



HCTL
Hills Community Toy Library

**Newsletter
Term 2**

Important Dates

Term Opening

29 May
to 3 July

Wednesday 10:30 –
12:00

Friday 4:00 – 5:00

Sunday 10:30 – 12:00

*(closed 10 May –
Mothers Day)*

Chair report

Well, another term has passed and the Toy Library is in full swing. We have had some new volunteers join up which has been a relief following many who left over Christmas as their children have grown up.

The committee is working hard to keep the Toy Library open, with every member juggling work, parenting, other commitments and their committee role. Please consider joining the committee if you can as many hands make light work!

I hope everyone is staying warm in this wintry weather and we look forward to seeing you at the Toy Library!

Kathy

New Logo

We would like to officially launch our new logo. Check it out at the top of this newsletter!

We are very excited about the look of the logo and that the history of the logo has been preserved, but with a modernised look. We will gradually roll over the logo onto all our toys, over four years.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Sara Webb, who designed the logo for us.

Please see her advertisement if you, or anyone you know, might require the services of a great graphic designer.



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Volunteer Corner



I'm very excited to welcome new volunteer members:

Bettina Geue
Robyn Burford

Danielle Slater
Barb Anderson

Thank you to all current volunteer members with the smooth transition of the new online programme. I hope you have found it as user-friendly as I have.

A reminder of our casual shift incentive we have on offer when I need urgent shifts filled. \$5 CREDIT (per shift) TOWARDS YOUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION. This can apply to both Ordinary and Volunteer members (who have already volunteered their 2 shifts). We have had three members take advantage of this offer which has meant no closures this term. Look out for my URGENT ROSTER emails to be involved.

Welcome Packs are available for new volunteers and new members and are on the side bench. We had a significant amount of volunteers resign at the beginning of this term so keeping the toy library open has been a huge challenge for me. However I'm hopeful with the little influx of new volunteers and minimal resignations Term 2 will be slightly easier.

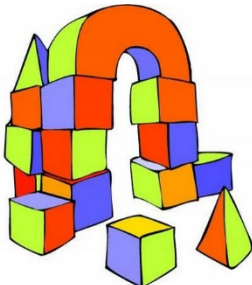
Thank you again for your time to be able to keep this wonderful community resource available for our children.

Penny Kretschmer

Please remember to attend your allocated stocktake night as this is an important part of keeping the Toy Library functioning.



Spread the word



If you tell someone about our Toy Library and they decide to join, remember, you will get a credit toward your next membership. You will get \$5 if they join as an ordinary member and **\$10 if they join as a volunteer member.**

You will also get \$10 credit if you suggest to someone they volunteer for us as a non-borrowing **volunteer.**

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HCTL toys for 5+ years

Have you come across any of the **GIGO** toy range? Gigo toys are made in Taiwan and are a quality product. The HCTL has the "**Junior Engineer - Ball Track**" kit which has 100+ pcs and over 20 designs to construct (instructions included). Upon borrowing this, my 6yo and 3yo became so engrossed in play that the only thing I heard from them for over one hour was my 3yo repeatedly asking "finished yet"? Once my 6yo built a track, they both had lots of fun experimenting with the balls on the track before demolishing it a building a different track!



Has your 5yo+ browsed the **SCIENCE** section of the HCTL? It is tucked away in the rear room opposite the drama play (on the northern wall). In the science section your children will find scales for experimenting, magnetic games, bug catches and general science kits.

The HCTL also have a range of **PUZZLES** (80pcs, 120pcs, etc.) and **BOARD GAMES** for 5+ years. Our many board games include *My First SCRABBLE Words*, *Traffic Jam*, *Cluedo* and *Boggle*.

My 6yo loved the investigative nature of the game *Cluedo* especially the part where he it was his turn to say "I think it was *Professor Plum* in the *Library* with the *Candlestick*"!

Coventry Library Event



Our Toy Library was show-cased at the Coventry Library Circus event in Stirling on 25 March.

It was a great opportunity to talk to the members of the local community about what our Toy Library can offer. Some new members joined up and others took information to join at a later date.

As you can see by this picture, there was a lot of fun to be had by all.

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Positions available

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Bec and Renee, both of whom are pregnant and expecting their new babies very soon.

Because of these new arrivals, the positions of **Secretary** and **Facebook & Website** will be vacant from early May.

In addition to this, at the AGM in August, two other positions will likely be vacant **IT officer** and **Chairperson**. Remember that without a full committee, the Toy Library will need to shut its doors.

By having a full committee, we have found that each person's individual commitment is not excessive, so please consider joining our committee!!

Two meetings are held per term in the evening, so it is not a big commitment. If you or a family member would like to contribute to the running of the Toy Library in a different way (shifts are not compulsory for committee members), please contact us.

Party Pack

Considering booking our Party Pack for your next get together – something to keep the kids occupied and only \$35 for 3 days. Phone Barbara 0430 724 482.

We will also be looking at upgrading the party pack with new items. If you have any ideas, please contact us.



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