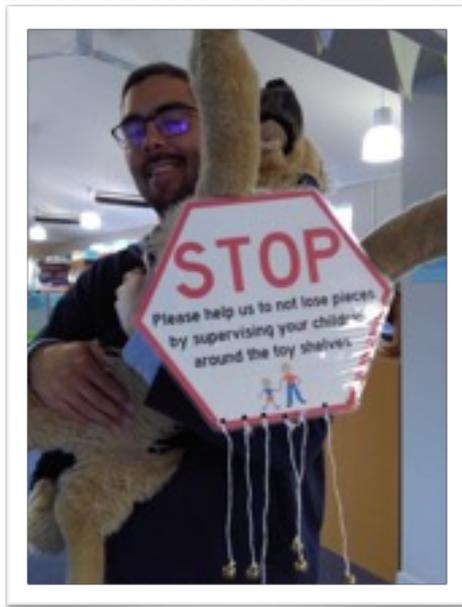




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New volunteer Michael checks out our new 'stop sign' (with Lucky the weighted dog!).

Help Keep Our Resources Complete

We lose pieces from resources when people take them out and play with them in the library. For this reason, we want boxes and bags to stay closed until they are taken home. Please don't open them and let your children/clients/students play with them in the library.

We welcome playing in the play area at the front of the library where there is a puppet theatre, a slide, a train set, a dolls' house, a miniature kitchen, a blackboard to write on, books to read and a beanbag and chairs and table to sit at.

If you feel you must open a resource to check its contents, please make sure all the pieces are safely back inside the box or bag afterwards. And if you decide not to borrow it after all, please return it to the same place on the shelf you got it from. Likewise, if you try out one of the bikes, other ride-on resources or musical instruments, please return it (in one piece to the place you found it).

Many thanks for your help in keeping our resources complete and ready for lending.

New Resources



10343 Fresh Picked Fruit and Vege Tote

A set of realistic-looking plastic produce to encourage language development and creative play. Adults/carers can encourage content vocabulary to go beyond labelling to conversations about nutrition and healthy eating. The canvas tote can be used to encourage conversations about recycling and the environment.



9986 Feed the Dog

Using tweezers to pick up pretend bones and feed them into the dog's mouth builds fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.



Amnesty Fortnight for Overdue Resources

Got some long-overdue library resources lurking in your home? Worried about returning them and getting slapped with a big late fine and a telling off? Ditch the stress, put the kettle on and put the fortnight starting 31 July in your diary.

The library is hosting an amnesty week at the end of this month for the return of all unreturned and late resources, missing pieces and library cloth bags. Make the most of this one-off opportunity from Tuesday 31 July to Saturday 11 August; there will be no charges on the returned items and no questions asked.



News from our Secretary

Hi everyone,

As always, there is something interesting happening. Over the coming weeks we are working on having all our resources up on our website, plus there will be updates on new arrivals. Along with catalogue numbers and photos, there will be a brief explanation on the use of each resource. I am sure you will all love and benefit from this new addition to the website.

Charlotte and I are looking forward to going 'walkabout' the first and third Tuesday morning of the month to reacquaint and inform new organisations about the service we provide. Let us know if you would like a visit or know anyone else who would.

We have many resources sitting in our cataloguing department with missing pieces. This situation comes at considerable cost to the library and our amnesty week coming up at the end of July is a great opportunity to help us out.

Don't forget to look at the great photos on our Facebook page and remember we can provide a guest speaker at your function or meeting. We make it not only informative, but fun. So give us a call.

Until next time, keep warm.

Chris



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Steep and Serve Tea Set

A wooden tea set for two that includes replica biscuits, and tea bags with coloured tags in a tea caddy. The set may encourage creative thinking and imaginative play while promoting memory and colour recognition.



