

Committee of Management

At the Annual General Meeting held on April 28th 2003, the following members were elected to run the Toy Library

President:	Helen Pongracic
Vice President:	Joy Jensen
Secretary and Public Officer:	Joy Jensen
Treasurer:	Bridget Smith
Memberships Officer:	Kylie Durant
Rosa Benedikt Representatives:	Philipa Creighton, Joy Jensen, Helen Pongracic
Purchasing Officer:	Philipa Creighton
Cataloguing Officer:	Sally Weeks
Fundraising committee:	Rebecca Beckman, Donna French, Jodie Nimmo
Maintenance/Spare Parts/Rebagging:	Petra Baetsen
Publicity Officer:	Sandra Tuck
Toy Libraries Victoria Representative:	Elizabeth Noakes
Party Pack Officer:	Philipa Creighton
Newsletter Editor:	Vacant
General Committee Members:	Mark Walton



CONGRATULATIONS !!!



- ❖ We welcome the following new arrivals to our members:
- ❖ Ackary – a daughter, Chelsea
- ❖ Woods – a son, Joshua
- ❖ Green – a daughter, Jaclyn
- ❖ Coutts – a daughter, Brianna
- ❖ Morrisey – a son, Jarrod
- ❖ Lodge – a son, Charlie
- ❖ Lubbers – a son, Ben,
- ❖ Lawrenson – a daughter, Chelsea
- ❖ Clark – a son, Owyn
- ❖ Gates – a son, Oliver

Reminder – Opening Times

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month – 7.00pm – 8.00pm
1st and 3rd Friday of each month – 10.00am – 11.00 am
Every Saturday – 10.00am – 11.30am



KNOX AND DISTRICT TOY LIBRARY INC.

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NEWSLETTER June 2003

We would like to welcome all our members to the second edition of our newsletter for 2003. To all the new members that have joined us in the past few months, welcome, and if we can help you in any way, or answer any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Mission Statement

Knox and District Toy Library Inc. aims to support family interaction in the local community by providing a variety of fun, educational and age-appropriate toys for loan at an affordable rate to promote children's learning and development through play.

REMINDERS – TOY LIBRARY

- Saturday 19th July (Older toys for Sale at the Toy Library)
- Sausage Sizzle – August 24th, 10 am – 2pm
- Toy Warehouse – September - TBA

WORKING BEES

Monday 28th July 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Monday 25th August 7.30pm – 9.30 pm
Monday 22nd September 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Please see Joy if you can help out one evening



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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~knoxtl>
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Profiles

Each newsletter we will feature a couple of committee members so that you get to know the people who run your Toy Library.

Membership Officer



My name is Kylie Durant. I am the membership officer on the Toy Library committee. I have just started my second term in this position. My family has been a member of the library for two years. I have two children turning four and two in June. They are always very excited at the thought of getting new toys to play with each fortnight.

Fundraising Officer

Rebecca Beckman has been involved in toy library ever since she and her husband Mark moved to Rowville one year ago. She joined the fundraising committee at the last AGM and is looking forward to organizing fundraisers for the toy library and having fun doing it as well. Rebecca and Mark have two children: Natasha 2 ½ and Callaghan 6 months. Natasha loves all the different toys that she can pick every fortnight and gets very excited about the whole process.



TOYS, TOYS & MORE TOYS

Toy Library is selling off some of its old toys that are no longer suitable for toy library borrowing. So come along to the **Old Toy Sale** on Saturday 19th July from 10.00am – 11:30am and pick up some old toys at bargain prices!

Wild Animals
F/P Fun Sounds Train
Katie Camper's Holiday Friends
Stethoscope

Australian Animals
F/P Fun Sounds Farm



G Toys (Transport)

Brio replacement parts [Engines (x4), Tracks (x6), Carriages (x5), Platform, Trees (x4), Houses (x2), People (x8)]
Brio Track & Stack City Set (33051)
L/T Monster Truck L/T Race 'n' Repair
L/T Dump Truck L/T Speed Boat Hauler
L/T Choo Choo Zoo Metcon Airport Mat
Assorted Small Planes

H Toys (Sand, Water & Woodwork)

L/T Tools
Play & Learn Tool Belt

J Toys (Measurement and Observation)

Horseshoe Magnet & Marbles x 2
Magnets (set of 4)
Balance scales

L Toys (Matching and Manipulation)

Large Peg Board (Jigsaw) Balls Staire
Door Fastenings Board
Clothes Fastenings Board

N Toys (Outdoor Activities)

Jumping Ball Skittles Set
Aqua Play Fastener and Sealer



Z Toys (Popular Toys)

Pop-up Bus



Toy of the Month



FOCUS ON TOYS – SECTIONS A and B

As everyone is aware, Toy Library caters for ages 6 months to approximately 6 years. Each category contains toys to suit this age range, with the exception of the “A” section which is totally devoted to our youngest members. I have selected four toys from the “A” and “B” categories to look at in depth.

“A” TOYS – On the whole they are bright and colourful to immediately catch the eye of the child. The parts are of a safe size for a small child to play with and no sharp edges.

1. A84 AMBI HUMPTY DUMPTY ROLLER – Very interesting to a child who is starting to move around the floor and would quite likely make an effort to reach it. The child would be able to hold it relatively easily.

2. A56 WOBBLY FUN BALL and ROLL N’ RATTLE BALL – The wobbly fun ball is one of my favourites! The colourful particles enclosed in the clear ball are really eye-catching and also make a noise as they move around. The roll n’ rattle ball is a solid colour, has holes randomly spaced and jingle bells enclosed – good for encouraging listening. Both would catch the child’s eye.

