



# Quality of Life

The "Living Room of the City" strives to enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors to Palmerston North, by providing stimulating pathways within the Library in which to live, learn, work and play.

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## *Initiatives - Next 3 years:*

Create programmes and events that surprise and excite the whole family:

- Host an annual icon event
- Offer a range of programmes for children and adults on an ongoing basis
- Establish a number of family based activities, delivered on weekends and during holiday times
- Make the library more family friendly in terms of policies & practices - begin with membership
- Establish an AV Club

Foster opportunities for lifelong learning:

- Host regular workshops on all manner of topics using local experts where possible
- Host focus groups - begin with job seekers
- Offer an after school programme including homework help
- Work with other community groups and individuals to provide a venue & support for their particular activity
- Further develop opportunities for those volunteering their time & expertise in the Library

Provide a prime space for people to spend their leisure time:

- Launch a Library shop
- Improve the event space available to include a gallery & performance area
- Extend opening hours on Sunday to include morning opening

## *Initiatives - Next 10 years:*

- Writer in residence programme
- Establish a community learning centre in partnership with other interested agencies
- Promote the environmental benefits of using the library
- Establish a small theatre specialising in art house films
- Promote the city library as a focal point of environmental education

*Romance of reading*

*Stimulating events*

*Fostering relationships*

*Lifelong learning*

*Joy of discovery*

*Creativity*

*Aesthetics*