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Libraries have come a long way since 2014 where the common theme within the sector was centered on change. Change, of course, is still happening as libraries continue their metamorphosis from book toting brick and mortar buildings into lively community-centred hubs. According to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), there are 5 key trends that will continue to change our information environment in Aotearoa New Zealand:

1. New Technologies will both expand and limit who has access to information.

2. Online Education will democratise and disrupt global learning.

3. The boundaries of privacy and data protection will be redefined.

4. Hyper-connected societies will listen to and empower new voices and groups.

5. The global information environment will be transformed by new technologies.

In 2016, libraries are even more essential to everyday Aotearoa New Zealanders because they are community anchors that respond to issues that affect their communities. From free library programmes to digital resources: libraries improve the quality of life within New Zealand communities.

Public libraries bear the brunt of this responsibility, but tertiary, school and special libraries all contribute to the well-being of our society. Tertiary libraries provide necessary support and resources to our students and faculties supporting critical learning outcomes. They also provide an oasis to students who may not have the technological resources at home. School libraries provide a space for children to acquire the necessary skills needed for higher learning and careers, such as: literacy, digital literacy, and research. Special libraries help professionals work to a high level, helping businesses grow, thus strengthening government and nonprofit sectors. Each branch within the sector is looking to collaborate with one another to create a “One Library” approach that will only serve to benefit Aotearoa New Zealand communities and safeguard the vital role of libraries within them.
THE CURRENT STATE OF LIBRARIES

THE LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL
The 2013 census told us that there were 6,212 New Zealanders who identified themselves as working as librarians – 4,164 librarians, 2,034 library assistants, and 9 library technicians. This is a reduction of 465 personnel since 2006 and emphasises the growing pressure being placed on librarians.

Professional development is becoming increasingly important for librarians as the pace of changing technology is dramatically impacting the service offering that libraries are providing their communities. LIANZA provides a professional registration scheme supported by the International Federation of Library Association’s (IFLA) Body of Knowledge. This highlights the skill level required in the profession and enables librarians to demonstrate continual professional development. The scheme has been adopted by a number of library sector employers including Auckland Council and the Queenstown District Lakes Council.

Remuneration in the sector is still of concern. While entry level positions are paid on par with the general market, senior management roles face total remuneration packages of up to 16% lower than their counterparts in other sectors. School librarians are the most at risk, paid on the support staff scale with many not making a living wage. Given the importance of school librarians to childhood literacy this is a situation that needs to be addressed. The library profession continues to be dominated by women with 77.4% at the librarian level, and 81.6% at the assistant level.

Another challenge to be addressed by the profession is the greying of the workforce, with a large proportion of library managers due to retire within the next 15 years. Recruitment and training are currently a key focus of the profession.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Public libraries continue to increase the support and services provided to increasingly diverse communities, while maintaining core services around access to information. While public libraries maintain their role as protector of equitable access to information, they continue to morph into vibrant community hubs by offering a diverse range of programmes (from coding to knitting!) to serve their increasingly diverse patron base.

As local government looks to provide value for money for ratepayers, library budgets in some areas are coming under threat; there is a strong requirement to deliver measurable value and a solid return on investment. The benefits of public libraries are largely quantifiable in that they help to educate a population, allowing New Zealanders to contribute positively as a member of society, however, ensuring that councils understand this economic benefit to their community is an ongoing challenge.

As the world becomes more digitised, ebook lending is seeing exponential growth – since 2011 annual eBook lending has grown from 17,000 loans to over 1.6 million loans per annum. This is in spite of the strict limitations still being placed on e-lending by publishers.

The trend to more hybrid collections impacts on library spaces and the user’s experience. New library builds and library redesigns are consciously allocating less space to collections and including more community meeting spaces / other areas.

Many public libraries are now content creators, especially through the digitisation of unique local history content. Crowd sourcing of data is becoming more common as the community is engaged in developing and updating content.
**TERTIARY LIBRARIES**

The higher education sector is ultra competitive globally and our universities in Aotearoa are all working hard to climb international rankings. They are heavily reliant on international markets and students.