3. A117R POP-UP-PETS – A one-piece toy with four ‘boxes’ with different coloured tops, namely blue, red, yellow and green, numbered left to right from 1 to 4. In order to open each, the child needs to be able to manipulate the corresponding knobs. An animal pops up as the lid is opened. Each knob works in a different way and would require good hand control to operate it. The pop up animals would have lots of appeal. Encourages hand-eye co-ordination.

4. A80 FISHER PRICE PULL-ALONG MARCHING BAND – A four-wheel toy with a long easy-to-grip handle. Three musicians stand on the top, each with a different shaped base – circle, triangle and square, and a lift out drum in the centre that revolves when the toy is pushed or pulled. All make a good sound and are visually very attractive. Lots of things to watch as it moves and a walking child would enjoy pushing it along.

“B” TOYS – where our construction toys are found. Lots of variety here, ranging from large blocks for small hands to work with to much more complicated items containing many pieces for the older child to be challenged by. Great for problem solving especially where things need to be constructed in a step-by-step process.

1. B84 AMPHIBIO – Contains three bases which may be either boats or cars depending on whether you add axles and wheels. People may be placed into the holders provided. This toy is quite simple, colourful and gives an opportunity to encourage imagination and exploration.

2. B53 NURSERY OCTONS – Bright and colourful, look a little like daisies, with eight ”petals”. Each octon may be interlocked with another making a variety of interesting shapes. They could be used randomly or more selectively by concentrating on a specific colour.

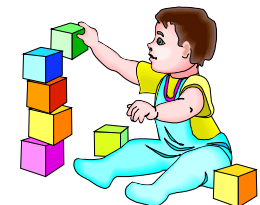
3. B94 MAGNET BLOCKS – A number of different shaped blocks and knobs, each one containing a magnet. Bright bold colours to catch the eye. It is even possible to make a car from some of these shapes. Ages three upwards would enjoy playing with them. May be used in conjunction with other metal objects.

4. B20 WEDGITS – This building toy is great for children who enjoy finding out about things. Well-suited to a wide range of ages as it may be used to construct shapes etc. from the simple to the complex. Colours are great, surfaces very smooth and very well made. A really valuable toy with many possibilities.

Hopefully this small amount of information will prove useful, but do look further on the shelves as there is a great deal to choose from. And if you want some ideas for play, or how to use the toys in different ways, please ask me.

Happy Borrowing,

Joy Larter
Coordinator



NEW TOYS PURCHASED BY CATEGORY

A Toys (Baby Toys)

Shape Sorter and Stacking Box (Jigsaw)
F/P Compose & Play orchestra

B Toys (Construction)

Modular (Jigsaw)
Duplo

C Toys (Puzzles)

Jigsaw
Park Friends
My House
Steam Train
Native Animals
Australian Dinosaurs
My First Puzzle
Designer One

Windmill
Dolphin Floor Puzzle
Space Puzzle
Dinosaur Puzzle



D Toys (Dramatic and Role Play)

Sleeping Beauty

E Toys (Musical Instruments)

L/T Rhythm Set (x2)
Maracas & Tambourines

F Toys (Home Play)

Metal Pots & Pans
Rescue Heroes Al Pine
Rescue Heroes Scuba Diver
F/P Garden House
Rescue Heroes Astronaut
Rescue Heroes Fire fighter
Rescue Heroes Police Officer
Dinosaurs (set of 6)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following organisations for their contributions to the Knox & District Toy Library.

- ❑ Knox City Council for the grant from the Community Development fund contributing to the paid coordinator.
- ❑ Sandra Tuck for extra colour photocopies of the Toy Library Brochure.



If you can help out the Toy Library in some way or would like to sponsor future newsletters please call Helen on 9764 3962

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. We received **\$42.00** recently for bottle tops returned in May. Please return any bottle tops promptly for the next cash in day in November.

Raffle Winners

Thank you to all the members who supported the raffle. We raised \$570 which will be used to purchase new toys. The lucky winners are:

- 1st Prize Judius Voucher - B.Wilkins
- 2nd Prize Pixie Photo Voucher - Wilson
- 3rd Prize Picnic Set - Jenny Broad
- 4th Prize Nintendo products - M.Horkings
- 5th Prize Nintendo products - J.Nimmo

Sausage Sizzle

We are holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser outside The Warehouse at Stud Park, Rowville on Sunday August 24th from 10am - 2pm. All offers of help are appreciated. Please see Joy Larter if you can spare an hour or two to help out on the day. All proceeds will be used to purchase new toys.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT !!!

FUNDRAISING LEVY

It will be no surprise to members that fundraising is one of the ways groups raise sufficient funds for various means. The Toy Library Committee would like to receive feedback on how members feel about the introduction of an annual fundraising levy fee. This would mean that instead of organising raffles, sausage sizzles, chocolate and pie drives that members usually purchase anyway, a fee would be charged per family and no fundraising would be undertaken.

Please tick fill in the boxes below & return this form to Joy Larter (Toy Library Co-ordinator).

YES, I would approve of the introduction of a toy library fundraising levy.

NO, I would not approve of the introduction of a toy library fundraising levy.

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO TOY LIBRARY

GIVE US YOUR OPINION !!!

HOME DELIVERY OF TOYS

At last months committee meeting the idea of offering a home delivery service was discussed. Some members find it difficult to travel to the Toy Library centre at different times, due to the arrival a new baby, moving house, partner working, sick child etc. If you feel this would be a beneficial service to members please indicate below:

YES, I would use such a service if it were available

NO, I would not need this service

If YES, how much would you be prepared to pay for home delivery of toys:

\$ 3.00 - \$5.00 per delivery

\$ 5.00 - \$8.00 per delivery

PLEASE GIVE THIS TO OUR CO-ORDINATOR