



Masterton Community Toy Library Quarterly Newsletter

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Website

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OPENING HOURS

Monday 10-11.30

Tuesday 10-11.30

Wednesday 2-5.30

Saturday 10-2

NEW TOYS



Balance Bike - helps children learn [balance](#) and [steering](#). It has no [pedals](#), no [crankset and chain](#), and no [training wheels](#). \$2 rental on this toy



Step 2 Stock Car - 1 1/2-5 years of age. Your little one can pretend they are at the racetrack with their own stockcar - \$2 rental on this toy

Important Dates

Welcome to Term 4, I'm sure all your kids are counting down to Christmas just as mine are. Please take a minute to read this newsletter in full detail so you are aware of all the important dates and requirements that are coming up.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Wednesday 14th December 2011 - All toys must be returned before 5pm. Any toys that need to be chased for return will incur extra penalties to be decided at the time.

The library will be closed from this date until reopening in January. Only members who help at Stocktake will be able to borrow toys over the closure period

Tuesday 24th January 2012 - The library reopens for 2012. All toys borrowed before Christmas must be returned in the first week of opening

STOCKTAKE

This year we are going to do this a bit different. With numerous toys showing their age and many toys needing rebagging or relabeling, we are going to do a major stocktake this year where we check all toy pieces etc.

WHEN: Sunday 18th December 1pm start at the library

Members who help on this day can borrow toys for no charge over the Christmas closure. Please consider helping out even if only for an hour.

Only members helping with this stocktake and committee will be able to borrow toys for the Christmas Period. We would like to get a feel of how many to expect so if you can help please put your name down at the library.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday 3rd December 2011 - Due to time commitments we have decided to not put a float into this years Christmas Parade. We may however decide to have a decorated car/trailer with walkers. If you would be interested in taking part let us know otherwise look out for more information at the library closer to the time.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SAT DEC 10th 2011

Sausage Sizzle at the Warehouse

We are in need of volunteers to cook sausages on the day along with donations or sauce, serviettes, mustard and onions. Please put your name down at the library if you are able to help.

WANTED

TOY REPAIRERS



we have a number of toys which are battery operated and from time to time need repairs. Is there an electronics whiz out there who could donate a bit of spare time to tinkering with our toys? Please see Jenny on Wed or Sat.



Ride On Mechanic Wanted : At present we have two ride ons which require some attention- the pedals turn but the wheels don't. Again is there any expert on tricycles/ride ons who could assist with repairs? Please see Jenny on Wed or Sat.

REMINDERS

Toys can only be renewed once.

Casual members renewing toys will be charged a further \$5 for a new loan period

Missing/broken pieces are charged at \$5 per piece unless the piece affects the continued borrowing of the toy

Overdue fees of 20c per toy are charged for every session following the one that toys are due back

Toys can be reserved at a cost of \$2 per toy although can not be reserved whilst on the new toy stand

ERRORS & REMINDERS

Where our librarians do the best that they can sometimes errors are made with regards to issuing and returning toys. Some checks have been put in place to minimise errors so please be patient when issuing toys. These are

- the librarian reading you the toy description that appears on the computer to ensure you have the right toy
- The librarian counting the number of toys that are on loan to you and making sure you agree
- All toys being returned are to be checked in – do not just put them away as they get missed from being removed on your account and if something is missing when reissued you will be responsible

We have had a few members lately say they never had a certain toy that is issued to them upon returning others or that they had returned. It is our expectation that you as members

- Are clear with the numbers you give to the librarian when issuing toys and make sure the librarian reads the description back to you or can see the toy that you are borrowing
- Check your print out before you leave the library that all the toys listed are ones you are taking home.
- When returning toys – help the person checking them in

From now on any instances with members saying they do not have a toy will not be accepted. On occasions toys get forgotten and left at the library, where often our librarians notice this and will remove from your account sometimes they don't. Please check your list again when you get home when checking your pieces and if you note you left something behind let the library know.

CHECKING IN TOYS. Where there is more than one person waiting to check in toys and the librarian and or helper is busy please consider checking each others toys in.

MISSING PIECES Remember to also to check missing pieces when you get home as anything missing when the toy is returned will be the responsibility of the borrower and charged at \$5 per missing piece

SWAPPING OF TOYS – We are not against members swapping toys between yourselves but when you do let the librarian know of this and also check that the item is not reserved. Failure to do this may see us banning this.

OPENING HOURS – There are still a number of people turning up near the end of sessions and expecting our librarians to stay past opening time. Our librarians are not paid to stay after the closing time so please do not expect them to and do not be offended if you are asked to leave. Should you choose to return toys in the last 15 minutes of a session and the librarian is busy your toys may be left and not checked in until the following session which will result in overdue fines

BOP IT—COMING SOON

Get ready to react fast! Turn on the Bop It game unit and get ready to bop, pull, and twist your way to victory. For even more of a challenge, activate the microphone and



FOR SALE

BATTERIES

AA—60 cents per AA battery C— \$1 per C size battery

CARRY BAGS

Have you seen these bags. They are great for carrying toys to and from the library and also for storing your toys whilst at home. At \$5 a bag they are a great buy. They are available in Green and Purple although we have sold out of purple. If there is interest we will order some more in. Bags can be purchased or orders placed with the librarians at the library

MEMBERSHIP UPGRADES

It is great to see a lot more names down on the helper roster. Thanks to Amanda for co-ordinating this. Reminder that helper members are required to help by completing four helper duties a year. Failure to complete you helper duty will result in an instant \$10 fine.