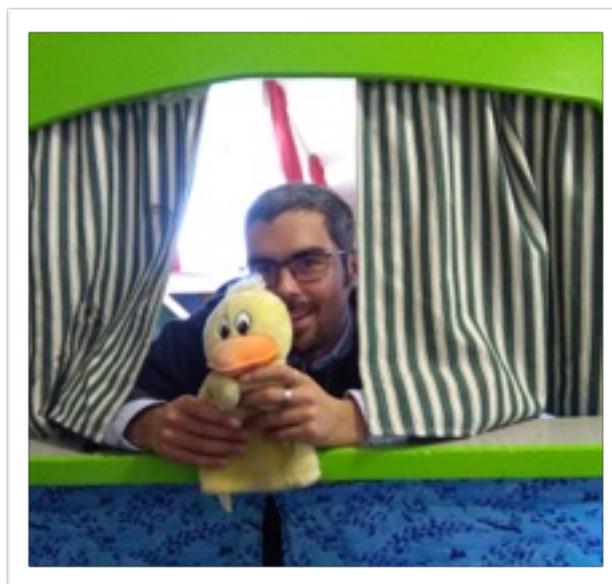
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Grocery Shop

Play and practice serving and purchasing 21st Century-style with a cash register, card reader, scanner, money notes, shopping basket and grocery items. NB: the cash register is currently cracked but will be replaced with a new one shortly.

Market Day

After a break last year, the library's popular annual market day returns this September. We will sell off our withdrawn resources and hold a sausage sizzle.



Michael tries out the new puppet theatre

FOOD FOR THOUGHT WITH RESOURCE ADVISOR CHARLOTTE

“Learning through play” is a term used in education and psychology to describe how a child can learn to make sense of the world around them.

The process of pretend play builds skills in many essential developmental areas. When your child engages in pretend play he/she is actively experimenting with the social and emotional roles of life. Through cooperative play he/she learns how to take turns, share responsibility and creatively problem solve. Role play builds confidence, communication, physical development both fine and gross motor skills.

Play also teaches self-confidence, a skill required to engage in new experiences and environments. Emotions can be expressed through pretend play and this allows children to experience and express both positive and negative feelings. They can learn how to modulate the effect of these emotions and positive behaviours. Personal vocabulary flourishes as they begin to use words appropriately and in context.

We have an abundance of resources in the library to assist with this type of learning. If you want ideas or advice just ask me.

Charlotte 😊

LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS

Check out the library fundraising table for the following bargains:

- Cloth bags, beautifully made by our volunteers and so popular they've sold out. We can take orders for anyone wanting one or two for their shopping. All profits to the library.
- Train rides at Halswell Domain: \$10 for a six-ride ticket with \$5 going to the library
- This year's Entertainment Book with 20% of all sales through us coming back to us. We have three books left to sell and unlimited Digital Membership: <https://youtu.be/op-IOObAkik>
- Toothbrush people – creatively made facecloth and toothbrush combo gifts for \$3 each
- Children's hand-knitted beanies and jumpers. The jumpers are \$10 and the beanies available for a donation
- Grubby Bubby Bibs and car seat belt protectors - \$5 each
- A box of second-hand children's books available at four books for \$1 as well as a bookcase of books in our foyer for gold coin donations



Volunteers Pat and Bev with the cloth bags



10119 Café

Build the café then serve with this Duplo playset that includes a set of coins, a menu, cakes, hamburgers and candles.



10321

Set of Cars

Eleven wooden vehicles to promote creative play, language development and counting



10332

Make a Cake Mixer Set

Make-believe baking for those three years and older. The set encourages imaginative play, promotes number skills, and can act as a rehearsal for the real thing!

KIWANIS DONATION



10136

Farm Animals

Promotes language development and imaginative play.



Charlotte receives a generous donation from Kiwanis Club of Christchurch, from president Peter Chiverton (right) and past president Colin McIntosh.



Help us solve the mystery of the left-behind pushchair. Somebody will be getting a sore back carrying a baby since leaving their Jolly Jumper pushchair in the middle of the library sometime in May. We would love to reunite pushchair and baby!



Above: Take the stress out of the holidays by hiring one or more of a pre-selected set of educational games and musical items. They were chosen by our resource advisor Charlotte to keep everyone happy indoors during the winter chill.

Below: The completed new frontage of the library.



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