



PIHA COMMUNITY
LIBRARY

Piha Community Library Trust
19 Seaview Road, Piha, Waitakere 0772

Annual Report

1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014



Piha Community Library Trust – September 2014



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The year that was. From the Chair 2013/14

Firstly, I would like to thank the volunteers for all their hard work over the last year and for the donation of their precious time to help keep the library running so well. Thank you all for the professional manner in which you serve the people who use the library. A special thanks to those volunteers with specific duties such as book purchasing (Jill Stotter and Julie Mercer), DVD selection (Hannah Slade), book processing (Gillian Cotton, Cath Ormrod and Glenys Mckenzie), and displays (Ann Russell).

The Library Trust continues to work actively with the Library Administrator to improve its services to the Piha, Anawhata and Karekare communities and works closely with Auckland Council Libraries, who provide us with a grant to purchase books and a small grant to cover some of the Library Administrator's wages. The Library Administrator has worked hard to provide the local children with holiday programmes and story times to encourage more library use.

Improvements within the library to utilise the space better are ongoing and our reading room has had a new paint job and a revamp to encourage more use of the area. We have established more display areas for borrowers to view the new and recommended books in our stock.

The last 12 months have been a busy period for the Trust who provides governance to the Library management, and also does extensive fundraising towards paying the Administrator's wages and the upkeep of the building. Several fundraisers have taken place which have lifted the profile of the library and raised funds for our service.

2013 started with an outstandingly good Winter Series Creative Writer's Festival organised by the Trust. As always a great crowd attended and enjoyed both the wine and cheese and the interviewing technique used by Sir Bob Harvey and Rachel Smalley, which ensured that we gained more insight into the authors than if they had just prepared a speech. The Trust would like to thank Creative New Zealand for supporting the series. The sessions were well advertised and were enjoyed by both locals and those from over the hill.

There have been some great literary events staged at the library. They include Dylan Horrocks' comic workshop, Stacy Gregg's readings from her new book *The Princess and the Foal* and local Ann Russell's book launch *Little Truff Saves the Kererū*.

The annual book fair, our biggest fundraiser, was organised by Marilyn Perko and helped by many community volunteers. It took place over Anniversary weekend and was a great success. Some of the books were donated by booksellers such as the University Bookshop, Scholastic Books and Harper Collins. The Auckland Library also donated many boxes of their withdrawn stock. Locals and visitors alike joined the crowds purchasing books, entering the raffle and eating local food.

I would also like to thank Hannah Slade, our Library Administrator, and the members of the Trust for their work in ensuring that the library continues to provide such a wonderful community service.

The Trust has had several meetings with the Piha Residents and Ratepayers over their claims of ownership of the library building and this issue is still to be resolved. Meanwhile the library service by the Trust and the wonderful volunteers continues to impress those who use it.

Glenda Northey, Chair
Piha Community Library Trust



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Report for the year 2013-2014

The Trust

The Trust meets 6-8 times a year to work on the governance of the library and its services. We have also been working with the Library Administrator advising on library practices to create a good library experience for both young and old. As with current library practices we work towards ensuring we keep moving forward to create an interesting and significant experience for those who come in the doors.

The Trust has been working hard on fundraising this year. In August we received a small grant from the ASB Trust to help pay the Library Administrator's wages. Chasing funding is an ongoing activity for the Trust who also needs to replace the library roof in the next year.

Management/ Administration

The library is currently managed by our Library Administrator, Hannah Slade. Unfortunately due to lack of funding we have had to cut her hours back this financial year, but Hannah has managed to ensure that the library service has continued on a professional level. Hannah is employed to oversee the volunteers and train them up to work on the roster, and to supervise the provision of our library service to the community. She is supported in core library practices by several volunteers who do the book purchasing and the processing to cover the books before they are issued. Other volunteers work through the book stock to keep it current and store the older books to be sold at the library sale table and the annual book sale.

Hannah has encouraged many activities for children at the library with workshops, school holiday programmes and story times.

Membership

New members continue to enrol at the library and many comment on the great selection of books and DVDs. Currently we have 915 active memberships and during the last year the library issued 10,972 books.

Volunteers

Where would we be without them! There is a group of 16 or more people who help out in the library, both on roster or other tasks, and they have ensured that the service continues to run smoothly and that people get to enjoy using the library service at Piha.

Library events held between July 2013 and June 2014

Melu Story time and Activity Hour – July 2013



Melu - Kyle Mewburn's hilarious tale about a donkey unlike any other - won the Children's Choice award at this year's NZ Children's Book Awards.

Children listened to the story, created their own themed masks, and had the opportunity to take part in a short Melu themed play.



Piha Readers and Writers Festival – August 2013

The first event had Sir Bob Harvey as both MC and interviewer of Karl Stead (author) and James Griffin (columnist and screenplay writer). They were a great combination and the writers divulged much of the background to their careers and Karl read a piece from his latest novel.



In the second of two festival events we welcomed widely published Maori Poet Robert Sullivan and Award-winning screenplay Writer and Director Stephen Sinclair. It was yet again an entertaining affair, with our own two-times AFTA award-winning Mark Mitchinson as MC, and respected current affairs and political journalist and local Rachel Smalley interviewing.



