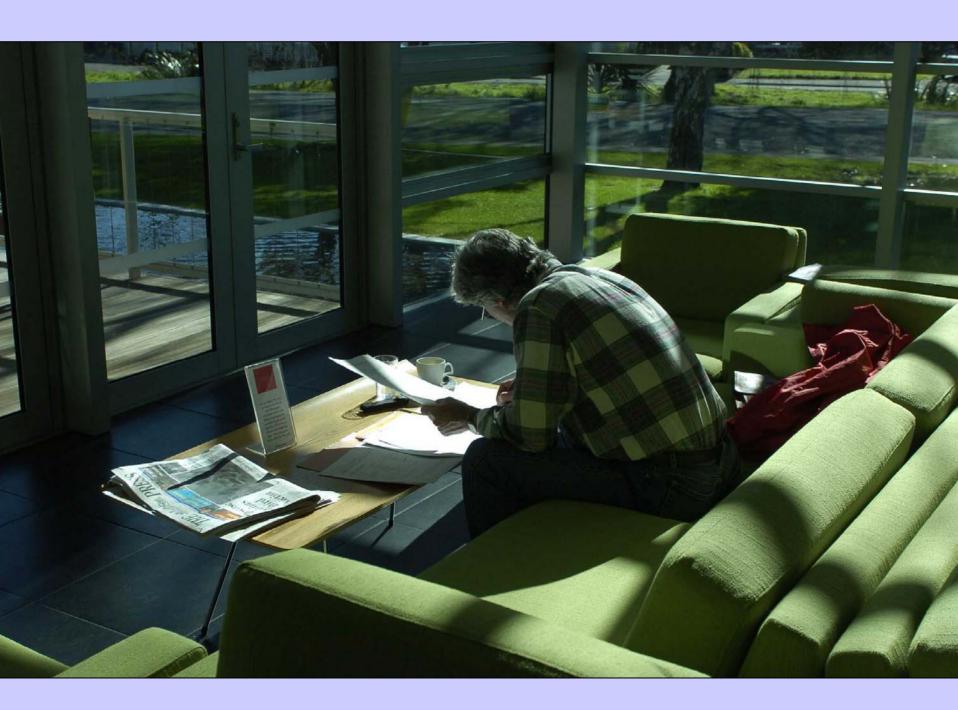


#### A Prosperous City



... investing in ourselves and in our future











#### A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities



#### All people feel a sense of belonging and participation in the community



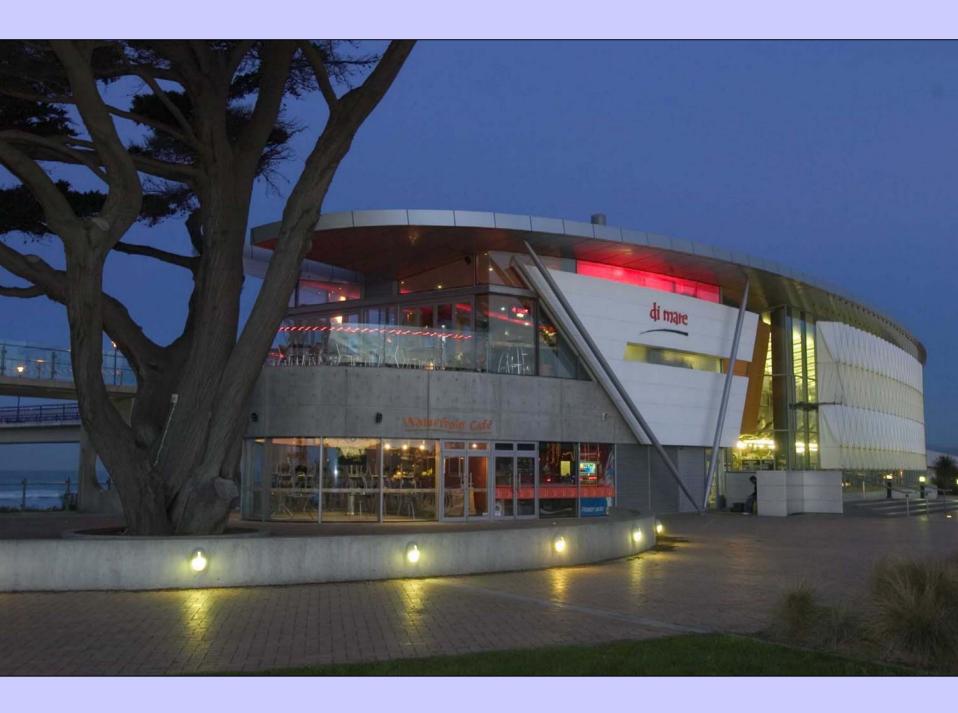






#### **New Brighton Library**

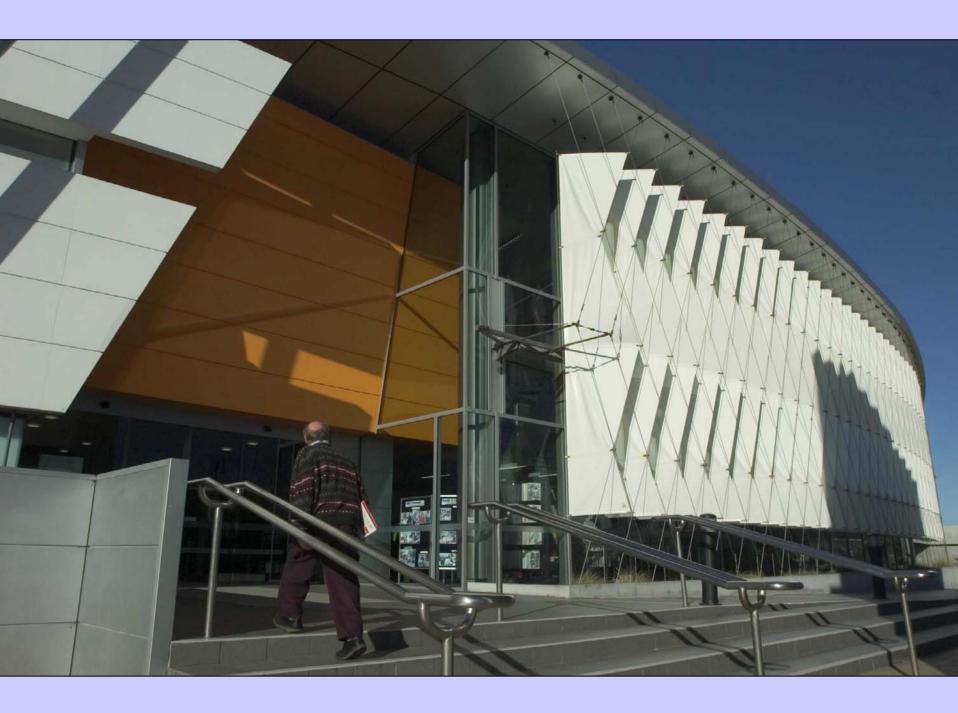
- Opened July 1999
- 970m2
- Ave monthly visitors 30,000
- Ave monthly issues 30,000
- Collection size 55,000

