



KNOX AND DISTRICT TOY LIBRARY INC.

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NEWSLETTER August 2002

Welcome to the August 2002 edition of our newsletter which provides information on current activities within the toy library.

Reminder – Opening Hours

Sessions times for 2002 are:

1 st and 3 rd Tuesday evening of each month:	7.00pm – 8.00pm
1 st and 3 rd Friday morning of each month:	10.00am – 11.00am
EVERY Saturday morning of each month:	10.00am – 11.30am

Don't Forget!

Toy Warehouse
Sale Fundraiser
Wed Sep 11



Changes to Borrowing Rights

At a recent meeting, the committee decided on a change to borrowing rights. As you may have noticed the shelves were getting quite empty and even though the committee has spent \$3000 on new toys since February this year (see list below for details of the new toys) and spent a fair bit of time fixing the toys that have been put aside (for rebagging, replacing missing pieces, repairing, etc.), the toys are being borrowed whilst the puzzle shelves remain full. Puzzles are very good for fine motor skill development, problem solving and coordination. Our toy library has quite generous borrowing rights (other toy libraries generally allow 1 toy & 1 puzzle per child). So in order to circulate the toys a bit more and encourage borrowing of puzzles the new borrowing rights are:

Single membership entitles the borrower to 3 toys and 1 puzzle.

Family/Group membership entitles the borrower to 6 toys and 2 puzzles.

This change will apply from 1 October 2002.

Members with children under 18 months will be allowed to borrow 4 items.

Introducing the “three C’s”

Before returning your toys, it is the member’s responsibility to:

- C**ount the number of pieces and ensure they match the number on the bag
- C**lean or wipe the toys
- C**heck the condition of the toy and bag if any action is required bring it to the attention of the coordinator when you return your toys.



A reminder that it is a member’s responsibility to check that the requisite pieces are present *before* they borrow the toy. We have endeavoured to create more room where members can count their toys.

Successful Again! Community Development Grant

We are pleased to let you know that toy library has been successful in obtaining a second year of funding for our paid coordinator project through Knox City Council’s Community Development Grants. Last year we were successful in obtaining a grant to cover the employment of a paid coordinator. The project applied for funding over 3 years, with the first year being fully funded by the grant, the second year 2/3 funded, the third year 1/3 funded with the aim of the toy library being able to sustain the employment of a coordinator after the first 3 years. The toy library will receive \$3658.00 for the project this year.

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Survey

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting a survey on how satisfied members are with the way the toy library operates. If you are one of the sample chosen please give the committee member a few minutes of your time. The survey is being undertaken partly so that we can complete the report we need to produce for Knox Council for the grant we received last year and partly because we would love to hear your views.

Suggestions

Member's suggestions on purchases, and improvements to the way the toy library operates, are welcome. Those who have entered suggested purchases in the suggestions book will note that most of these have been purchased. Note that both the purchasing suggestions book and a suggestion box are available for comments on near the checkout desk.

Website



Check it out! <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~knoxtl>

Many thanks to Steve Weeks who developed the site. It has details on our toy library and links to related information.

New look labelling on shelves

Have you noticed the new labels on the shelves? These are to make it easier to find the category of toy you are looking for.

A, F, G, H, J, L, N toys are in the large room

B, C toys are in the small room

D, E & M toys are on the mobile shelves in the main room

Popular toys tend to be grouped on the floor in the main room.

Thank you Toy Repairers

Thanks to Kim Jensen, Mark Walton and Peter Archer, for repairing toys. It extends the life of some of our well-loved toys and allows the children to continue to have fun playing with them.

Working Bees – 4 volunteers required

We require some volunteers on the **FOURTH** Wednesday evening in August, September, October and November from 7.30pm - 9.30pm to help us to clear the backlog of repairs and upgrade bags. Please advise Joy if you are able to help us with this.



Help Wanted

If any parent or grandparent has some skills that would come in useful for toy library please let Joy know (9729 2613) For example, we are looking for toy repairers, especially for some of the wooden toys which need some freshening up (e.g. sanding and repainting)



Anyone for a cuppa and some fun?

Are you interested in meeting other parents & letting the kids have a play. Why not join us for a social couple of hours at Planet Play (Cathies Lane, Wantirna), every 2nd Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm (commencing Thursday August 22). Stay for as long or short as you like. It is non fundraising and will be a great chance to make new friends with a common interest.