If you feel that you are unable to give the time required for this and fundraising you are welcome to discussing upgrading your membership to a non helper membership with one of our librarians.

**BOOK DONATIONS
STILL BEING
ACCEPTED**

CHRISTMAS FOR \$1
THE ONLY DAY WHERE EVERYTHING IS \$1!
Queen Elizabeth Park
December 3rd 1:30-3:30pm
Straight after the Masterton Christmas Parade
Mini Hot Rods Ice-Creams
Face Painting Bouncy Castle
Spot Prizes Three Legged Races
PLUS LOADS MORE!
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LIONS VISUALLY IMPAIRED CUPBOARD



The toy library was honoured to be approached by the Holdsworth Lion's Club regarding the possibility of housing a cupboard full of resources for Visually impaired children and families in the Wairarapa. The cupboard is now located in the toy library and is only accessible by visually impaired families. We welcome these families to our toy library community and congratulate the Holdsworth

Lions on their fundraising efforts to make this possible.

Grants

Thank you to the below for their recent grants to the toy library

NZCU - \$500 towards operating expenses

MDC - \$300 towards librarian wages

TRUST LANDS TRUST - \$1500 towards toys

FEEDBACK. Remember we are always interested in your feedback whether good or bad. Feel free to flick us an e-mail or speak to

Overdues

There have been numerous people lately with overdues. A reminder that once toys are four weeks overdue the toy library has the right to report these stolen with the Police and seek legal representation for recovery of fines etc. We would however prefer not to do this and ask members to please make an effort to return toys on time.

WANTED—Children to write a toy review for the newsletter. If you would like to help see

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following children who have birthdays September-November

Max Hunter, Astrid Snook, Tommy Travers, Shalom Hing, Caleb Pine, Aroha Riddell, Emma Jane Bidlake, Sebastian Moorcock, Jonathan Verbeek, Cody Laing, Jerome Sinclair, Lucas Wolland, Oliver Groenewald, Max Bradley, Theo Polley, Aleyander Dunn, Lauren Mann, Shechaniah Hing, Brianna Nyboer, Jacob Siemonek, Justyce Hill, Summer Nyboer, Ian Phillips, Isla Roberts, Isaac Spiers, Jackson Dawson, Micah Martin, Jacob Gruender, William Orsborne, Oliver Powell, William Kippen, Meagan Paris, Emilio Rogers, Joshua Cooper, Henrici Riddell, Johan Spindler, Iraia Wau-motu, Daniel Nelson, Eliana Hing, Craig Pankhurst, Rhiana Sinclair, Abigail Grant, Lewis Polley, Katie Pilling-Woodcock, Logan Roberts, Manea Hing, Bella Groenewald, Kaige Groenewald, Abi-gail Davies, Madison Cox, Robert Cooper, Connor Kube, Hosea Gibbins, Poppy Pedersen, Ocean Phillips, Luca Roberts, Lachlan Bashford, Cody O'Donnell, Elias Sinclair

Our lucky birthday winners are: Sebastian Moorcock (4), Luca Roberts (2), Summer Nyboer (5)

See Jenny or Melissa at the library to pick something out of the birthday box

FACEBOOK—The toy library has a facebook page where you can keep up to date with new toy pictures, updates etc. Find us under Masterton Community Toy Library Inc (Non Profit Organisation)

FUNDRAISING

Last year we unfortunately did not meet our fundraising target so more effort needs to be made this year. Committee met recently to discuss a fundraising plan which has been decided as below. All helper members are required to assist with fundraising.

SAT DEC 10th 2011 **Sausage Sizzle at the Warehouse**

MARCH-MAY 2012 **Raffle (Something for everyone)**

2012 **Cake Stall**

What we need from you. Please add your details to the list at the library if you can help

- Volunteers to cook sausages on Saturday 10th December
- Volunteers of tomato sauce, serviettes, mustard, onions
- Donation of prizes for our something for everyone (e.g kids, man, woman, family) raffle e.g Vouchers, prizes



5 good reasons to join a toy library

- 1 Access to quality toys for a minimal annual fee or weekly hire charge
- 2 Age appropriate toys always available
- 3 An opportunity to meet other families in the community and network
- 4 Volunteers on hand to help you and your children
- 5 Hiring is a good environmental option, reducing land fill waste from unwanted toys

Play is a child's work and toys are the tools for play. Toy Libraries throughout New Zealand stock a huge range of toys, games, puzzles and dress ups which will help your children develop their imagination, encourage sharing and also teach them the skills they need to improve their reading and maths once they are at school.

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