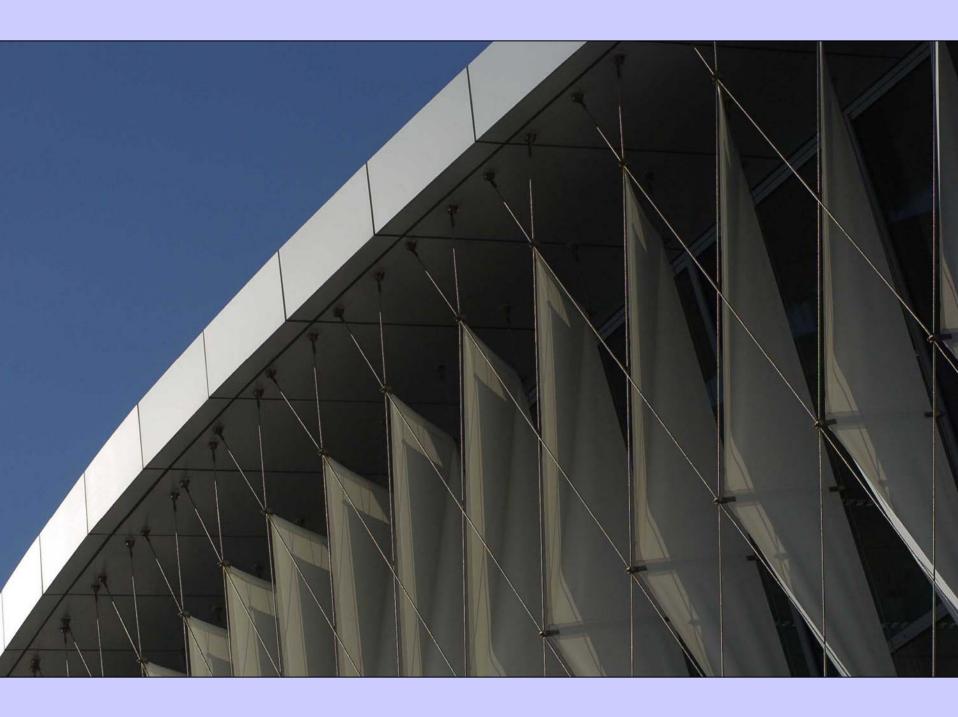






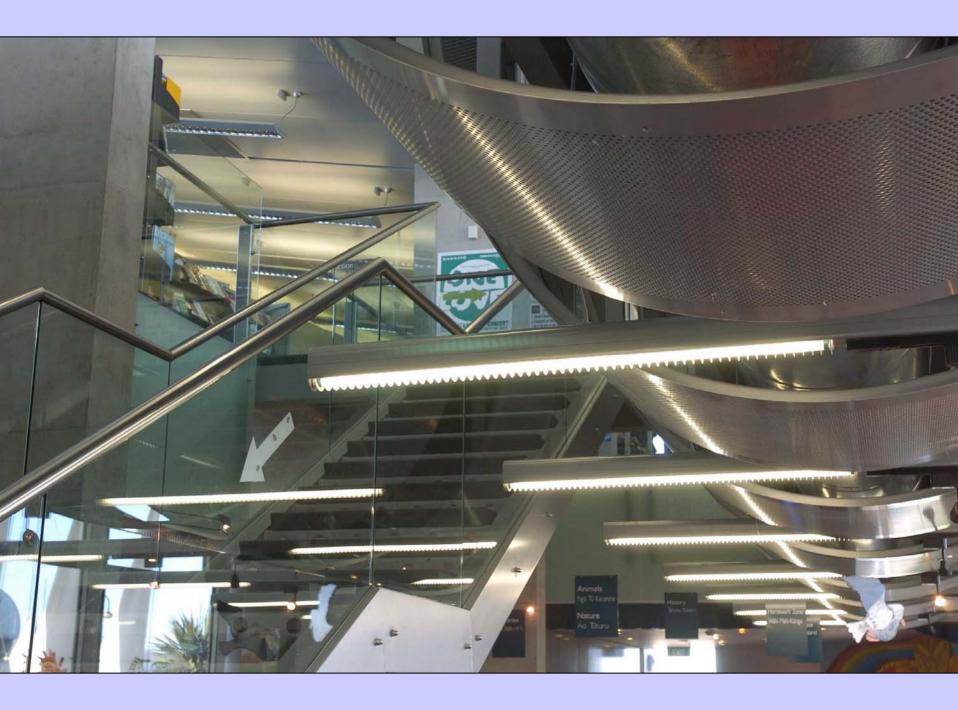






















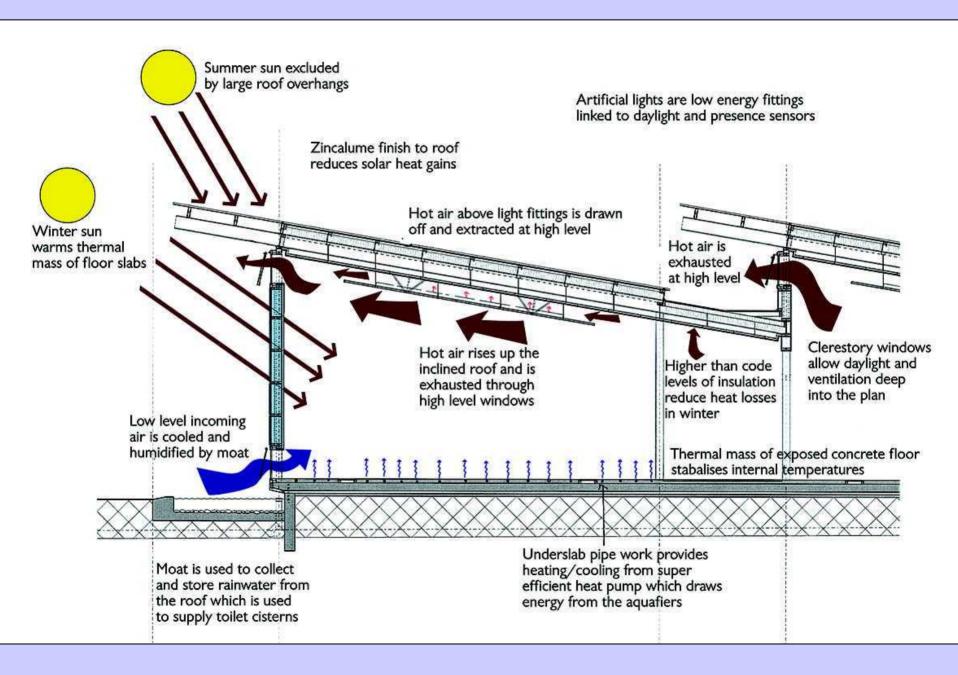
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