Academic libraries are important partners in the success of their institutions. Since 2014 they have continued to grow their influence and roles in the international and local agenda for scholarly publishing, data management, openness and research support. All universities are investing much more in digital content. As print collections continue to decline, academic libraries are rethinking the use of physical spaces to incorporate makerspaces and other types of learning spaces within their walls. The boundaries between library and teaching and learning space are becoming much more porous. Creating better student engagement and experiences is at the heart of the changes occurring in the sector.

Student learning support is increasingly coming under library management in NZ universities. Furthermore, there has been a significant turnover in leadership in the sector with four out of eight university librarians being newly appointed in the last 6 months which brings with it new ideas, fresh thinking and different perspectives. CONZUL, the group of eight University Librarians is committed to collaboration, advocacy, openness and sharing to benefit our all our university communities.

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

There is currently no mandate or guidelines from the government relating to the provision of school libraries in New Zealand.

Unlike other areas of school governance, libraries are funded directly through individual schools Boards of Trustees from the operational grant (http://www.education.govt.nz/school/running-a-school/resourcing/operational-funding/). This includes payment of library staffing, unlike teaching staff who are paid directly from central government. Because of this, school libraries are competing for budgetary consideration alongside all other administration needs, including stationery and tearoom requirements and this also has the effect of creating tenuous job security for librarians and an ever-increasing uncertainty around purchasing resources to support teaching and learning of New Zealand students.

As noted, school library staff are paid on the support staff scale which does not acknowledge specialist training, or recognize the integral role that school librarians can play in supporting literacy. School library staff also do not have job security as their role is based on management budgeting and is the most vulnerable to funding cuts. Many schools are still dependent on the goodwill of librarians working with reduced hours, budgets and rates of pay or untrained standing their way with little guidance or professionalism. This is a critical situation given that studies have repeatedly shown that students who are able to access a well-resourced school library run by a professional librarian are much more likely to be successful academically.

**SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

The increasing ease of access to information through the web, and other digital channels, is impacting special libraries more than any other sector with the “just google it” philosophy putting special libraries under threat.

Despite this, special librarians are more important than ever with their expertise allowing them to filter the vast amount of information they offer, providing significant time savings to businesses looking for critical information quickly. A recent Australian study showed that special libraries return $5.43 for every dollar invested.

Despite the ease of access to digital information the cost of research publications is increasing and putting pressure on special library budgets as they struggle to maintain access for their communities to key publications.

**FACT:** 2,066 FTE staff are employed in public libraries throughout NZ.
LAW LIBRARIES

Law libraries (and librarians) operate across many sectors e.g. public, corporate, tertiary education, business, law societies, government and the Courts. Like most special librarians, law librarians generally obtain some specialised subject knowledge in areas of the law and sources of legal information in addition to their professional skills in librarianship and information management.

Law libraries face many of the same issues and challenges as other sectors. The impact of changing technology and the advent of electronic publishing are ongoing challenges requiring constant attention and adaptation. Law librarians must also consider succession planning as fewer students emerge from library studies with specific training in law librarianship.

Law librarians also need to continue demonstrating ‘value’ to their organisations. Generally, law librarians are very aware of the need to be seen as relevant and “close to the business” of the enterprise. There are many innovative strategies in place across the sector in order to achieve this.

Consequently, the role of the law librarian has broadened in recent times and continues to branch out into non-traditional areas. As well as providing research and maintaining physical and electronic collections, law librarians are involved in a range of activities on a day-to-day basis, such as:

- deciding on the use of new technologies
- user education and training
- provision of analytical / alerting services to support the business and competitive intelligence
- knowledge management
- internal and external communications, and
- marketing and business development.

The world of legal publishing is also evolving to accommodate the demands for new devices, access from anywhere and improved search functionality. In a welcome development, official versions of New Zealand legislation are now freely available online. The sector continues to support the further digitisation of legal material.

All infographic figures relate to the July 2014 to June 2015 financial year. These statistics cover 91 percent of the New Zealand population.
LIBRARIES BY THE NUMBERS

Sometimes the best way to get a grasp on the library and information sector is to look at the numbers.

