



National Forum on Public Libraries and Diversity

Theme: Kia ora neighbour, People in your neighbourhood

23 August 2009

Venue

Wellington Central Library

65 Victoria Street, Wellington

8.30 am-9.00 am	Registration
9.00am-9.15am	Mihi Whakatau
9.15am-9.25am	Welcome Jane Hill- Manager, Wellington City Libraries
9.25am-9.45am	Introductions
9.45am-10.00am	Tea Break
10.00am-11.00am	Title: Building Bridges: Information to integration Topic: Hear the young refugee authors of 'Earthless Trees' speak about their journey to New Zealand and how the library has made a contribution to their settlement. Speakers: Hajar Ali, Samson Sahele, Abubaka Mohammed and Shamim Homayun
11.05am-12.00pm	Title: First Voices Topic: Understanding the importance of maintaining a child's first language on a foreign land is not difficult but 'how' to do it is. Gunhild Litwin will be speaking about the project 'First Voices' that helps children learn and maintain their first language. Speaker: Gunhild Litwin Massey University – Adviser (Learning Languages)
12.00pm-1.00pm	Lunch break
1.00pm-2.00pm	Title: Migrant Employment Project Topic: This initiative helps participants gain useful local work experience in roles within Wellington City Council. Migrants and refugees bring diversity into the workplace and the community we serve. Learn more about the programme and hear some success stories. Speaker: Amanda Golding Migrant Work/Diversity Advisor WCC
2.05pm-3.00pm	Workshop: New Diversity projects in Public libraries Topic: Public libraries in new Zealand are taking more and more steps to engage with culturally and linguistically diverse population for building community participation. Participants will be sharing new projects from their libraries. Facilitator: Dr. Parrill Stribling Palmerston North City Libraries
3.00pm	Closing
3.05pm-3.30pm	Viewing of DVD: Our Place, Your Place What does Wellington City Libraries have to offer Wellington's new Muslim migrant community?