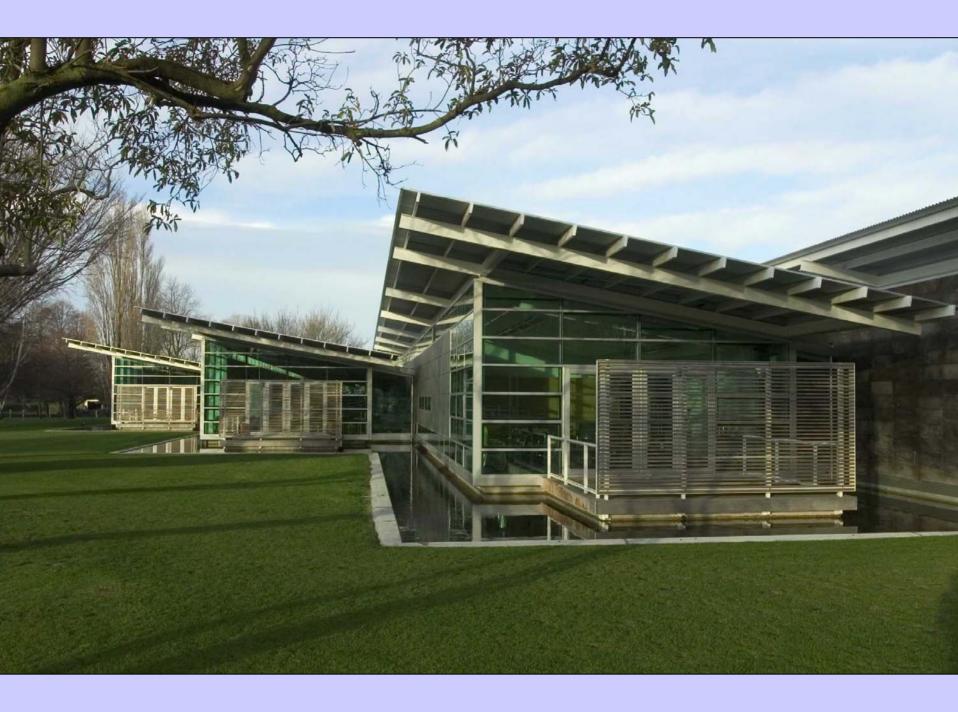
- Opened August 2003
- Catchment population of 45,000
- 2,500m2
- Average monthly visitors 35,000
- Average monthly issues 55,000
- Collection size 75,000

