

2016, Term 4

newsletter

Hills Community Toy Library



Chair Report

Kathy Billinghurst

Thank goodness the weather has turned and we can all finally get outside to play. I hope you have all stayed safe during the floods and black outs and have been enjoying this much needed sunshine.

Since our last newsletter we have held our AGM and have a new member on our committee. This ensures our Toy Library can continue to stay open and continue to improve.

Our plans for the next year involve a lot of fundraising to go towards building our front nature play space and to continue to support community development through our community events, such as the Mosaic Splashback Project, community talks and our Messy Play Day.

We hope you all enjoy the upcoming events and we are very open to your ideas.

AGM 2016

We held our AGM on 6 September and we're very happy to report that the committee have had a very successful year, achieving every single goal that we gave ourselves at the 2015 AGM. Councillor Jan-Claire Wisdom came, as did the CEO of The Hut Community Centre, Deb Bates.

We farewelled Celine Barnes and Zoe Lewis from our committee (although they will continue to support the Toy Library with cataloguing and toy purchasing). We happily welcomed Caitlin Fry to the committee in the position of Membership Officer.

We also distributed Certificates of service and thank you gifts to four of our amazing volunteers; Pam Barrien, Emma Beare, Kirsten Hawthorn and Sarah Moulds.

Christmas Returns

At the end of Term 4, the Toy Library will close for three weeks then re-open on Sundays from 8 January. You can return borrowed toys before or after the 3 week break. Please remember to keep Toy Library toys in a separate space at home so they do not get mixed up with Christmas gifts!



Important Dates

2016 Term 4 Dates:
17 October - 16 December



2017 Term 1 Dates:
30 January - 13 April

Term Opening Times:
Wednesday 10:30am-12:00noon
Friday 4:00-5:00pm
Saturday 9:30-11:00am
Sunday 10:30am-12:00noon

A reminder: The Toy Library is closed on catastrophic fire days.

HCTL Committee Members

Kathy Billinghurst Chair & Public Officer

Jenn Vaughan Treasurer

Sharon Passfield Secretary and Building Maintenance

Penny Kretschmer Fundraising and Events Coordinator.

Caitlin Fry Membership Officer

Cynthia Petiet Systems Management & Cataloguing Representative.

Karolina Van Der Linden Social Media

Floria Talajan Cataloguing/Photography

Pam Barrien Public Documents

Toy Library News

Party Pack



We continue to update our Party Pack and have made some changes to the hiring system. All hires and returns will now occur during Toy Library opening hours, and our volunteers will be trained to complete this process.

Borrowing may occur during the Toy Library's Friday afternoon or Saturday morning shift, and must be returned by the start of the following Friday's afternoon shift so that it is ready for pick up for the next member who has booked it for hire.

With the great new additions we have made to the Party Pack, hire cost is going to increase slightly to \$40. Still a very affordable option to all our members for their next birthday celebration or family occasion. Committee member, Jenn Vaughan is the new Party Pack coordinator so please contact the Toy Library reception and make a booking.

Kathy Billinghurst Chair and Public Officer



Toy Library Volunteer Grant

You may have noticed a few new items around the Toy Library. We were lucky enough to win a Commonwealth of Australia Volunteer Grant! This grant is specifically to be spent for items that will benefit our volunteers.

So far we have purchased a beautiful teak bench which will be secured out the front of the Toy Library building in our garden. We want to encourage our volunteers and members to stay, play and enjoy some outdoor time with their children.

We have also purchased a mini fridge and kettle which we encourage our volunteers to use when they visit the Toy Library.

A new and updated first aid kit has also been purchased but that is one thing that we hope our members never need to use. If you have any ideas on how we can make your visit to the Toy Library even more enjoyable, we would love to hear your suggestions.

Jenn Vaughan Treasurer

New Toys for our Library!

Make some noise this term with some of our new musical toys! Maracas, tambourines, drums and music shakers are now available to borrow.

Also new in the transport section is a car transporter, wooden train and a wooden bulldozer, sure to please those little rev heads amongst us!

And for those who want to learn about our world - check out the v-tech Fly & Learn Globe, be quick as these new toys won't be on the shelf for long!

Cynthia Petiet

Systems Manager & Cataloguing Representative



Messy Play Day!

**Sunday November 6, 2016,
10:00am-12noon
At the Hills Community Toy library**

Just \$5 per child

Entry ticket includes: 1 sausage with bread, a balloon PLUS all our Messy Play Day activities.

Play dough, cold spaghetti, the shaving cream table, spray painting, clay modelling, soapy slime and bubble play! And we have take home play dough gifts, cupcakes, coffee and cold drinks to purchase on the day!