- **314** local public libraries support more than **4.2 million** people in our communities.
- **542,000** library patrons attended training events at public libraries during 2015.
- Public libraries loaned over **41.7 million** items in 2015.
- University libraries had over **7.2 million** items borrowed in 2014.
- Public library patrons downloaded over **1.6 million** ebooks in 2015, compared to only **17,000** in 2011.

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HAD OVER 11.7 MILLION ITEMS BORROWED IN JUST 2015 ALONE

AS OF 2014 UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Stocked OVER 2.6 MILLION EBOOKS AND 2.2 MILLION PRINTED BOOKS

2015
18MIL

18 MILLION ONLINE VISITS DURING 2015 OVER 51,000 PER DAY

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OFFERED 7.4 MILLION INFORMATION RESOURCES IN 2014

MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED DURING 2015

2 MILLION KIWIS ARE MEMBERS OF THEIR PUBLIC LIBRARY VISITING OVER 32,600,000 TIMES IN 2015 OVER 89,000 PER DAY
SPOTLIGHT ON THE SECTOR

APLM

Public Libraries of New Zealand (the Association) is the peak body for the public library sector in Aotearoa New Zealand. Formed as The Association of Public Library Managers in 2007, the Association represents the leaders of more than 300 public libraries across New Zealand. Public Libraries of New Zealand is the one voice of public libraries, they advocate for the needs of communities and the libraries that serve them.

Public libraries are vital community assets that mirror, reflect and service the communities they sit in. They enable communities to share resources, connect and upskill local people, and, to fully participate in the wider world.

Public Libraries of New Zealand drives the national conversation as our members drive the local conversations about how libraries change lives, driving economic growth, improving literacy and digital literacy, and connecting communities.

In 2012, the Association published the Public Libraries of New Zealand Strategic Framework 2012 – 2017. This document articulates the strategic direction for New Zealand’s public libraries and sets out the priorities for the Association. Public Libraries of New Zealand is currently consulting with members of the public, communities, stakeholders and library staff to refresh the strategic framework for 2017 and beyond.

www.publiclibraries.org.nz

SLANZA

The School Library Association of New Zealand Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura (SLANZA) aims to strengthen and promote the role of school libraries, to enable all school communities to become information literate.

SLANZA provides networking, support, cross-sector relationships and advocacy for the benefit of members. SLANZA provides professional development in regions as well as their free online training course “Connected Librarians”. Their bi-annual conference attracts international speakers and supports local school library staff to develop.

SLANZA have a comprehensive reading website which
supports teaching and student achievement with reading lists and resources and they provide study grants, annual awards, life membership and the highly regarded Collected magazine with a focus on school libraries.

www.slanza.org.nz

TE RŌPŪ WHAKAHAU

Te Rōpū Whakahau is the leading national body that represents Māori engaged in Culture, Knowledge, Information, Communication and Systems Technology in Aotearoa New Zealand. Te Rōpū Whakahau is a Māori association guided by the whakatauki “waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa” and is founded on four core values: Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Te Reo Māori.

Te Rōpū Whakahau supports practitioners and their organisations to empower whānau, hapū and iwi by providing development opportunities, indigenous and multicultural partnerships, and championing best practice around services, cultural responsiveness and accountability within the profession. Our members are national and international individuals and organisations that have a keen interest in the indigenous worldview and its application to the information sector.

Te Rōpū Whakahau was officially launched in 1992 as a formal network and ran as a special interest group of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand – Aotearoa (LIANZA) and in 1995 agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding with LIANZA and became an independent incorporated society the following year. Te Rōpū Whakahau and LIANZA formally signed a Memorandum of Partnership in 2014 which signalled the maturity of the relationship and a partnership status that continues to flourish with both associations demonstrating a collaborative commitment to mutual areas of interest.

Since 1992 Te Rōpū Whakahau has created and participated in initiatives of its own and with strategic partners to achieve long and short term goals relating to the recognition and implementation of the te reo Māori and the Tiriti o Waitangi in the information industry, relating to the improved taonga Māori; Māori client access and services; and improved work place culture for Māori.

