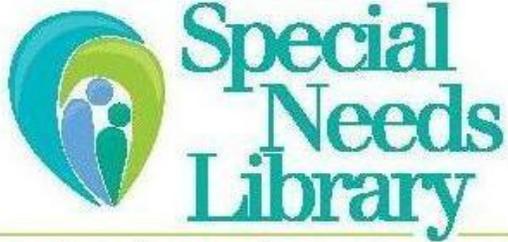


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Winter Newsletter



A note from our Chairperson

Hi Everyone,

It continues to be a busy time for the library. Check out our new disco ball in the foyer which catches the sun's rays.

Many thanks to Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Tahī (Maori-language immersion school) pupils for translating our signs into Te Reo. The boys enjoyed morning tea here at the library.

We had a very cheery visit from the ladies from Inner Wheel of Christchurch west who generously gave us \$500. This will be used to purchase some new resources. Thank you so much to these enthusiastic ladies.

Look out for our mid winter raffles. The pukeko quilt will be raffled along with other prizes. This is part of our fundraising for the library.

We continue to update our resources to make learning fun and interesting.

Cheers
Gina



Model Train Railway Rides

We have tickets available for rides on the Model Train Railway at Halswell Domain, open Sunday 1pm - 4pm. Tickets are \$10 for 6 rides, no expiry date. Great school holiday fun. These also make great birthday gifts!

Can you Help?

Occasionally we require legal services for the library. If you or someone you know would be able to provide legal work on a voluntary basis every now and then please let Tess know on 332-0733.

Raffle Raffle Raffle Raffle

Keep an eye on our facebook page for news of our winter raffle. Great prizes on offer including toys and a first prize of the Pukeko quilt currently hanging by our Issues desk.



Library Opening Hours:
Tuesday 10 am – 4.30pm
Thursday 10 am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10 am – 1pm



From the desk of Charlotte,

Albert Einstein said that **'play is the highest form of research.'**

As we all know, people learn differently. You may be a visual, auditory, sensory, and kinesthetic or word learner. We have developed an area in the library near the restricted area called 'Do you learn differently?' We are now waiting for some colourful signage and more resources to come to complete this area and other areas of the library.

This month the focus table will be highlighting items from 'do you learn differently' and we have listed some of these new resources in this newsletter. I am always available to assist you in selecting the appropriate resource.

Kind regards
Charlotte Ganderton
Educational and Therapeutic Resource
Advisor

Please check out the focus table for the month-
Do you learn differently?



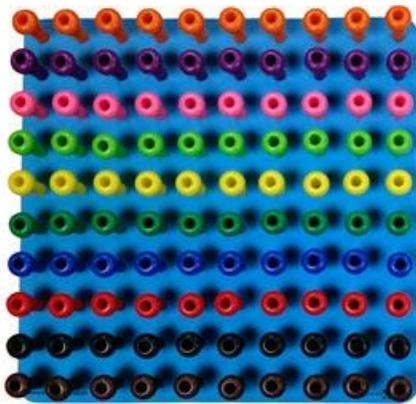
Resources New to the Library

Do You Learn Differently? Stimulus - Touch
10121 – Tactile Balls



10127 – Shoulder Weight

Based on sensory integration techniques, added weight and pressure provide unconscious information from muscles resulting in a relaxing calming effect



Do You Learn Differently? Stimulus – Sight

10122 – Ooze Tubes

Four plastic tubes filled with slow moving liquid; watch the shapes and colours move and change then turn them over and



watch them again.

Do You Learn Differently? Manipulation

10123 – Giant Peg Board

Giant Pegs encourage the development of the Dynamic Tripod grasp as gripping the pegs and pushing them into the board strengthens the relevant finger and hand muscles.

Following the pattern cards teaches children visual perceptual skills, assisting in the development of left-right integration, hand-eye coordination, directional rules and the creating of lines & shapes that lead on to forming letters.

In addition, drawing the patterns from the pegboard provides the child with opportunities to perfect pencil control. Cards 1-11 establish laterality, direction and position in space. Each line is a single colour to help the child perceive the line as a whole: vertical, horizontal and diagonal.

Cards 12-24 help establish recognition of the basic shapes: squares, triangles and rectangles. The child learns to position, compare, link and classify shapes into categories, as well as perceiving how each shape is constructed.



10164 – Manic Martians

Great for your child's development:

Using the space rocker bopper to try and bop martians on the head to pick them up is a fun way for your child to develop good hand-to-eye coordination. Learning how to play a game, and playing with a friend, are good ways to develop problem-solving and social skills. Counting up the martians is useful counting practice. Playing the Manic Martians Game is also fun for a little bit of imaginative play.



Do You Learn Differently? Sound
10169 – Giant Keyboard

Do You Learn Differently? Gross Motor Skills 10125 – Floor Surfer

Surfing the waves is known for its therapeutic benefits. With the Floor Surfer, a team of physiotherapists has brought these benefits directly into your home! Surfing has been proven to help anyone with sensory overload process their environment, and to improve the mood of children and adults suffering from depression



Marianne handing the donation cheque to Charlotte.

Many Thanks to the Ladies of the Inner Wheel Club Christchurch West for their generous donation of \$500 for resources.

Many Thanks to Moerangi, Anania and Matt Fraser (Senior Teacher) from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Whanau Tahī School in Lyttelton Street for the fine job they did in providing Te Reo translations for our Library signage. They were very well briefed and provided us with useful spreadsheets for us to work from. Matt was delighted that we gave the students the opportunity to be involved with this Community Outreach Project.



Overdues:

Please try to return your resources on time. If you have difficulties in getting resources back to the library just send an email to let us know. There is a three day grace period otherwise fines will apply. We are all aware of the rising cost of living for our families so we try to keep our hire costs as low as we can.

Entertainment Book:

We have copies of the entertainment book here at the library for you or your friends to purchase if you would like to support our fundraiser. The library makes \$13.00 for every book sold.