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Earth People- 2009



In 2009 Waitakere Libraries celebrated Race Relations Day collaborating with most culturally diverse schools in the city. We joined Wellington City Libraries 'Earth People' programme to promote 2009 theme 'People in your neighbourhood' announced by the Human Rights Commission. More than 500 children from four schools in Waitakere participated in this programme, making figurines from clay while discussing how people can come from various different cultural and racial backgrounds but in the end we are one people living on this planet Earth and that we have more similarities than just looking at our differences.

Samoan Language Week- 2009



Samoan language story times and workshops using traditional art forms were some of the featured activities at libraries in Waitakere during Samoan Language Week in May. Special Samoan artworks and artefacts were displayed along with the books in all library branches.

Waitakere Libraries promoted and participated in Samoan Language Week which is an initiative of the Teaching of Samoan Language in Aotearoa, FAGASA Inc, and is also supported by the Human Rights Commission's Diversity Action Programme.

National Diversity Forum for Public Libraries -2009



The National Diversity Forum for Public Libraries was held on 23rd August at Wellington City Libraries. Total 40 participants representing 12 public libraries and Massey and Victoria University attended the forum.

Above left- Hajar Ali, a young refugee from Iraq, speaking about her life experience and her journey as a refugee and about her chapters in the book - Earthless People. On the right- Gunhild Litwin speaking about first language maintenance project- First Voices.



Above left- Keynote speaker Amanda Golding speaking about Wellington City Council's ' Migrant Employment Project ' along with the recipients of the participants who are now employed by different organisations such as the National Bank. Parrill Stribling with Shivangi Pradhan during the workshop on new Diversity projects

Rangoli Colouring in Competition (Held from 20th August -20th September 2009)



Grandprize winners of the Rangoli Colouring-in Competition with Vijaya Vaidyanath, the CEO of Waitakere City Council were awarded their prizes at the Trust Stadium on 4th October 2009



Winning Entry from Ranui Library

In its fifth year Rangoli Colouring-in Competition is sponsored by Radio Tarana, an Indian Radio Channel. Libraries had an overwhelming response to the competition with 252 actual entries from its six library branches excluding Titirangi which was under refurbishment.

We had more than 5000 hits on our website to download the competition designs with more than 3000 actual entry forms taken by the customers



Mary Forbes, Team Leader of New Lynn library awarded prizes to the winners of Rangoli Competition. Above left: Mary Forbes and Anitha Pattery, Children and Tee's Librarian with the winners. Right: Winners standing in front of the display of winning entries. All library branches organised their own small prize giving where Children's librarians and Team Leaders awarded prizes to the Rangoli competition winners of the branch.

Moon festival -2009 (3rd October 2009)



Every year Moonfestival is celebrated at all Waitakere Library Branches; artefacts and items of significance are displayed along with Chinese language collection. Above is the display at New Lynn Library held from 27th September until 3rd October 2009



Four members of Auckland Chinese Calligraphy Association did demonstrations at New Lynn Library on 3rd October 2009. Crowd gathered to watch the demonstrations as well as to get their names written in Chinese on the special rice paper used by the calligraphy artists.



Special Mandarin Storytimes attracted more than 40 kids with their parents and caregivers. The Children made rabbit hats, and enjoyed listening to the traditional story about the rabbit and the moon along with the songs on the day.



After special Storytimes children enjoyed getting their face painted.

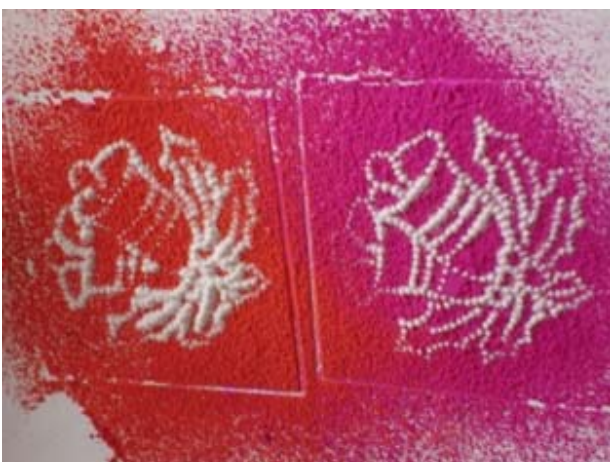
Diwali- Festival of Lights -2009 (5th -8th October 2009)



Smita Upadhye explained the significance of Rangoli to the group



Traditional Rangoli Demonstration attracted many who enjoyed hands on experience of colouring Rangoli patterns.



Children and adult equally were enthusiastic learning more about Rangoli.



Vidya Arunachalam performed Bharat Natyam, classical Indian dance depicting the story of Radha Krishna on 6th October



Many women got their hands painted with Henna patterns.



First ever Hindi Storytimes for children was trilled during Diwali festival; Roopa Suchdev from Triangle Television retold the stories about the significance of five days of Diwali.



Lantern making workshop was popular among children.



During the workshop and after completing the task, children posed with their lanterns.



Dr. Priya Punjabi during her talk on Ayurveda at New Lynn Libraries meeting room



Author Talk: Dr. Edwina Pio talking about her experience of writing a well researched book 'Sari' on history of working Indian women in NZ



Delightful Bolly Hop group from Arohoe School attracted customers from New Lynn Mall brightening the atmosphere around. Dr. Pooja Maddela spoke about the traditional branch of medicine from India called Ayurveda and its benefits in daily life.

Oceania Festival of Arts and Culture- 2008



Waitakere Library and Information Services had a three-day extravaganza of Pacific arts and culture at Waitakere Central Library in October 2008. The focus of the event was on showcasing Pacific cultures, their traditional arts and crafts and to offer opportunities for life-long learning for all. The Oceania Festival of Arts and Culture gave an opportunity to all to learn and know more about the traditions and cultures of the Pacific. There were demonstrations of flax weaving; Tivaevae and Storytelling. In addition to it, the library had a display of its collection of Pacific languages books. The Oceania festival of arts and culture was supported by Waitakere Pacific Arts and Cultural Trust.