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Launch of 'Bringing the Library to you'

Her Excellency the Governor of NSW Marie Bashir will attend the launch of 'Bringing the Library To You', a state-wide project being led by Marrickville Council that will promote and raise awareness of Home Library Services to some of the most vulnerable people in NSW.

The project received over eighty thousand dollars in grant funding. The money has been used to create a range of promotional materials that will raise awareness of Home Library Services, and improve access for disadvantaged groups including the frail-aged, disabled, members of CALD communities and carers.

The Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Morris Hanna said he wanted to congratulate Marrickville Council's hard working Library staff who helped successfully apply for the library development grant which is administered by the State Library of NSW.

"There are good reasons why this grant application was so warmly received by the funding body. Some of the very people most in need of all the services, programs, and materials provided by our libraries, are the very people who, because of disability, illness and limited mobility, are unable to access public libraries in person," Councillor Hanna said.

"Marrickville Council is committed to and supports social inclusion. All Australians should have access to the resources and services of a public library, regardless of their circumstances," he said.

The project has seen the creation of promotional materials, brochures, bookmarks, and posters in English, and six community languages. As well, a DVD has been produced to help promote Home Library Services reach out to socially and culturally isolated people in the community.

"Because this is a state-wide project, overseen by Marrickville Council, there will be cost savings to libraries through collaborative planning, design, printing, production and distribution of the materials," Councillor Hanna said.

"This is a wonderful and positive step towards social inclusion for target groups with the potential to improve the social well-being of community members," he said.

'Bringing the Library To You' will be launched by the General Manager of Marrickville Council Mr Ken Gainger on Monday 19 March at 9.45am for a 10.00am start. Media are invited to attend. RSVP essential on (02) 9335 2222.

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