

Drive-through library a first

Carolyn Johnson, Logan City Council Library

Located thirty minutes south of Brisbane and forty minutes from the heart of the Gold Coast, Logan City is the third largest local authority in Queensland. When the Logan Hyperdome Library opens in January 1998, Logan City Council will have established five new libraries since 1992.

Each of the five libraries is fitted out and decorated with the same corporate colour scheme and corporate carpet; interchangeable shelving, end panels, and trolleys; interchangeable furniture (chairs, tables, notice and display boards); signage styles; and internal returns facilities. Substantial savings have been identified by virtue of being able to rotate furniture, equipment and shelving among the libraries.

Logan's 80 000 library members borrow in excess of two million items annually and belong to all branches, not just the library of enrolment. The Logan Hyperdome Library when complete will be a two-level 1570 square metre, freestanding complex with parking undercover in an adjacent complex.

The drive-through concept was born of discussions on the difficulties parents with small children and babies had in simply returning their library items, not to mention all other users who would benefit from a pick-up and return, drive-through facility. The main design issues identified to date are: ensuring that the pick-up and return point is on the right hand side of the vehicle; traffic flows are safe; returns facilities are fire rated; and return and pick-up facilities suit all types of vehicle heights. Such is the innovation, the final design will occur as the drive-through is constructed.

Items for collection via the drive-through include reservations and previously phoned ahead requests, as well as items chosen in person but collected via the drive-through (the 'parcel pick-up' concept). An after-hours return shoot will also be provided for pedestrians. A youth 'hyperspace' is planned and is being developed in consultation with young people and the State Library of Queensland. Art spaces have also been designated in the complex.

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Ian Rogers, president,
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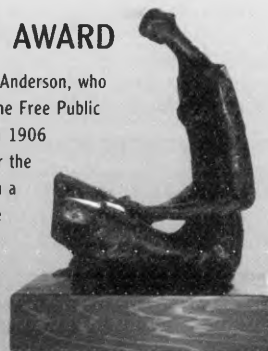
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