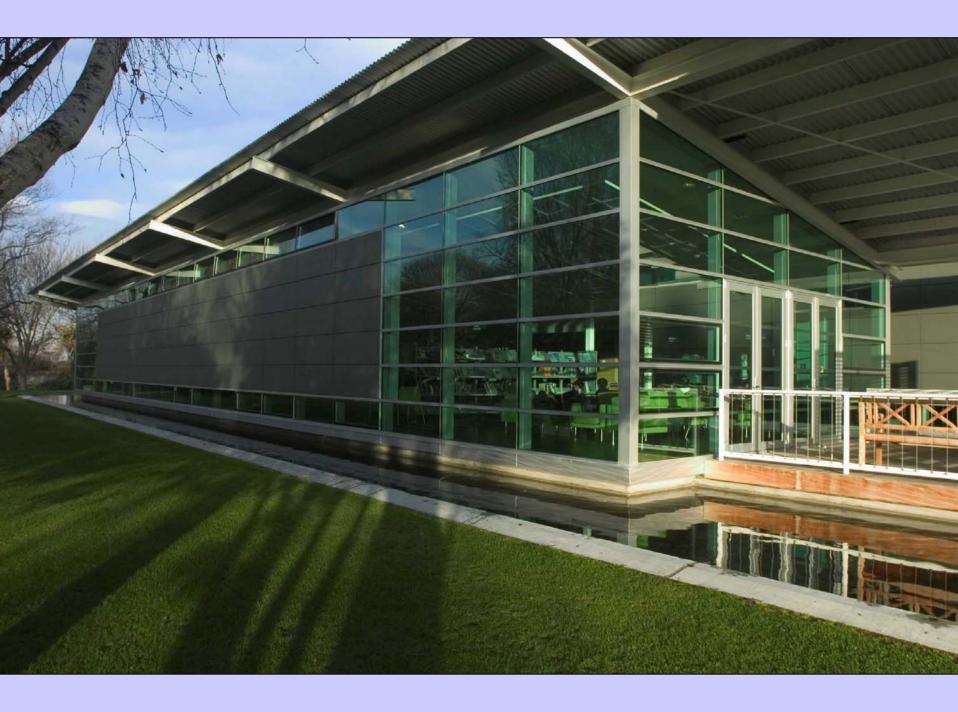




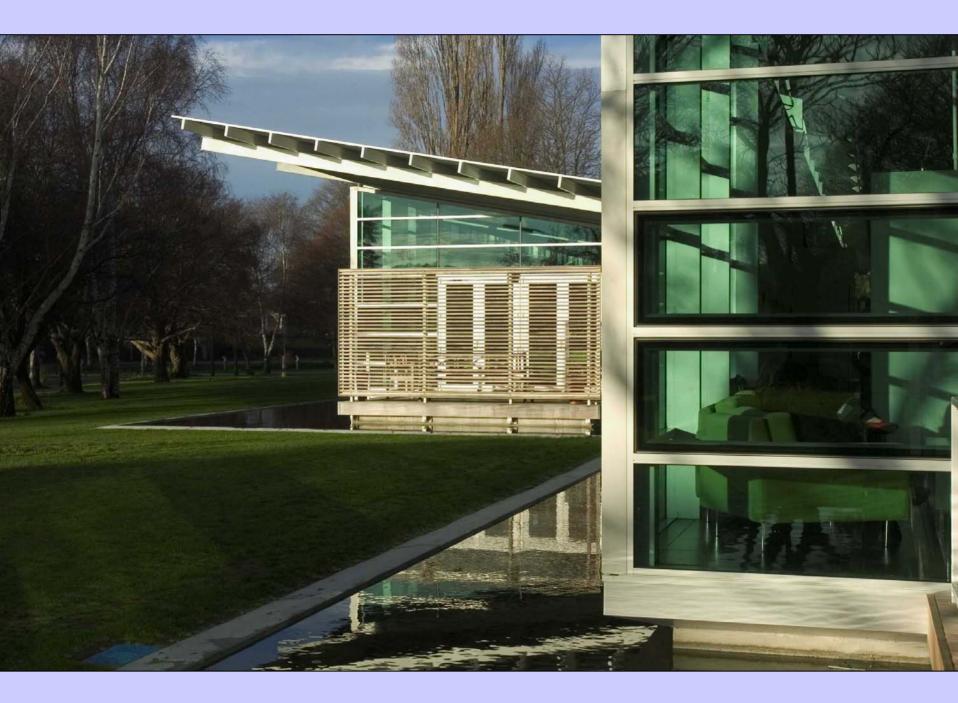
























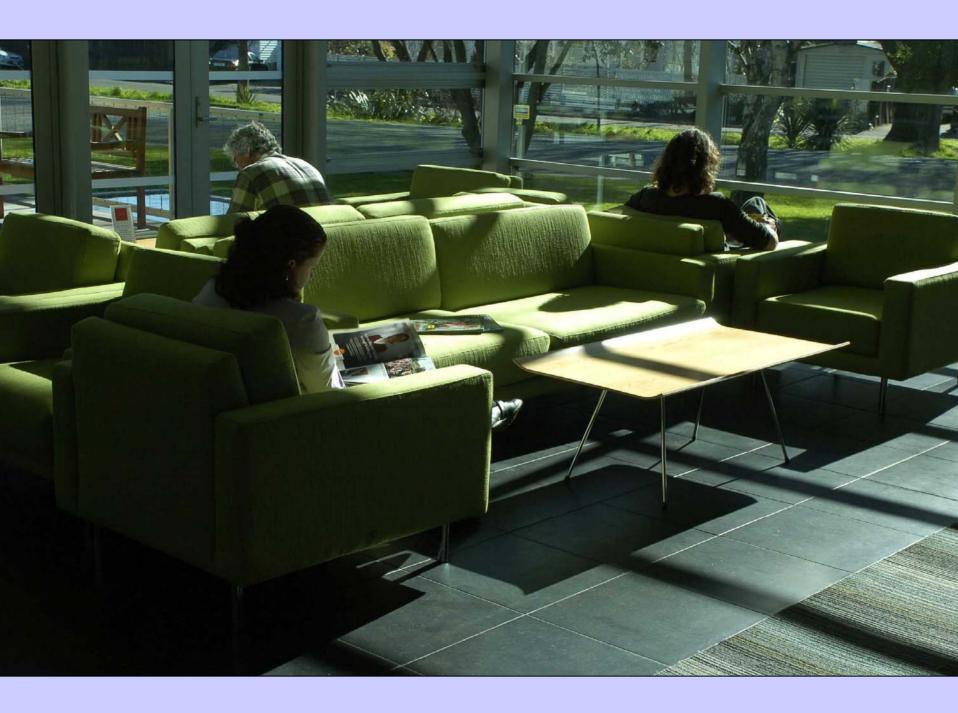












## Parklands Library and Learning Centre

- Opened August 2005
- 400m2 with a catchment population of 10,000
- Ave monthly visitors: 12,000
- Ave monthly issues: 22,000
- Collection size 25,000







## Upper Riccarton Community and School Library

- Opened January 2006
- Partnership between Christchurch City Libraries and Riccarton High School
- Community catchment population around 35,000 and school population of 1100
- Monthly visitors to be around 30,000
- Collection size around 60,000