Te Rōpū Whakahau runs annual hui-a-tau (conference); maintains listserves; and publishes job vacancies and pānui on their web page. It has run seminar programmes; made policy submissions; participated in research projects; and produced several publications. In partnership with Te Wānanga o Raukawa, in Ōtaki, it jointly delivers Māori information qualifications. Te Rōpū Whakahau provides the popular Mātauranga Māori course to the sector and is a key partner in the ongoing work developing and delivering the Māori Subject Headings for New Zealand.

www.trw.org.nz

FACT: There were 41,723,822 issues by public library staff throughout 2015
IAML

The New Zealand branch of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML(NZ)) seeks to encourage and promote the activities of music libraries, archives and documentation centres, to support and facilitate the realization of projects in music bibliography, music documentation and music library and information science at national and international levels. The New Zealand branch was established in 1982 and since then has achieved much to support music and music librarianship in this country in all sectors where music is found, from public libraries to academic and special libraries.

IAML(NZ) also has an advocacy and support role, recent work includes garnering support from the music community around the country when the music collections at the National Library were under review, making a submission to the TPP negotiations with regards copyright and how this would affect music, and attending the select committee hearings (by invitation).

IAML(NZ)’s biannual journal “Crescendo” (available in print subscription and online through EBSCO) covers a wide range of topics including research, musicology, updates on technology, information about less well-known collections around the country and much more.

The annual IAML(NZ) conference is held at different venues around the country and attracts interesting and stimulating speakers, provides an engaging and interactive programme and this also offers great learning and networking opportunities. IAML(NZ) offers a travel scholarship to attend their conference and, where possible, support to attend the international IAML conference.

Following their 2013 conference, in collaboration with the National Library, IAML(NZ) hosted a training session on cataloguing music with RDA which was very well attended and greatly appreciated. The 2014 conference will be held in Auckland directly following the LIANZA conference and IAML(NZ) are presenting a workshop on Digital music at the LIANZA conference.

www.iaml.info

NZLLA

NEW ZEALAND LAW LIBRARIANS’ ASSOC.

The New Zealand Law Librarians’ Association (NZLLA) supports and promotes the interests of legal information professionals in New Zealand and their 130 members work in many library sectors, including public, corporate, tertiary education, law society, business, central government, and courts. Members interact with their international colleagues frequently in the course of their work and the Association has reciprocal members’ rights accords with local and overseas professional bodies.

The NZLLA lobbies government and other bodies on information issues and it presents members’ collective views to legal information providers.

The NZLLA provides a vibrant, varied and vital professional education programme for its members organising seminar sessions and social functions regularly in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, with many presentations being delivered by telephone or video conference calls so that members throughout the country can participate.

The Association communicates with its members via their website, the LawLibs electronic discussion list and various social media channels.

www.nzlla.org.nz

FACT: 2,067,886 New Zealanders (51%) are members of their public library; there were 32,652,133 visits to libraries by New Zealanders in 2015 (an average of more than 7 visits per capita).
The National Library collects and safeguards New Zealand’s documentary tāonga in all forms of media, including digital, to preserve and enhance the country’s shared knowledge, for the benefit of future generations.

Since 1965, the National Library has been serving all New Zealand communities and connecting with individuals and organisations, so they can easily access national and international resources through knowledge networks.

The National Library delivers on its purpose by collecting, preserving and protecting documents, particularly those relating to New Zealand, making these accessible to all of New Zealand, supporting the work of New Zealand libraries and collaborating with libraries in New Zealand and internationally.

The National Library provides access to the collective knowledge of the nation in the following ways:

- **Digital New Zealand** – discovery and access to New Zealand digital content.
- **Services to Schools** – resources for 2,500 schools across the country.
- **Services to Public Libraries** – internet services, library management system, e-book licences.
- **Alexander Turnbull Library** – manuscripts, photographs, music, film, art, New Zealand and Pacific material.
- **Content Services** – responsible for national shared services with New Zealand and the acquisition and description of published collection items for the National Library, Alexander Turnbull Library and Schools collections.
- **Public Programmes** – tours, talks, workshops, exhibitions.

Through these services the National Library supports New Zealanders to learn, innovate and prosper by turning knowledge into value.

2015 was an exciting year for the National Library. It celebrated its 50th anniversary, opened a new map exhibition and continued work on a three-year programme to modernise its Services to Schools.

