

LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES!

Connecting Workplace Literacy Learners with Local Libraries



TIPS FOR PROMOTING

THE USE OF THE LOCAL LIBRARY

Here's some ways to encourage your workers to use local libraries:

Contact the head librarian at your local library

Invite them to speak at a toolbox or other meeting (6 people max. is optimal)

- * Hint – before the meeting, send them *Suggestions for Librarians*

Promote library membership benefits by placing the '*Get the most from your library*' poster in a conspicuous place in your workplace

- * Encourage staff to read and discuss
- * Promote events at local library (e.g. homework help, parent and baby groups, cultural events (e.g. Diwali))

Put up a simple map showing libraries nearby

Display the timetable for when and where the mobile library visits nearby

Explain that payslips/driving licences can be used as ID for membership

Think about:

- * Installing computers with library access in public area
- * Allowing Wi-Fi access
- * Starting a book club/talking club with short readings on high interest topics (e.g. tenancy issues, managing money, whānau, health)