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FUNDRAISING

The Knox and District Toy Library is a non-profit run organisation. We have recently received a grant from the Knox council, but once these monies have run out we need to be able to survive by being totally self sufficient in the coming years. To do this we must establish an ongoing fundraising network. We need all our members to have a positive and supportive attitude towards our fundraising efforts for the toy library. We now have a fundraising committee, who is committed and enthusiastic about our ongoing survival of the toy library. We would welcome any ideas, suggestions or offers of help, please speak to Joy at a session or call Vanessa on 9758.8879

- **Toy Warehouse Sale- 11th September**

A fantastic chance to purchase some great toys at a wholesale price. All the best brands and popular theme toys (e.g. Thomas the Tank, Bob the Builder and Hi - 5)

Members who book tickets for 3 or more friends who are not toy library members get their ticket at no charge. Spread the word, all welcome!!! Remember the more people we get there the more money the toy library stands to make

Book a ticket with Joy or call Vanessa on 9758 8879 Cost \$5 per ticket

- **Milk Bottle Tops**

For those members who buy Paul's milk, please save the specially marked bottle tops and put them in the box located at the toy library. Toy library will receive 10 cents for each top collected. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of new toys. Small boxes are available to take home for collecting. The next cash-in day is November. (The promotion runs till the end of 2003)

- **Party Pack**

Don't forget our party pack when having a birthday party at home. It's full of things like a big fire truck, tent and tunnel, roller coaster and lots more. Cost is \$40.00 for members for the week. For more info

Call Bridget on 9758.4141 or see Joy at a session.

- **Pixi Photos**



Pixi photo's was held 20th/21st July
And proved to be a huge success,
we raised \$850 which will be used
for the purchasing and upkeep of toys

Winners of Raffle



1st Mr & Mrs Garland (\$200 pixi voucher)
2nd Norm Lee (coffee dripper)
3rd Sue (wine cooler bag & wine)
4th S. Fursseidon (labels voucher)

Upcoming Events

*11th Sept - Toy sale

*Sept Toy Catalogue

*30th Nov - Almost Xmas party and Open day

*Watch out for details next year on our Market night

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NEW TOYS PURCHASED 2002

A Toys (Baby Toys)

Tumble Tortoise	L/T Nesting Pots n Pans
Tumbling Clowns	Wow Discovery Island Stacker
L/T Animal Stackables (x 2)	Wow Tumble Rumble Twins

B Toys (Construction)

Duplo Building Team	Krinkles
Duplo Wildlife Park	Wedgits (x 2)

C Toys (Puzzles)

Boy & Girl	Cement Truck
Tractor	

D Toys (Dramatic & Role Play)

Woody	Firefighter (x 3)
Mermaid	Spiderman (x 2)
Tigger	Superman (x 2)
Dorothy The Dinasauro	Batman
Tinkerbell	Fairy Princess (x 2)

E Toys (Music)

Wooden Xylophone	Handshakers (x 12)
Triangle (x 2)	Maracas (x 6)
Rainmaker (x 2)	

F Toys (Home Play)

L/T Lawn Mower (x 3)	L/T Vacuum Set
L/T Shopping Trolley (x 2)	Mr & Mrs Potato Head
Sea Animals (x 2)	Chopping Fruit (x 2)
F/P Little People Construction (x 2)	Baby Capsule
Take-along Hospital	Take-along Airport

G Toys (Transport)

F/P Little People Garage (x 2)	Bob the Builder Scooter
Scooter (x 2)	Thomas Wooden Circle Set

H Toys (Water, Sand & Woodwork)

Watering Can, Rake, Shovel/Sieve

L Toys (Matching & Manipulation)

Thomas Bead Frame (x 3)	Tap n Turn Bench (x 2)
Mega Peg n Play	Threading Cubes
Geometric Sorting Board	Bead Threading Tower

M Toys (Games)

Mr Potato Head Pals (x 2)
F/P Tic Tac Tony (x 2)

Z Toys (Popular Toys)

Wiggles Big Red Car (x 2)
Cosy Coupe
Cosy Coupe Police Car
L/T Deluxe Kitchen (x 2)

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