

## **6 SUMMER IN THE LIBRARIES (AN339-2004)**

The Committee is advised that during summer 2004, library staff organised a series of free events aimed at promoting library services to children of all ages and their parents and carers.

In the Central Library, 19 activities were held during the six weeks, including storytelling sessions, face painting, a games workshop event and craft activities. Links were strengthened with the Equality Action Team's Access to Learning Project, with families from minority ethnic backgrounds attending most of the sessions.

All events linked with the Reading Agency's national summer reading scheme 'Reading Rollercoaster' where children are given incentives to read during the holiday. 154 children participated in this and during September those who have completed the scheme will be invited to a medal ceremony.

A total of 533 adults and children attended the events, which is a considerable increase of 242 on the previous year. This success was reflected across the City with 924 adults and children participating in events held at Community Libraries, 264 more than in summer 2003.