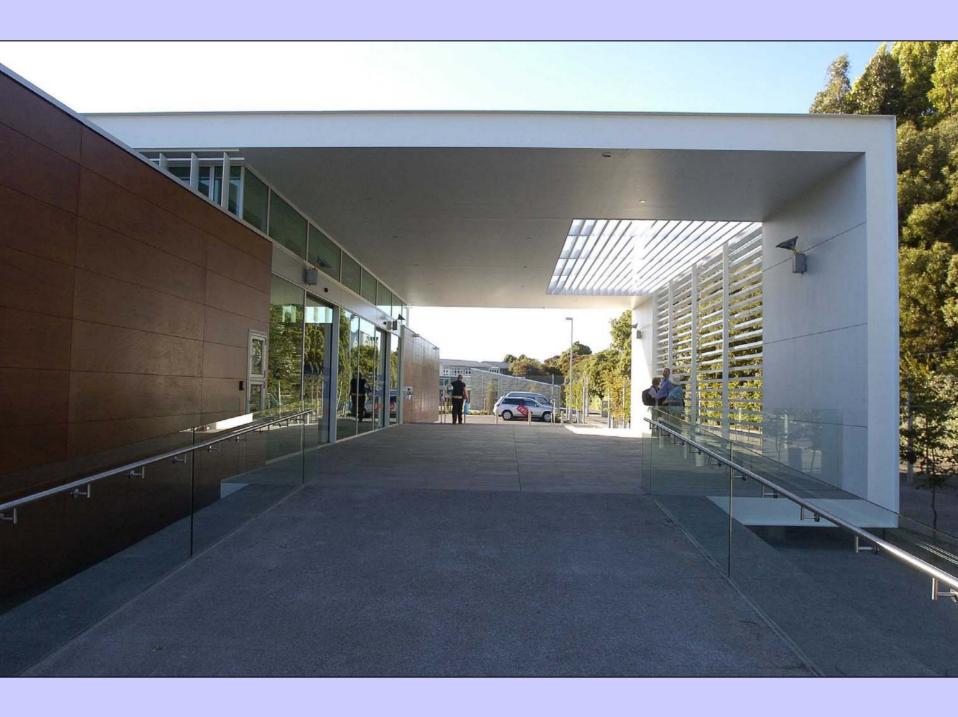




























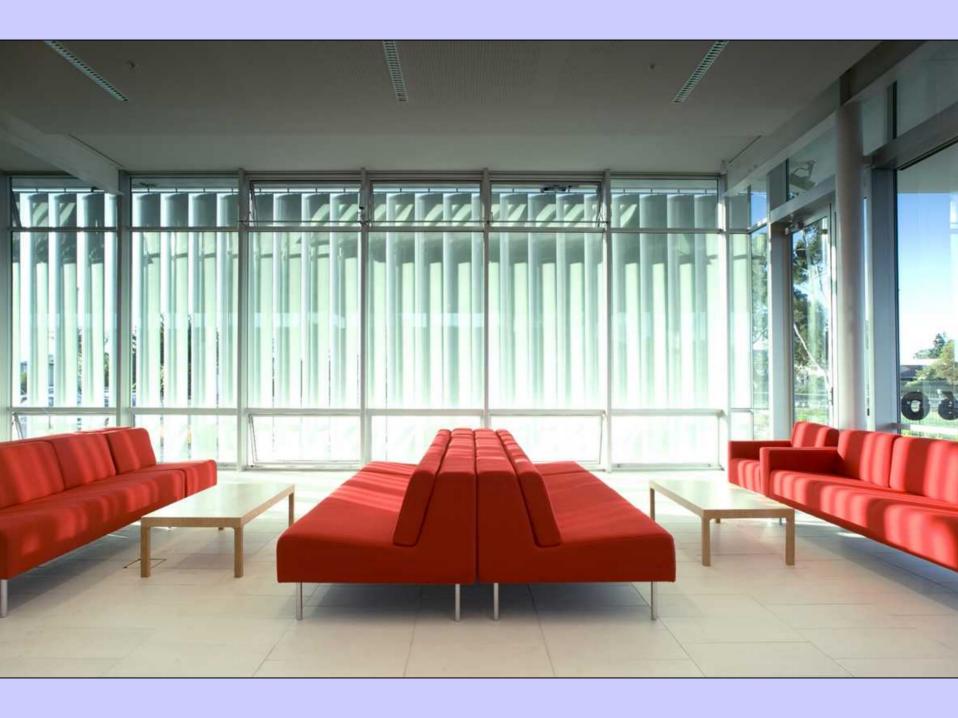






























































