

Welcome to our Last newsletter for 2007!

Entertainment Books

Thank you everyone for this major effort this year. We raised \$264 from the sale of Entertainment books. The committee decided to reinvest the money raised back into toys for the children. We have or are going to purchase magnetic blocks, a marble run and a real digital camera. Watch out for these on the shelves.

KiwiClings

We have made a further \$180 from the KiwiClings this year. Not as much as we hoped, we sold 47 sets. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm. These should be available at the toy library for pick up at the beginning of December at the latest. You will get a phone call when they are ready

Computer System

As you will have seen when you visit the Whitby Toy Library, we are becoming computerized. We have purchased a programme called MiBase which has been designed specifically for Toy Library use and over the next little while Karen will be testing the system and getting familiar with it. To help Karen with testing MiBase, she would like a handful of toy library members as a trial to see how it works. If you have some spare time when you go to the toy library, tell Karen. Your toys would need to go through the usual process of being checked in and out and then in addition to this Karen would return and issue their toys using MiBase. Thank you for your help and time.

Grant money

We have a fantastic person on the committee that applies for grants. Once again she has been successful which we are thrilled about. Thank you Julie and thank you **Mana Community Grants Foundation** for giving us the money to update our big toys.. Some jumbo blocks, a golf set, two spring bugs, a two seater wagon and a slide have been purchased using the grant money. **Community Organisation Grants Scheme** also were generous with their funding for part of Karen's wages Thank you.

New Toys

Since our last newsletter we have purchased the game Hungry Hippo, Annie and Clarabel for Thomas to pull along, 1-20 counting penguins, Barbies for the Barbie car, Spiderman, batman, superman dress up, a zongo boingo (like a pogo stick except better). We continue to source and upgrade toys throughout the toy library. When you are out shopping and a toy is too big or too expensive for you to purchase, tell us about it. All suggestions for toys go to the committee, after discussion, we make a decision to purchase or not.

Christmas Rentals and Closure

Whitby Toy Library will close on Saturday 15th December and re-open on Saturday 2nd February.

As in previous years, Toy Library members will be able to borrow as many toys as they like over this Christmas break (7 weeks). Toys may be reserved in advance and reservations can be made at the Toy library from Saturday 1st December. Reserved toys may be collected at the Toy Library on Sunday 16th December between 4pm – 5pm and are due back on **Saturday 2nd February**.

Lost Property

We have a sizeable amount of lost property at the toy library. Anything not claimed by the end of the year will be given to charity.

Some Changes

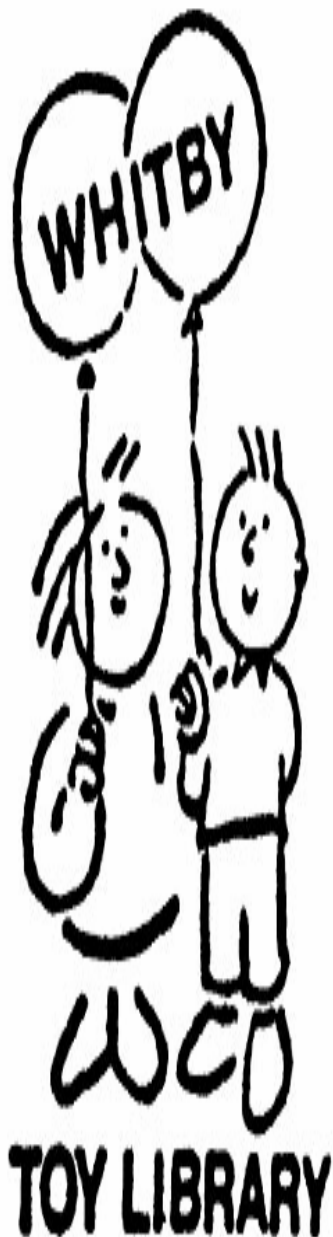
Some toys have changed places! -The infant toys are now where the water toys and the sport toys were. And the water toys and sport toys are now where the infant toys were.

Missing and Broken Pieces

It is a great concern to the toy library committee that the number of missing and broken pieces is on a big increase. We understand that the odd little piece can be lost or misplaced for a while but when some people have up to ten pieces missing we feel it is a bit over the top. Please make every effort to find the pieces and return them to the toy library for the refund. On 1 January 2008 the charge for missing and broken pieces is increasing to \$5 per piece, the refund of \$3 per missing piece will remain the same. This will not cover those toys that are ruined by missing or broken pieces, these toys get referred to the committee and a replacement cost is discussed.

Have a happy and safe Christmas, may Santa be kind to everyone. See you all in the New Year looking rested and relaxed from all the sun we will be getting.

Toy Library Committee



Chairpersons Comment

It isn't often that we get the fantastic opportunity to receive grant money in person. We were recently very successful in attaining a grant for a new slide, jumbo blocks, golf set, and two spring bugs. Thank you Mana Community Grants for the money to update our big toys and the drinks and nibbles when receiving the money. Julie graciously accepted the cheque on our behalf.



Thank you Toy Library Committee, all the volunteers, Corentin and Karen for your hard work over the last year. Without all the help we get, Whitby Toy Library could not be the awesome place it is. Happy holidays everyone!

Jennifer Whyman