The objectives of the Services to Schools programme are to: improve reading engagement for students, support digital literacy for students and teachers and create modern learning library environments.

A new exhibition at the National Library, *Unfolding the Map*, opened in October 2015 and runs until August 2016. The exhibition is a collaboration between the National Library, Land Information New Zealand, Eagle Technology and Archives New Zealand. It showcases the history of maps in New Zealand – from the charts of Captain Cook’s 18th Century voyages to the GPS technology used today.

In November people from across the library sector, as well as government officials, National Library supporters and a range of other guests gathered at the National Library to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the passing of the legislation to form the National Library of New Zealand, on October 31, 1965.

[www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)
LIANZA: THE HEART OF AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND LIBRARIES

In operation since 1910, and incorporated by its own act of parliament, LIANZA continues to be the central professional organisation for the Aotearoa New Zealand library and information profession.

LIANZA membership reaches into every library sector, including public, tertiary, business, health, and medical, law, central government, health, school, and theological libraries and their professional staff. With a vision of being the vibrant, vital professional voice for those engaged in Librarianship and Information Management, LIANZA is committed to strengthening the library and information profession in New Zealand.

STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION
LIANZA has been working on multiple projects over the years with the overarching aim of strengthening the Library and Information profession within New Zealand. These projects have focused on identifying emerging leaders, assisting librarians in developing the skills they will need to meet future challenges, and working to develop a cohesive brand for New Zealand libraries. Here is a brief overview of each project:

Kōtuku – the LIANZA Emerging Leaders Programme

The Emerging Leaders project was developed with the goal of identifying and supporting emerging leaders within the Library and Information sector in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Kōtuku program – which was launched at the LIANZA 2014 conference – was developed by Lynley Stone and has multiple components to support leadership within the sector. 2015 ushered in the second cohort and plans are underway for a third later on this year.

GoodE

Good to the Power of E was developed in as a new initiative run by Libraries Aotearoa where passionate librarians from across the sector came together with other non-profits to collaborate for the greater good of New Zealanders. Partnering with the New Zealand Book Council, CORE Education, and The National Library, GoodE aims to create a space for dialogue with people from around the world with shared goals. The first event was held at the National Library in Wellington and focused on Literacy. Miranda McKeearney from the UK’s Reading Agency and Empathy Lab was the guest speaker. The event drew in more than 50 delegates from around New Zealand and is resulting in further collaborations within the sector.

Future of Libraries Summit

In July 2015, LIANZA hosted a meeting of the key library associations within New Zealand including APLM, SLANZA, LLA, TRW, and CONZUL. Librarians from across Aotearoa New Zealand convened in Wellington to discuss the future of libraries and to brainstorm together on the best possible future for libraries.

The Future of Libraries Summit helped identify four key workstreams within the sector to take it into the future. The key workstream is “One Library”. Underpinning this principle is the ability for all New Zealanders to access the information they need at any time resulting in a true equality of access.
Other takings from the Future of Libraries Summit include:

- The need for sector wide workforce development
- The necessity of establishing authentic biculturalism within the sector
- Open access to maximize the re-use of information to drive the New Zealand economy
- Sector wide collaborative work is underway to deliver effective change in each of these key areas.

**CPD**

LIANZA continues to provide a wide range of professional development offerings to the sector, both online and face to face. LIANZA is currently developing a series of training modules for face to face delivery in the regions, with a new method of distribution allowing LIANZA to significantly reduce the cost of training to the sector. LIANZA is also committed to creating relevant online courses through CLAD on topics such as Social Media for Libraries, HR in Libraries, Advocacy for Libraries and much more. These new courses will be available from June 2016.

**SUPPORTING THE PROFESSION**

In addition to creating events and CPD, LIANZA continues to promote the interests of the Library and Information profession. In 2015 LIANZA made a public statement against the banning of Ted Dawes’ young adult book ‘Into the River’ supporting the work of Louise La-Hatte from Auckland libraries in this space.

LIANZA has also kept abreast of the TPPA with their Copyright Committee making submissions on behalf of the association on issues of Intellectual Property and Copyright.

