



## Horowhenua District Libraries to implement RFID self check out

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**White Bear Lake, Minn. (June 22, 2009)** – Horowhenua District Libraries will implement Tech Logic's CircIT RFID self checkout and security systems in its new Levin Central Library and Foxton Branch Library.

Horowhenua District Libraries are located on the North Island of New Zealand, just a 1.5-hour drive from Wellington. The Horowhenua Library Trust, responsible for the administration of the libraries, has a history of innovation. Whenever a new service is needed, the library team and trust work together to create innovative responses to demands. Two examples of this are the Koha Open Source Library Management System and the Kete Open Source Digital Archive. Koha is now in use on every continent around the world and has been translated into many languages; the Kete system is in use throughout New Zealand and other regions of the world.

Horowhenua District Libraries serves a population of 30,000, of which approximately 18,000 residents are in the urban boundaries of Levin. The Levin Central Library is the hub of the system, servicing two smaller branch libraries at Foxton and Shannon.

The average daily issuance of all library system items has grown by 20 percent over the past two years, and the libraries have never experienced higher numbers of visitors and usage than in the last year. Increased usage combined with anticipated further demand that will result from the opening of the new libraries means RFID technology will be essential. The CircIT system will provide borrowers greater facility when checking out items, while library staff will be able to handle the increased demand without any diminution of service. The Tech Logic installation will include full EFTPOS capabilities, allowing library users to pay fees and fines at the self check out terminals. Patrons also will be able to check the details of any items they have on loan or on hold.

Rosalie Blake, head of Horowhenua District Libraries, said, "The Tech Logic system readily met all of the evaluation criteria," which included compatibility with Koha 3.0, product excellence and reputation, affordability in terms of purchase and total cost of ownership, and ongoing service and support.

Rosalie added, "The libraries look forward to working with Tech Logic on the introduction of RFID and to building a long term relationship between the library and Tech Logic." Future plans include the likely introduction of a returns system at Levin Library.

### **About Tech Logic**

Tech Logic is the leading provider of innovative Automated Sorting Technologies (AST), circulation staff support tools, and patron self services for libraries. Tech Logic accomplishes this through unequalled expertise, dedication to quality, and world-class customer support services.

Tech Logic provides barcode and RFID check-in and checkout systems, material return drops, AST systems, inter-library distribution systems, and patron reserve systems. Tech Logic designs, manufactures, delivers, installs, maintains, and services all of its systems.

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