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EASTWOOD LIBRARY'S 'FRESH' REOPENING

A new-look Eastwood Library has reopened its doors after a \$220,000 renovation.

A fresh coat of paint, colour scheme and new blinds promote the open airy space. New carpet, comfortable seating and furniture and a streamline service desk compliment the vibrant character of this popular community library.

A large crowd of over 700 locals joined in the celebrations that included a traditional lion dance, an appearance by the Chinese God of Fortune, as well as face painting, morning tea and a cake cutting ceremony by the Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch.

“Modern libraries are no longer the sedate places of the past,” the Mayor said. “They are thriving community hubs where people of all ages come to take part in all manner of activities, as well as reading and studying.”

Eastwood Library opened at its current location more than 20 years ago and is one of the busiest branches in the Ryde Library Service network.

Its collection of over 36,000 items includes a large Chinese language collection catering to the areas diverse community of which nearly a quarter were born in China or Hong Kong.

Free Wifi and a new computer hub attract school children, teenagers, parents and seniors.

A year-long program of events offers bilingual talks, culture discussions, homework help sessions run in partnership with Roteract, storytime, children's activities, knitting groups, JP services and a Council kiosk.

You can also enjoy a quiet cup of tea with scones at the Eastwood Women's Rest Centre who share the building.

The friendly, well informed staff are always happy to help with enquiries.

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Monday and Tuesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 10.00am – 8.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 12 noon

Sunday: Closed