We are offering one free entry for all Volunteer Members, and one free entry if you become a Volunteer Member on the day.

For NEW Volunteer or Ordinary Members who join up on the day, you also receive a bonus one months membership - that's 13 months for just 12 months membership fee.



Mosaic Splashback Update



The Workshop Splashback Project has taken off in leaps and bounds. Thanks to our enthusiastic and highly creative team, along with ceramic artist Tania Kunze's excellent workshop training, we are now well on our way to creating our Splashback masterpiece. The classes have been well attended and enormous fun for everyone. Stay Tuned!

New Helmets arrive!

It's essential to protect your child's head from injury as they ride, skate or roller blade. We have recently purchased four NEW safety bike helmets for members to borrow. Each helmet features air vents to keep your child's head cool even on warm days. You'll find these four brightly coloured helmets, (with instructions) hanging off the side of our games rack.



Christmas is coming!

Next time you visit the Toy Library please pick up a free Fundraising Catalogue from Educational Experience. The toy items make fabulous Christmas gifts, and If you shop with them and nominate our Toy Library at the checkout we receive 20% off in Toy Vouchers! That means more toys for our members to borrow!!!



Volunteer Corner

Welcome back to Term 4 and to our new volunteer recruits Aiko Padley, Joanna Demasi, Josie Agastino and Maree Armstrong.

We sadly say goodbye to reliable long time volunteers Lisa MacDonald, Barb Davies, Sarah Haines and Emma Beare who have all been volunteering for us for over 5 years. Our sincere thanks.

With the instalment of the new Ceramic Mosaic Splash Back into our workspace this term what better way to celebrate than with a 'Launch Party!!' Look out for your invitation in the coming weeks.

New Member Session

Saturday November 22, 2016
2:00pm - 3:00pm

The essential service our Volunteers provide us ensures that the Toy library continues to stay open and operate. To show our appreciation, we will be offering more 'perks' to being a Volunteer Member as this year progresses into the next.

The Volunteer Members will be offered one FREE entry ticket to our Messy Play Day event on November 6, 2016. The idea of offering special advantages to our Volunteers came out of the Committee Strategic Planning Session in August. Implementing this initiative is our way of saying 'Thank You' for the many hours you dedicate as a volunteer to the Toy Library.

Penny Kretschmer

Fundraising and Events Coordinator

Ages & Stages Swatch

Celebrating, nurturing, and supporting developmental milestones from birth to 5 years is one of the joys of parenting. The Toy Library has found a great way to help our members and their families get the most out of our huge range of toys, puzzles, dress-ups, ride-ons and games - the Ages and Stages Swatch, which is now also linked to our NEW shelf signage catalogue system.

The Ages and Stages swatch will help guide you on the key child developmental milestones and behaviours you can expect from your baby, toddler or preschooler. Simply choose the child's age and follow the suggested shelf numbers to find toys or activities appropriate for your child.

We also have toys to help children with special needs, please ask our volunteers at reception for assistance to find them.

Toy Library Shelf Signage

And to complete the Ages and Stages guideline system - we have NEW bold and colourful numbered shelf signage to help direct you to the right place to find the perfect toy or activity for your child. Visit us soon and check it out!

Pam Barrien Public Documents



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HCCS 2016 FUN FAIR

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Saturday, 29th October, 2016

9:30am - 3:30pm

14-16 Onkaparinga Valley Road
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Food

Paella, Coffee, Cakes, Smoothies,
Drinks, Pizza, Hotdogs, Salad Bar, Donuts,
Popcorn, Lollies, Fairy Floss, E&B Breaky
and Sausage sizzle

Stalls

Second Hand Books, Toys and Fashion,
Plants and Produce, Photo Booth, Mums
Market Place, Tombola, Jewellery,
Brown Bottle.

Activities

Nature Play, Crazy Hair, Jumping Castle,
Science Tent, Sports and Games, Mystery
Classroom, Feely Boxes

Entertainment

Live Music, Dance Groups,
Demonstrations



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Mosaics

4 WEEK PROGRAM

22 OCTOBER - 12 NOVEMBER

9:30AM - 12:30AM



ALL TOOLS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED
SUITABLE FOR ANY EXPERIENCE LEVEL

ONLY \$80 FOR 4 WEEKS

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Happy Christmas to all our Toy
Library members and families.
Keep safe over the holidays,
and we look forward to seeing
you refreshed and ready for
another amazing year ahead
in 2017! Sending our best wishes,

The Hills Community Toy Library Committee

