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## Toy Library

### **Who are we?**

Our toy library is a member-run voluntary organisation that aims to provide all local families affordable access to a variety of age appropriate toys and equipment for children from (although not limited to) 0 to 6 years old.

### **Weekly Borrowing Times:**

Wednesdays	7:00 – 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30 – 11:00am*

\*Closed during December/January and most public holiday long weekends.

### **Why join a toy library?**

The way a toy library works is very similar to a normal library - you can borrow a number of toys and then exchange them for new toys every two weeks.

Quality toys are expensive and children can quickly become bored with a toy after playing with it for a few weeks. By providing new play materials every couple of weeks, parents can save money and significantly contribute towards the development and education of their children.

In addition, the types of toys that our library carries may be different from what your child may receive as a birthday or Christmas gift. While many of the toys we stock are the popular toys that you'll see at your standard big stores like Target and Toys R Us, many others are toys that can only be found through educational or specialty toy catalogues. These are often incredibly well constructed (and therefore often quite expensive), stimulating and different from the norm.

Another great reason to join is to keep your house getting crowded and messy with toys that don't get played with! We carry some very large toys that kids love, but that would be expensive to buy and too big to keep permanently in your house.

Finally, for a small fee, you can borrow our **Party Pack** which is filled with great toys that can entertain a group of children, including a jumpy castle, party games, a 'roller coaster', tables & chairs and more. Great for your child's birthday party!

### **How will your child benefit?**

- ★ Play is important and needs to be fun. It supports children's development as they learn new skills. By providing high-quality, age-appropriate toys, you can give your children a variety of experiences.
- ★ It is a great meeting place for children and families to make friends and be involved in the community.

- ★ It encourages families to spend time together and play.
- ★ Find out what your child likes to play with and how. And if they particularly love something, you can buy it for them and know they will play with it.
- ★ Say goodbye to boredom!

### ***What is my commitment as a member?***

The commitment is small but the reward is great!

#### ★ Pay an **annual fee**

Gold           \$70 (\$50 conc.) 12 toys ( 6 White & 6 Yellow )

Silver         \$60 (\$45 conc.) 8 toys ( 4 White & 4 Yellow )

Bronze        \$50 (\$40 conc.) 4 toys ( 2 White & 2 Yellow )

Note:

- Concession rate is available with a current health care card
- Committee members enjoy silver membership renewal free

#### ★ Be on **Duty**

The library is a member volunteer run library so we need our members to assist in the weekly borrowing sessions. Once a term you will be rostered on and become a Duty Member for a one hour borrowing session, which gives you a great opportunity to meet others in the local area.

#### ★ Participate in our annual **stocktake**

Stocktake usually takes place in late November/early December, which involves a 3 hour block of sorting puzzles and giving toys a spruce up. This again can be an opportunity to meet others in the library and borrow toys for the summer period!

#### ★ Keeping us updated with your current **contact details**

#### ★ Pay a **Refundable Levy**

We ask new members to pay a \$50 levy which is refunded to you, when you notify us at the time you cancel your membership using the Cancel Form. This is to assist us with ensuring the library is open at every session with current members on duty. Fines may be deducted from your levy if they are not paid.

#### ★ Consider being on the **Toy Library Committee**

The committee meet once per month to discuss all things to keep the library active and engaging to its members. We often have committee roles that need to be filled but welcome members who have feedback, ideas or would like to help out to also come along. Another great opportunity to meet some fantastic and positive members!

As a committee member you enjoy free membership renewal and allowed to borrow twice as many toys at a time, including the popular green spot toys!

### ***How do I become a member?***

The easiest way to become a member is to come into the toy library during one of our regular borrowing sessions (see times at the bottom of this page). The person on duty (ie. Duty Member) will give you a membership form to complete, check your ID and give you your membership card. We prefer cash or cheque for payment of your annual membership fee & refundable levy, but we also accept a bank transfer. You can immediately begin borrowing toys once you have signed up. Note that you don't need to bring your membership card in; you simply need to remember your member number.