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MARCH TO A MILLION AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

The march is on to reach one-million library visitors.

Statistics reveal that for two years running, Ryde Library Service came very close to the magic million mark and that current figures look promising.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said: “**March to a Million** is our own ‘Guinness Book of Records’ moment and we are hoping the community will help get us over the line.

“Community libraries have reinvented themselves as places of discovery, leisure, learning and sharing. New technology, community language collections and special interest programs have vastly widened the appeal and accessibility of our libraries.

“We’re also known for innovations like STEAM (science | technology | education | arts| maths), the interactive program at West Ryde Library that links directly into NSW school education teachings to engage children in a fun way with technology and discovery.”

There are millions of reasons why you should visit your local library. Here are a few:

- 950,000 loans
- 183,000 web visits
- 160,000 enquiries
 - 200,000 items in library collections, including
- 11,800 eBooks, 13,000 DVDs and 49,000 items in the kids collection
- 49,370 hours of free PC usage
- 1,700 programs and activities run each year, including sessions for children, seniors, local studies, special interest groups, author talks
- Free **March to a Million** reusable coffee cup
- Free Membership - 72,000 members
- Free WiFi
- 24/7 free eLibrary

For a glimpse of what’s on at your library go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents

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