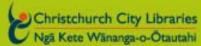






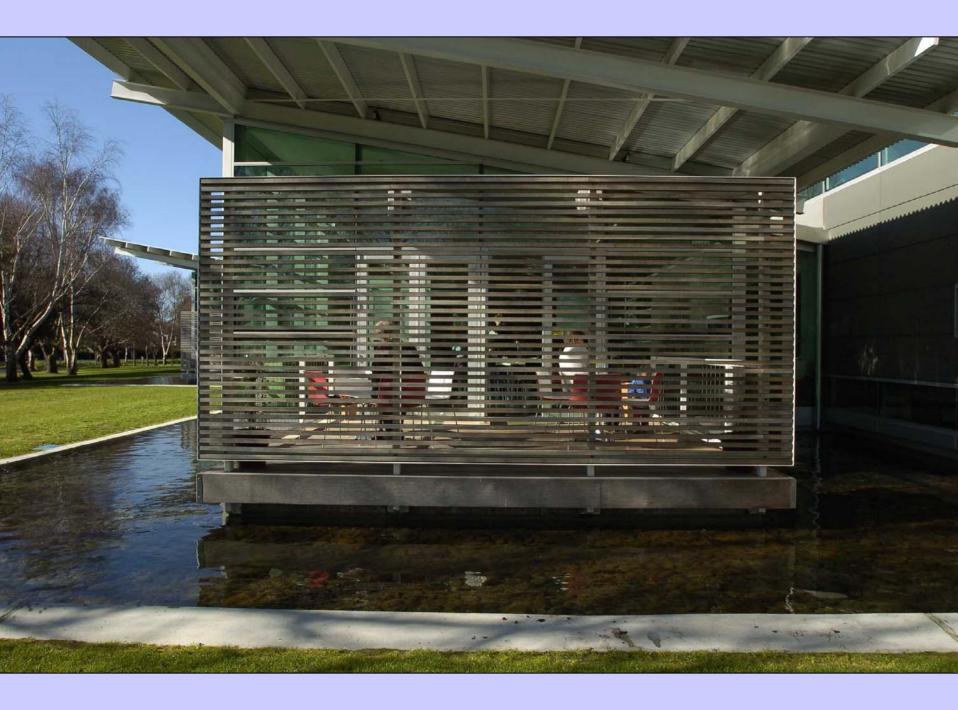
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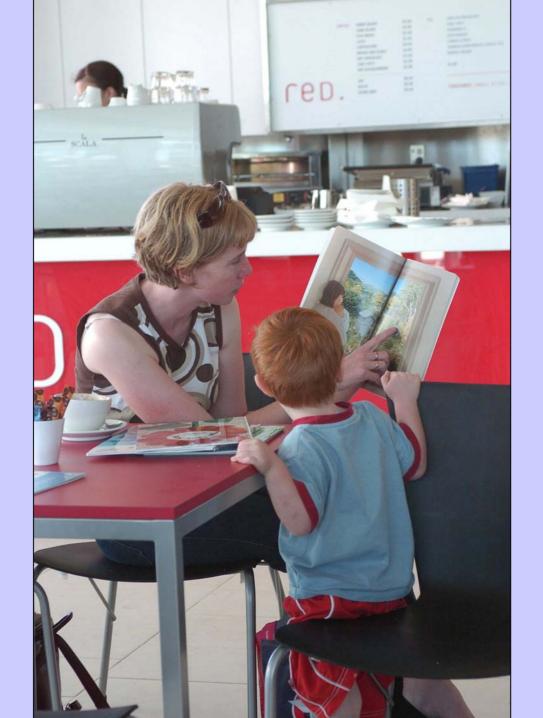




