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$10,000 up for grabs from DigitalNZ

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In November our friends at Digital New Zealand announced that two $10,000 grants would be awarded to help with New Zealand digitisation projects.

For those partner libraries with Kete a sum of this kind could really help get your baskets filled.

The People's Network is keen to see partner libraries apply for the award.

In the interests of removing any barriers to those wishing to apply, and to make the most of the funds available, the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa will supply a full 'Kete package' to any partner library who makes a successful application. This will include -

- An A3 colour scanner (Fuji Xerox Docuscan C4250)

- Hosted Kete (online digital repository)

- Training for one staff member in Kete administration

- Loan of a digital audio recorder (either a Marantz PD620 or Fostex FR-2LE)

More information on the awards, terms and conditions, and an application form are available from the Make it Digital website http://makeit.digitalnz.org

Is your library front page material?

Since the revamp of our marketing site last year, Otorohanga library has had the honour of featuring on the home page of our website.

In order to keep things fresh we're looking for another partner library image to use. This could be a picture of the library itself, the staff, APNK machines in use, or patrons using wifi. Any image will be considered (though non-blurry images of a decent size are preferred) and our favourite will be chosen to take pride of place on the home page for the next three months.

Send your digital images to moata.tamaira@natlib.govt.nz

3M Award hits the road

As you will no doubt be aware the People's Network (in partnership with public libraries) was the very proud recipient of the 2009 3M Award for innovation in libraries. Though we are proud to have it in our "trophy cabinet" the award belongs as much to partner libraries as it does to us.

In acknowledgment of this we'll be sending the award on a road trip around the country to partner libraries.

The first library to host the trophy is Westport Library because they were the quickest to respond so enthusiastically to this suggestion.

As part of the tour, a library from each district will be sent the award complete with a press release and tour schedule. In addition libraries will receive courier tickets for sending the award onto the next venue. If, by any chance you do not receive the trophy when it is due to arrive please contact the previous venue for confirmation that it has been sent.

Don't forget, we would love to see photos of library staff (and customers if they're keen) enjoying this accolade as well as copies of any press coverage that you get arising from the road trip!

Skillsoft Training

Remember that the skillsoft training for APNK Partner Library staff ends on 31st January 2010.

We are currently developing our own in-house training system for APNK library staff. This will be available in the early part of 2010. More details will be coming your way as soon as they are available...

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Community of Practice

If you work in a People's Network partner library and would like to join this forum for sharing ideas, successes, questions and stories then please send us an email to peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz with the subject line: 'Join CoP'.

Governance Group

The APNK Governance Group met November 19th 2009 in Wellington. Agenda items up for discussion included -

- Ongoing sustainability and expansion of the APNK service - cost modelling will be done early in 2010 before any further decisions are made regarding this. The continuing financial support from NLNZ and the need to articulate clearly the values of the service to all involved were key messages.

- Mark Lawrence was congratulated for his work on delivering the GO-GO system, as were the APNK and the Partner Libraries for the 3M and the Extra Touch Awards.

- There was agreement to archive the Business Development Framework and produce new documents which will including vision statements, strategic directions, and a timeline recounting the development of the organisation so far.

GO-GO System

After a successful pilot with Puke Ariki in New Plymouth the GO-GO (Get On Get Off) PC control system is now available to libraries wishing to buy this added service, with charges for the system calculated on a cost recovery basis.

As well as Puke Ariki, the system was installed at Wanganui in December and Timaru is next on the list later this month. Stratford have also taken up the GO-GO option and will have the system installed early next month.

Winner of the simply divine APNK Tee Shirt…

Last issue we announced that everyone who made a comment or contributed to a discussion on the Community of Practice would go into a prize draw to win one of our very stylish APNK tee shirts. **Carol McLeod**, Library Manager for the Far North District is the winner of November's draw. Well done, Carol!

For your chance to win a tee shirt this month, remember to post a reply or comment onto the CoP.

Farewell Margaret

We bid a fond farewell this month to our fearless leader Margaret Garland who leaves us for the balmy climes of Dunedin and the Presbyterian Ministry. Mark Lawrence will be seconded to Margaret's position for a six month term. Good luck Margaret, we'll miss you!

Regional Pages now live across the country

Waimakariri's Regional home page

The rollout of the new regional pages (the home site displayed on People's Network machines) began in pilot form with Nelson District libraries in November. Since then the switch from the old "blue pages" to the new version has been made at all partner libraries and has gone very smoothly. The team here at APNK HQ would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and enthusiasm during this process.

Roughly half of partner libraries have now taken up the option of customising their own regional pages with banner images, home page blurbs and additional Go Local information and links. In order to help support those staff taking on this added responsibility a Regional Site Admins group has been started on the Community of Practice. The full list of regional pages also offers a look at what other libraries around the country have done.

The option to customise regional pages can be taken up at any time. If you're interested in getting your local look or content up on your regional pages then email peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz.

Top Tip from the Helpdesk

Do you know where your FAQs are? With the rollout of the updated regional pages now completed, the FAQ wiki is no longer the place to go for the answers to pesky questions. Instead, the FAQs within your new regional pages are the way to go.

Do yourself (and your customers) a favour and make sure you've got these linked or bookmarked from your staff machines.

Don't delay! Bookmark the following URL today!

http://www.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.info/faq

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