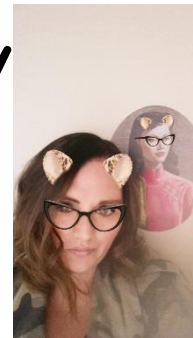


# Christchurch Special Needs Library

## April 2019 - Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,  
My name is Vanessa, I am your new Library Coordinator!

In the short time I have been here, I have been fortunate to be welcomed into an amazing team of people, the staff, committee and volunteers have embraced me as part of their team, and this is testament to how wonderful this library is.

Please pop in to say Hi, I look forward to working with you all and continuing to provide the best service our unique library has to offer. As we all process the tragic events that rocked our Ōtautahi please know you are not alone, we are with you, and if you need anything then please let it be known.

Noho ora mai  
Vanessa

*He aroha whakato  
he aroha puta mai*

*If kindness is sown  
then kindness you shall receive*



*A big warm welcome to all our new members, it's fantastic seeing lots of new faces around the Library. Remember we are here to help and please don't hesitate to let us know if we can make your experience with the library a more positive one!*

### Some exciting news:

A luncheon will be held at  
1pm on Saturday 4th May 2019  
at the Library – 109 Huxley St  
Food & Drink provided

Followed by our AGM at 2pm

**All welcome**

### Important Notice:

Please note we will be closed on  
Saturday 20th April.....  
but great news....we will be  
opening from 10am - 2pm on  
Saturdays - starting 11th May  
2019

**Happy Easter Everyone**



### Survey

If you haven't already and would like to complete this short survey, please click on the link below. We appreciate your valued feedback.

<https://forms.gle/CYvXgrtu3CDTu6g77>

## A few of our latest additions.

### Do you learn differently? Feels/Write Number Stones 10482

Children can struggle just as much with forming numerals as they do with letter. They need to develop fine-motor control, the language to talk about shape and patterns and the basic movements needed for number shapes before they can acquire a fluent handwriting style. Take a hands-on approach using this set of ten number stones (0-9). The attractive stones offer a tactile and visual way for children to practise number formation and build confidence.



### Love the Ocean? - Wave Drum 10483

The Wave Drum is designed especially for children to recreate and enjoy the natural sounds of ocean waves crashing onto the beach! These sounds can be created by holding the drum horizontally and tilting it slowly from side to side, causing the small beads inside the drum to roll around along the drum's surface.



### Who doesn't love stacking! Large Wooden Rainbow 10484

Versatile open-ended toy has many uses & inspires joyful imagination: It's a stacker & puzzle, plus pieces can be used as bridges, tunnels, fences & more!



## *A few words from our Chairperson, Gina*

Hello, this year we said Goodbye to our coordinator Frances Caldwell. Frances is going to catch up on an interest she had at Secondary school-which tells us we should never discard learning. In her place we have welcomed Vanessa Cashell who has fitted seamlessly into the Library.

**In the light of recent events, it is amazing to realize how cosmopolitan New Zealand is. We have clients and volunteers from all over the world and it sometimes feels like a mini United Nations. We love it.**

**On May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm we invite clients volunteers and friends to join us for lunch and our Annual General Meeting. It is important to consider attending and perhaps being available for the committee. We have our meetings every 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12.30pm - 2.00pm. No committee, no library !! Do come and find out how the library is managed and make your skills available.**

**Cheers, Gina M, Chairperson**

### From our Resource Advisor, Charlotte

***I am enclosing some of my favourite quotes related to my area of work and hope these inspire you as well.***

***During the awful events recently in Christchurch it is good to focus on some positive things.***

- ***'Play turns out to be so stunningly essential to childhood, It is like love, sunshine, and broccoli all juiced together.'*-anon.**
- ***"You never fail until you stop trying."*-anon.**
- ***'The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.'* Alan Watts.**
- ***"There is no GIANT step that does it, It's a lot of LITTLE steps."*-anon.**
- ***"Play is the highest form of research."*-Albert Einstein.**
- ***'Your speed doesn't matter forward is forward.'*-Mary Tortoise!**
- ***'I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.'* -Jimmy Dean.**

***As always please feel free to ask me for any advice and I look forward to seeing and helping you in the library.***

***Charlotte***

### A Warm Reminder:

- To check that all the resource pieces are accounted for before returning
- Our resources are not for playing with while in the Library, there is an area for children to play in.
- No using trikes/rides ons while in the Library
- We appreciate any feedback or suggestion you have

### Fine Motor Fun! - #10488 - Super Sorting Pie

Fruity pie teaches early number skills and attributes. Jumbo tweezers reinforce fine motor skills.



## BENEFITS OF SOCIAL PLAY

- ✓ Children learn social rules such as: give and take, reciprocity, cooperation and sharing
- ✓ Children learn to use moral reasoning to develop a mature sense of values
- ✓ Social play fosters positive interaction with people
- ✓ Enhances confidence and resiliency

Train Tickets – Miniature Train Rides  
Halswell Domain – Sunday's 1pm – 4pm  
\$10.00 – 6 Rides – No expiry  
*Purchase from the Library and you are helping with our fundraising efforts!*



*Please feel free to talk to Charlotte regarding the resources we have available to assist with social play*

We're fundraising with  




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<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/137132w>

*A few fundraising ideas on the horizon.....*

\*Poppa's Chalk\*

\*Stainless Steel Clothes  
Pegs\*

\*Cheese Rolls (A Southland  
Staple!)\*

If you have any suggestions,  
we would love to hear from  
you

*A huge **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteers, who give their time either weekly, fortnightly or monthly to enable our service to operate. our library could not run without you. **You are all amazing!***