**LIANZA Conference**

2015 saw LIANZA taking the conference to a biennial structure for the benefit of members and sponsors alike. The risk paid off with the largest congregation of delegates in LIANZA history: 750 in total with 100 of these as exhibitors and sponsors. The largest meeting of the Library Sector in New Zealand continually proves itself to be the library event of the year. The 2015 theme was Shout - Karanga Rā. Keynotes included David Lankes, Ned Potter, Justin Hoeke (aka Justin the Librarian), and Sarah Houghton (aka The Librarian in Black).
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

LIANZA has Special Interest Groups in a variety of areas to encourage the exchange of information and facilitate the sharing of ideas and support between library and information professionals. LIANZA Regions are local groups of librarians who run events to enable networking. LIANZA Council interacts with each regional group via each region’s Councilors.

DIGITAL LIBRARY SIG

Digital Library SIG, formerly Information Technology SIG (IT-SIG), provides a forum for discussion, information and education on digital library developments and information technology in libraries. Current membership is around 130 individuals working in areas such as library websites, library catalogues and management systems, digital asset management systems, institutional repositories, and video, image and text digitisation projects.

The SIG holds a workshop and often an “Unconference” at the LIANZA Conference each year to discuss issues and enable members, and potential members, to network and discuss topics such as website redevelopment, library guides software, changing discovery experiences, Facebook and Twitter.

The SIG runs webinars focusing on more specific areas of interest allowing presenters to share their computer displays and discuss work practices and problems. Topics have included digitisation, ebook standards and patron-driven acquisition models, discovery layers, meta-data normalisation and digitisation standards.

The SIG runs a wiki at lianzaitsig.pbworks.com and the DigLibSIG email discussion list.

PIMN SIG

Te Herenga o te Moana-nui-ā-Kiwa: Pasifika Information Management Network Special Interest Group (PIMN SIG) is a support network of, and for, Pasifika librarians and information management colleagues who work with Pacific communities and collections. The current SIG membership is 16 however there are over 200 emails signed up to the PIMN discussion list. The majority of PIMN listserv members are not LIANZA members, and some are colleagues in the different pacific islands.

PIMN’s vision is to provide and contribute “to the enhancement of Pasifika peoples’ lives by delivering services and information which are easily accessible, current, meaningful, and relevant to their development and contribution to society.” (PIMN’s Mission Goals).

PIMN actively participates in exploring, researching, and documenting the way Pacific indigenous knowledge and information are currently being recognised and managed in our institutions; raising the status and availability of Pacific languages and literacies material; advocating for the digitisation of Pacific newspapers and other significant material; better access to Pacific resources, developing and enhancing support services to Pacific families and communities.

PIMN provides professional development activities for members and other colleagues including guest speakers, research presentations, workshops, and seminars, including tours of significant Pacific resources.

HEALTH SIG

The SIG runs a wiki at lianzaitsig.pbworks.com and the DigLibSIG email discussion list.
Health-SIG provides a forum for health sector library and information professionals. The current membership is around 85, comprising librarians from District Health Boards, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Polytechnic, university libraries and public libraries, as well as personal LIANZA members with an interest in health information.

Whilst its purpose is general and professional, it also provides a space for health librarians to discuss a variety of issues both directly and indirectly impacting on the work of our members. Health-SIG provides stimulating study days, conference programmes, friendship, camaraderie, vibrant email and in-person discussions.

Associated with Health-SIG is the email discussion group Health-INFO which focuses on issues concerning health information in New Zealand.

**TELSIG**

The Tertiary Libraries Special Interest Group exists to promote the interests of librarians and libraries associated with tertiary education and aims to foster discussion and information sharing, encourage co-operation and collaboration, and provide professional development opportunities. Current membership is over 160 from across the country.

Due to the diverse locations of members and the sometimes isolated nature of their roles within their institutions, the group concentrates on building up a selection of online activities where the barriers to participation such as cost and travel are lower. The online discussion groups are a popular and cost effective way to both improve professional knowledge and connect with colleagues all around the country.

**CATSIG**

Cataloguing SIG supports those employed exclusively or primarily as cataloguers as well as those where cataloguing is one task amongst many. The current membership is 185, made up of all library types, sizes and areas.

