

Whitby Toy Library

Newsletter



Tell us what you think?

We are currently asking members that are new to the Toy Library and members that are renewing their memberships to take part in an anonymous online survey to tell us what they think. If you would like to take part then please go to our website and click on the news link and you will find details of the survey on that page. All comments are discussed at our committee meetings and some of your questions and the answers will be posted on our website.

One of the points that have already come out of this is the decision to replace some of the older and worn out toys, so keep a look out as we are currently buying some fantastic new toys to replace our older ones. If you have any suggestions of excellent toys that you would like to see in the Toy Library, then we would love to hear from you.

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Don't forget to check us out online at our website, Checkout the toys that we have at

www.wtl.org.nz

Christmas Closure.

Whitby Toy Library closes for the Christmas/Summer break on **Saturday 17th December 2011** and officially re-opens on **Saturday 28th January 2012**.

Please ensure that all toys are back at the Toy Library by **11.30am Saturday 17th December 2011**.



Dates to Remember

Saturday 3rd December 2011 - Christmas Reservations begin
Saturday 17th December 2011 - All toys to be returned to toy library
Sunday 18th December 2011 – Christmas rental pickup
Saturday 28th January 2012 – Toy Library officially re-opens and all Christmas rental toys to be back.

Christmas Rentals

As in previous years, Toy Library members will be able to borrow as many toys as they like over the break. Toys may be reserved in advance and reservations can be made at the Toy Library from **Saturday 3rd December 2011**. The cost will be 3 x the toy rental and payment needs to be made at the time of reservation. Remember, **No payment – NO reservation**. Please also remember that we do not take eftpos or credit cards. We only take cash or cheques.

Our web site www.wtl.org.nz shows a large range of our toys. You may like to take a look, to help you decide what toys you would like to borrow. Reserved toys may be collected from the Toy Library on **Sunday 18th December 2011** between 2pm – 3pm.

All toys borrowed over the Christmas/summer period will be due back on **Saturday 28th January 2012**. However, the toy library will be open on the following dates prior to the official re-opening:

Wednesday 11th January
Wednesday 18th January
Saturday 21st January
Wednesday 25th January

So if you wish to return your Christmas rental toys early and/or borrow new toys on one of the dates listed above, then please feel free to do so.

The party pack and bouncy castle will also be available for hire over the break and due to both the party pack and bouncy castle being extra popular as the warmer weather arrives, it is advisable to book well in advance. See Karen for more details.

Donations

A big THANK YOU to The Keleher Family, The Kovac Family, The Powell Family, The Dickins Family, the Middleton Family and The Bramwell-Cooke Family for kindly donating some very excellent toys for hiring out at the Toy Library.



Prepaid now an option

Dealing with cash at the Toy library means that at times having the right change for rentals can become a problem especially when dealing with larger notes such as \$20. This is compounded by the fact that the local ATM machine only dispenses \$20 notes. To help with this, we offer the facility whereas you can credit your account instead of receiving change. This means that the toy library doesn't run out of change and you won't need to worry about cash for your next few visits. There is no obligation to do this, if you are asked if you want to credit your account and it doesn't suit, please feel free to decline the offer.



Funday Sunday - 4th March 2012

Our Annual Sunday Funday promises to be lots of fun, our bouncy castle will be up and you get to try out some of our toys, more in the next newsletter but mark the date in your diary now.

When: Sunday 4th March 2012, 11am – 1pm

Where: Whitby Toy Library



It takes 63 feet of wire to make a Slinky.

New Bouncy Castle

We are in the process of purchasing a new bouncy castle to replace our rather worn out castle that we had. Charges are:

Working Members and Full members:
\$40 hire plus \$60 bond
Casual Members and Non Toy Library
Members:
\$80 hire plus \$60 bond

Two day consecutive hire is also available.



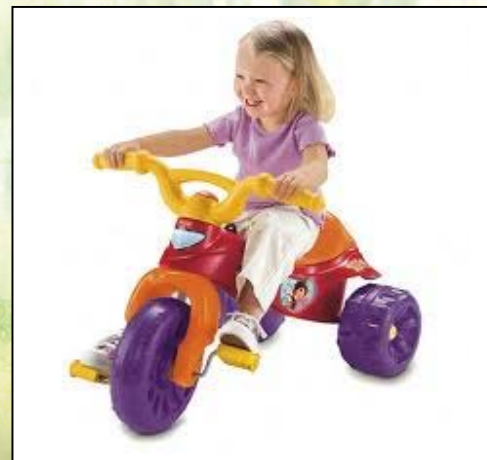
Casual Membership Fees

Following on from the decision made at our last AGM as from 1st January 2012, annual casual membership fees will change from \$5 to \$10. The \$5 charge for renting toys out will remain the same.



Toy Renewals

Please be aware that although it is ok to renew the smaller toys, the bigger items such as cars, slides, mini tramps and roller coasters cannot be renewed due to their popularity.



"LEGO is the world's No. 1 tire manufacturer." They produce 306 million tiny tires a year.

Because there are a lot of toys in the toy library, some get overlooked for better flashier toys. These toys are worth highlighting.

Jovo Click N Construct – Rental \$1

The Jovo Click N Construct set sits in our construction section and although the packaging has become tatty and worn over the years, this toy is a fun and educational way to explore polygons and polyhedra. The pieces fit together with a click and hold together well, to form strong models. This toy is more suited for children from 4 years upwards although adults can have just as much fun as the kids. Particularly challenging is the construction of the large ball that can be made with this set.



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Animal Wonderland Long Puzzle – Rental \$1

Found in the 6 plus section, this 126piece interlocking puzzle measures 90cm x 30cm and will provide a bit of a challenge for the older children at Whitby Toy Library. This lovely colorful floor puzzle features 28 varied animals from Zebra to Chameleon to Armadillo and has been designed to encourage progression in puzzle building. This puzzle promises to keep the older children engrossed for a while and is ideal for group and individual play and bonding and teaching time between child and adult.



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Tailspin – Rental \$1

Found in our games section, Tailspin is a fun game which builds oral language and communication skills. It encourages appreciation of stories and storytelling and helps develop memory skills. This game can be played according to the rules given but also has the potential for so much more. Though designed for ages 5 and up, there is no reason why children much younger, with guidance cannot enjoy the fun that this game gives.



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