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Library Week

Buller District Libraries in Westport and Reefton have joined forces with Taipoutini Polytechnic Library, West Coast District Health Board Library, Grey District and Westland District Libraries to provide an exciting series of events and activities for the public to enjoy during next week (10-16 August), being Library Week 2009.

Visitors to the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library are able to get a behind the scenes tour of the library and find out how they can use the library most effectively. There will be two tours on Monday 10th at 11am and 3pm, this will also give visitors a chance to get to know the local librarians.

Primary schools have been invited to participate in New Zealand's biggest story time which will be on Wednesday 12th at 10.30, "Itiiti's Gift" will be read aloud at both Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library and Reefton Library simultaneously along with the rest of New Zealand's libraries participating in Library Week.

On Thursday 13th Living Heritage is the feature, this is when libraries will launch the new Kete website, this website is a digital library for West Coast memories and we invite the community to add their stories, documents, digital images, videos and audios to this kete. Show and tell sessions will take place at 11am and 3pm at the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library, people are invited to bring their old photos or documents and the librarians can assist to upload to items to the kete website.

Margaret Foster, well known netball coach and author of recently published book "Silver Linings" will be speaking on netball, surviving cancer, and celebrating life at the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library on Friday 14th at 1pm for a lunchtime talk. Anyone is welcome to come along. Margaret's book will be available for purchase during this time and she will be more than happy to sign them.

Throughout the week there are competitions for people of all ages to enter and on Friday the libraries will be celebrating "I love my library day" by giving away "I love my library" bags to adult winners.

This year Library Week on the West Coast has been sponsored by Tai Poutini Polytechnic. Tai Poutini librarian, Daphne Smithers says "Tai Poutini Polytechnic is very excited by the direction the libraries on the West Coast are taking by working together to provide better library information services for all West Coasters. Tai Poutini Library is open to anyone during Library Week to have a look at what is on offer, and any West Coast resident studying at tertiary level regardless of provider, is welcome to become a member and enjoy the benefits of our specialist library service. We are delighted to show our commitment to our region through this Library Week project."

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