A major CatSIG initiative is to organise cataloguing training in both main centres and regional areas in the form of webinars, as well as providing funding so courses and can be offered at minimal cost to participants.

CatSIG supports the sector by providing sponsorship for students taking cataloguing courses at the Open Polytechnic and Victoria University of Wellington and by sponsoring LIANZA Conference speakers.

Contact is maintained with the membership through a quarterly newsletter and a discussion list.

**PRESERVATION SIG**

The purpose of the group is to foster awareness and understanding of preservation issues as they relate to New Zealand libraries. As preservation is an issue for all libraries, the group seeks collaboration across all library sectors— for analogue, born digital and digitised collections. Current membership comprises of public, tertiary, museum, theological, business, government and research libraries.

The SIG aims to help develop awareness of strategies, best practice and standards for the preservation of, and access to, a wide range of library information resources. The SIG works closely with the National Preservation Office (NPO) as it facilitates and coordinates preservation initiatives for national documentary heritage collections, with SIG representation on the Client Input Group of the NPO.

The Preservation SIG works to enhance strategic partnerships with allied (regional and national) heritage sectors and organisations, including collaboration on the provision of training, workshops and symposia, and assisting with the regional care and co-ordination of heritage resources; and to advise the LIANZA Council, and contribute to the development of policy.
SLIS

Tailored collections, specialist databases, and targeted services continue to make special libraries “special” and special library information professionals valuable in supporting their organisation’s mission and enabling their organisation to make well-informed decisions. A recent Australian study showed that special libraries return $5.43 for every dollar invested. Although special libraries are impacted by the increasing ease of access to information through the web, and other digital channels, special librarians’ “specialist” skills are recognized in their ability to filter a wide range of information and evaluate higher quality results quickly, and librarians are increasingly valued as information source experts within their organisations.

Special librarians interact regularly with clients through technology, but also highly emphasise the need to build strong working relationships with them to better understand their specific information requirements, as well as to enable/train their clients to access and interrogate resources/databases effectively.

PUBSIG

PubSIG promotes and supports the development of public library services and the librarians who work in them.

The group advocates on behalf of public librarians, raising awareness of issues that impact them and helping fund projects that benefit public libraries. The current membership is 226 nationwide.

The SIG offers a forum for communication, networking opportunities and a chance to celebrate the great work that public librarians do each day in New Zealand.

The group helps provide training opportunities and has sponsored members to attend training and communicates with members via the listserv and PubSIG on Facebook – actively seeking “good news” stories and disseminating them – as well as maintaining a presence on the LIANZA website.

RESEARCH SIG

The primary objective of the Research SIG is, quite simply, to support research into library and information management in New Zealand. The concept of research is interpreted broadly as ‘the use of structured methods to collect and analyse data’. Research is part of academic life, but also there are many organisations using research in order to understand and improve their efficiency and effectiveness. The SIG wishes to encourage research by academics, students, and practitioners. To do so it runs events such as symposiums at which researchers share their experiences, and workshops on research practice. It encourages participation in journals clubs, weekend schools, and other activities around the country that give opportunities for researchers to network with each other.

AORAKI

We are a local LIANZA group with 276 members, covering the Nelson-Marlborough, West Coast, Chatham Islands and Canterbury Regions. The Canterbury Region was formed in 1937 and changed its name in June 1995 to Aoraki Region. Aoraki LIANZA provides opportunities for all librarians in the region to get together for professional development, networking and social events. Aoraki LIANZA also gives a voice to all that is going on in libraries around the region through our blog: https://aorakilianzablog.wordpress.com/

FACT: 11,783,856 items were borrowed throughout university libraries in 2015.
OTAGO SOUTHLAND

Our region spans the bottom part of the South Island and we aim to host events around the region but this is a hard task given the diversity of the area. We aim to facilitate networking across the region and across the variety of libraries included in our catchment.

We host several events each year which often include a Weekend School and a Library Assistants’ Day. Both of these major events cover wide ranging topics. We are always keen to hear from people about what they would like to have included in these two as well as ideas for the other events we plan for each year.