The event was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Comic Making Workshop with Dylan Horrocks – August 2013

Piha Library once again took part in the Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and Illustrators.

Graphic Novel Superstar Dylan Horrocks visited the library and gave the children advice on coming up with ideas, telling stories with pictures, and some very practical advice on drawing.

He encouraged some very talented young budding comic writers to have fun and let their imaginations run wild. His advice to those who attended: remember to always doodle in your schoolbooks when you're in a boring class, and don't forget to daydream!



Basic Weaving Workshop with Stephanie Tong – October 2013

Our thanks go to the fabulous Stephanie Tong for the awesome weaving workshop that she did with some of our younger members over the October School Holidays. Stephanie helped the kids make beautiful treasure baskets, and then took them on a treasure hunt to find amazing things from nature to put in them. The kids worked really hard and achieved beautiful results.

Stephanie also held a workshop for adults at the library on Sunday 27th October.



Monster Drawing Competition – October 2013

During the school holidays we asked our junior members to create a Monster, and enter the draw to win a book prize. One prize for each category (Under 6 years and 6 years +). Local artist Beck Wheeler selected the prize winners!

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle raised over \$500. Donations from library patrons were made up into a huge basket of groceries, which no doubt helped with those unexpected visitors over the Christmas period, and the Gingerbread house donated by Julie Mercer was a winner with the kids.



Christmas Activity Hour



On Christmas Eve there was a Christmas Activity Hour at the Piha Library. It included a Christmas themed story time, sing-along, and craft session. Local Ann Russell ran the activities and local children loved making a special decoration to take home and hang on their tree.

Book Fair – January 2014

This event is our major fundraiser. Aided by many community members and librarians, Marilyn Perko put together a great programme and managed to raise a substantial amount towards our library services. We would like to acknowledge the support of book sellers Harper Collins, UBS and Scholastic for their donated books. Thanks to Blairs on the Beach for their donation of food for the BBQ.





Marilyn also managed to get a large number of donations towards three raffles which were drawn after the Book Fair, and were sold in the weeks prior to the event. There was a gardening package, book package and accommodation package. Thanks to our local sponsors Blairs on the Beach, Piha Real Estate, Piha Cafe, and Black Sands Lodge. And thanks also to those a bit further afield: Kings Plant Barn Henderson, Oratia Native Nursery, Blossom Flowers and Gifts Point Chev, and

Amplifier design New Lynn.

Car Boot Fair – April 2014

The Car Boot sale was held on a wet Easter Saturday in the Piha Domain. Although it was hard to keep the books dry, we managed to sell a lot of the left over books from the book fair and some withdrawn library books. The library ran a sausage sizzle (once again many thanks to Blairs on the Beach for the donation of the sausages, etc), and a cake and baking stall with donations from the community. There was a great feeling of community spirit amongst the stall holders who at times had to hold down their gazebos. Great organisation from Marilyn Perko getting the stalls sorted and running smoothly in such adverse conditions.

Easter card making – April 2014

While the car boot fair was held in less than ideal conditions outside, the children had a great time with Shelley France in the library with an Easter card making session. The children (and some of the adults too!) had a wonderful time making an Easter card for their parents, friends or grandparents.



Book Reading with Stacy Gregg – July 2014



We were extremely lucky to have talented best-selling author Stacy Gregg visit our library during the July School holidays. Stacy spoke about her writing, and read from her latest award winning book, *The Princess and the Foal*. She also gave us some inside information about her upcoming book, *Island of Lost Horses*, which will be released in November. The young readers and riders of Piha were mesmerised while Stacy spoke, and had lots of questions to ask her about horses, writing and meeting the Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein of Jordan.

Book Launch – July 2014

Ann Russell launched her new book, *Little Truff Saves the Kererū*, at the Piha Library on July 27th. A large number of friends and locals attended and listened to a book reading and discussion of the book by Ann, and an insight into kites by Ann's brother. Ann donated half of the sales from her book to the library.





**Interim accounts for the 2013/2014 financial year for
The Piha Community Library Trust**

Income	2013/2014	2012/2013
DVD Hire	\$ 5,186.90	\$ 4,558.00
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 6,662.30	\$ 3,635.94
Membership	\$ 264.00	\$ 338.00
Book and DVD Sales	\$ 491.80	\$ 717.00
Photocopying	\$ 146.10	\$ 137.26
Grants	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 16,762.90
Interest	\$ 171.08	\$ 160.73
Transfer from Building Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,600.00
Other (including Fines)	\$ 1,910.40	\$ 1,592.90
Total	<u>\$ 29,832.58</u>	<u>\$ 34,502.73</u>

Expenditure

Staff Costs	\$ 13,375.00	\$ 17,075.35
Fundraising/Function Costs	\$ 3,059.01	\$ 2,512.03
General Expenses	\$ 1,246.91	\$ 2,198.30
Insurance	\$ 2,535.92	\$ 2,354.14
Telephone Rental and Web Hosting	\$ 1,830.08	\$ 2,021.52
Transfer to Building Fund	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 0.00
Total	<u>\$ 29,546.92</u>	<u>\$ 26,161.34</u>

Excess/Loss \$ 285.66 \$ 8,341.39

Other accounts

Account balance as at 31/07/2014

Building Fund	\$ 8,147.31
Society	\$ 9,695.53