



Accolades to APNK and Partner Libraries

It was a fantastic couple of days for us all when the APNK service was awarded both the '3M Award for Innovation in Libraries' at the LIANZA Conference and the 'Extra Touch Award' from the Association of Blind Citizens of NZ for adding visual support software to the PCs for those with vision impairment.

Thanks to all the libraries for your support of APNK and the way you are using it to make such a difference in and for your communities. There are some great stories out there of successes and challenges but there is no doubt the partnership between APNK and Public Libraries is having a huge impact on people's lives and these awards reflect that success. Well done all.

- Margaret Garland



Staff from APNK and partner libraries with recently won awards at LIANZA Conference 2009 in Christchurch last month.

For more info on the awards see our [media release](#).

Ordering headsets and foam ear covers?

We have added an order form template to the [Community of Practice](#) site. This can be found under the Library Managers Group as well as the general discussion forum. This has the up-to-date prices for 2009. We are currently experiencing long delays on deliveries of headsets so encourage libraries to order sooner rather than later.

What is NVDA?

Non Visual Desktop Access is a free and open source screen reader for blind and visually impaired people. It is installed on all APNK public computers and when running "reads aloud" the active portion of the screen in a variety of computer voices (there's a range to choose from). For example you could use NVDA to read the contents of an email or use it to navigate around Microsoft Word's toolbars and menu.

To run NVDA either go to Windows Start button | Programs | select NVDA OR try the shortcut key Ctrl-Alt-=

NVDA Tips!

- When NVDA is running it will display a small icon in the system tray (near the clock).
- You can right click the NVDA icon to exit or adjust settings
- NVDA uses keys to navigate around the screen - so if a customer says, for example, the I or P key is not working on the keyboard then it may be because NVDA is running. Just restart the computer or if you wish to keep NVDA running use the keyboard shortcut Insert Spacebar.

More info about the NVDA project is available from their website: <http://www.nvda-project.org/>.

Wifi poster available



Glen whipped up a very smart looking sign last month advertising the free wifi hotspot APNK provided at LIANZA Conference 2009. This sign is now available as [a pdf to download](#) from our website if you'd like to use this A3 poster (in eye-catching green) at your library.

APNK Tee shirts are now available for sale to Library staff

with the new logo and the website URL.

Libraries can use the form in the Community of Practice to send an order and the tee shirts will be posted out.

Simply raise a purchase order on behalf of your library and you will be invoiced directly from APNK.

Costs: \$25 each including postage.

Which stats stack up?

APNK staff are currently looking at the statistics we provide to partner libraries and want to know which are the most useful to you. Which groups of data help you make decisions about your library? Are you happy with what we're currently providing or do you feel like you need something else?

Keiran has started a discussion thread on this topic on the [Community of Practice](#) so please give us your feedback there or via email as soon as possible.

Next Governance Group Meeting

The Governance Group will meet on Thursday 19th November.

Items on the agenda include:

- Business Development Framework Review
- Funding and Sustainability of APNK
- Report on APNK and Māori
- Update on LSynCNZ (all of country Library Management system)

Nelson trialling Regional Pages

During November colleagues from partner library Nelson will be trying out the new customisable regional pages that will eventually grace all People's Network PCs. We'll be taking on feedback and suggestions from the Nelson staff so that everybody else will hopefully have a seamless transition from your old blue pages to something of a more 'sunny' colour. We'll keep you posted on developments.

Kete news

An armful of new Kete are now underway with the latest "crop" of Kete administrators attending training at APNK HQ immediately following LIANZA Conference 2009.

All Kete administrators new or old are encouraged to join the Kete group on the Community of Practice to share tips, questions or Kete-based frustrations (we know you have them) with others creating and administering these digital repositories.

For further information on Kete visit the [new Kete page](#) on our website.



Community of Practice

<http://cop.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.org/>

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'.

As an added bonus if you contribute to a discussion thread on the Community of Practice during the month of November you'll go in the draw to win a **free APNK t-shirt** of the kind being sported by stylish librarians up and down the country!



From clockwise from front left— Joanne Talijancich, Linda McLean, Kathryn Milich and Paula Stuve of Dargaville Library take 'steps' to look stylish in their People's Network tees.

Top Tip from the Helpdesk

Are customers reporting problems with printing emails from Yahoo Xtra website?

We are aware that there is a problem with the Yahoo Xtra website that causes the browser to error and crash when customers try to print their email.

The fix is to use the Yahoo Xtra printer menu/icon displayed inside the email rather than using the Printer icon in the Internet Explorer (or Firefox) toolbar.

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