As well as these events we host a journal club based in Dunedin every two months but anyone is welcome to do the reading and join up with others in their locations to discuss and network.

We publish a regular regional newsletter, LIBROS, and are keen to have contributions from our members to this newsletter.

We provide funding for people to attend events or to pursue study and are keen for people to apply for this.

Check out our part of the LIANZA website for more information including contacts and for upcoming events and opportunities.

HIKUWAI

The Hikuwai Region extends from The Bombay Hills, north to Cape Reinga, the tip of the North Island.

The name Hikuwai means “The tail fish of Maui” and reflects the importance we give to biculturalism, and the geographical range of our region beyond the confines of Auckland.

The Hikuwai regional committee provides a forum for library and information professionals from that region, it also serves as a vehicle to voice librarianship concerns and work towards resolutions. The current membership is around XXX from public libraries, special libraries and polytechnic and university libraries, as well as personal LIANZA members.

Whilst its purpose is general and professional, it also provides a space for librarians to discuss a variety of issues both directly and indirectly impacting on the work of our members. Hikuwai provides stimulating study days, weekend schools, camaraderie and professional talks. The committee also grants regular sponsorships to its members to support professional development.

IKAROA

Literally translated, Ikaroa means the long part of the fish. This is thought to be most appropriate for our region as it sprawls from Wairoa to Pahiatua and across the Manawatu to Taranaki.

Ikaroa Regional Committee provides a voice for the Ikaroa region, for library and information professionals. The current membership is around 143, comprising of librarians from Public Libraries, Polytechnic and University Libraries and other GLAM staff; as well as various Library vendors in the region.

The Committee consisting of 8 Information professionals as well as our Ikaroa Councillor

Whilst our purpose is general and professional, it also provides a space for librarians to discuss a variety of issues both directly and indirectly impacting on the work of our members.

Ikaroa provides stimulating continuing professional development in the form of events, an annual weekend Hui, workshops, conference programmes, Presidential visits, informal mentoring, camaraderie, and discussion listserv.

We work with SLANZA and TEL-SIG and other SIGs and groups where we can when arranging events workshops etc.

We have monthly Pubrarian get together with like-minded librarians and talk about books, libraries
maybe even the meaning of life, all over a glass of wine/beer/non-alcoholic beverage.

We have monthly journal club meetings where we discuss BOKs and learning to help keep our revalidation journals up to date over some wonderful coffee and stimulating conversation.

We also have a monthly newsletter to keep members informed of what happening in the Ikaroa region and beyond.

You can find out more about Ikaroa Region on our LIANZA web page [http://lianza.org.nz/ikaroa](http://lianza.org.nz/ikaroa)

### TE UPOKO O TE IKA A MAUI

The Wellington regional branch of LIANZA is a combined group of librarians from a range of different libraries and crossing specialties. We provide opportunities to all Wellington regional librarians to learn more about each other’s libraries through our Summer Visit series. We offer a range of speaker events including author librarians, overseas visitors and local librarians who have been overseas or involved in special projects.

Another function is for us to provide networking occasions. This can be whilst attending our other sessions or purely in a social catch up. We support a quarterly get together in the Hutt Region and are commencing a similar get together for librarians in Kapiti. The newest project that we are working on is the first Weekend School for the region to be held in October.

### WAIKATO BOP

The Waikato/BOP Region extends from the Bombay Hills, down to Taupo, right out to Gisborne and encompasses the Waikato, Bay of Plenty, and Coromandel regions. It was formed in 1967 and runs an annual weekend school that is the highlight on many a librarian’s calendar. Each year the two day weekend school is held in a different part of the region to highlight the different sectors and areas that we cover. Our Weekend School has been running for over a decade and it’s a great chance to network and hear from speakers around the region on topics such as digital initiatives, community outreach, LIANZA projects, library projects and library redevelopments.

We catch up regularly in local centres for a casual drink or meal, and The Waikato/BOP region is on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/LianzaWaikatoBOP/](https://www.facebook.com/LianzaWaikatoBOP/)

Covering such a huge geographic region we don’t often get together in person, but we’re a close knit bunch of around 200 members – from small town public to large university libraries and everything in between.
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