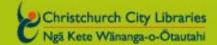








#### Learning centre network



















#### Customer responses







- 1700 visitors on the first day Monday 23 January
- 30,000 visitors in the first month
- 44,000 items issued in February
- 1000 new members in the first 5 weeks



"My child came home and said he just loved the new library and that I had to come and see it"



"This is like being in a NY bookstore!"

"It's like being in a toyshop!"

"It's very quiet..." (They sounded surprised)

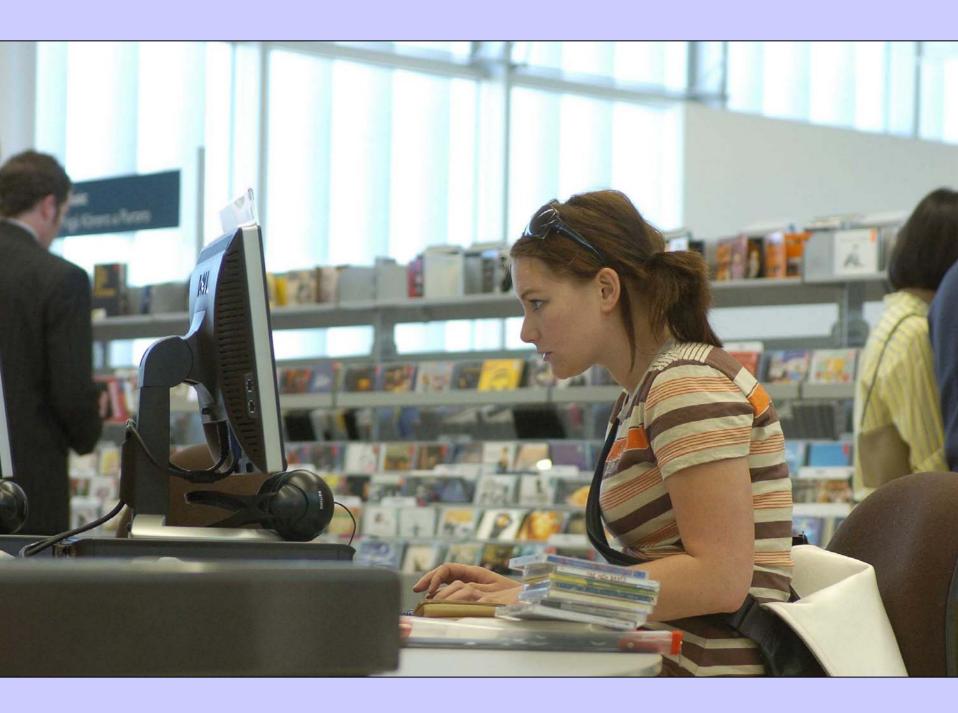
"It's nice and light and airy"



"It rocks! It's fun to be in here because there are so many good books and stuff to read" (Year 9 girl)

"Completely satisfying in every respect" (Year 12 boy)

"I'm addicted to this library!" (Year 10 girl)



"On Sunday my husband, son and I went to the library – books for my son, the internet for business purposes for my husband, and a reference book for me.

We had coffee together while reading magazines. We bumped into half the neighbourhood.

What a fantastic community asset!"





















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