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RECORDS BROKEN AT NEW RYDE LIBRARY

Locals have been quick to discover a wealth of entertainment and learning opportunities right on their doorstep at the new Ryde Library.

In just three weeks since it reopened, Ryde Library has welcomed over 20,000 visitors and signed up more than 700 new members.

The Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian said the number of visitors in the first three weeks was equal to the combined total of visits for both February and March at the old library. "People love the new space and facilities and have quickly taken advantage of the enormous variety of items that can now be borrowed including movies, music, comics and foreign language items," he added.

A quick snapshot of the major borrowings in the first three weeks of operation at the new Ryde Library reveals the most popular items:

Item Borrowed	Number
Children's items (including over 3,000 picture books	4,942
DVDs	3,660
Adult fiction	2,264
Adult non-fiction	2,043
Items in Chinese	1,002
CDs	946
Magazines	719

Special events and activities have also attracted growing numbers:

Activity	Attendances
Library Tours (English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Local Studies)	12 sessions - 90 people
Preschool Storytime	4 sessions - 396 people
Baby Rhyme Time	6 sessions - 210 people
Afterschool Kids Club	9 sessions – 186 people

So, the next time you want to take home a movie, entertain the children while you look up the history of your suburb, or have a quiet read, visit the new Ryde Library at 1 Pope Street, Ryde (cnr Pope & Devlin Street) within Top Ryde City shopping centre.

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