



# LOWER HUTT PLUNKET COMMUNITY TOY LIBRARY Newsletter

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 From our Chairperson, Megan Skelly:

When was the last time you visited your toy library? School holidays are upon us again and the cool, wet days provide a great opportunity to maximize your membership. We are very fortunate to have a large and varied selection of toys to help keep our children happy and entertained while confined indoors. Your toy library is open during normal hours throughout the school holidays, so add a visit to your school holiday activity list. Remember that our toy lending period is now two weeks.

We continue to have a strong focus towards our new premises. On the legal side of things, we expect the land reclassification by the Department of Conservation to take most of the remainder of this year. While we are unable to speed things up on that front, there is plenty of work required to get the hall ready for us to use. The support of toy library members is crucial in making this a reality. Details of the type of support we need can be found throughout this newsletter. Please read on and ask yourself 'how will I help?'

**Megan Skelly, Chairperson**

## **OPENING HOURS**

Wednesday	9:15 – 11:15 am
Wednesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 – 12 noon

Please ensure that you arrive with plenty of time to get your toys returned and new toys issued as no toys will be issued to those who arrive in the last ten minutes of the session.

*Do you BAKE?????*

We need you!

### **Contacting the toy library outside library hours**

If you need to contact the toy library to advise us about broken or missing toy pieces or for general enquiries, remember you can email us at [lhtoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:lhtoylibrary@gmail.com)

## Reminder:

*From 1<sup>st</sup> July the Toy Rental Period will be*

**2 Weeks**

### **INSIDE THIS EDITION:**

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### **Baby Gear Sale**

Run by Waterloo Naenae Plunket Committee  
Saturday, July 17 at 9:00 – 11:00 am  
Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall, Laings Road  
To book a table contact [Kimberley Black](mailto:Kimberley.Black@xtra.co.nz). 566-9901 or by email [rj.ki@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rj.ki@xtra.co.nz).

***Hate Queues???? Like to browse in peace???***  
**Wednesday mornings are a nice quiet time to come to your Toy Library!**



Calling all you  
*yummy*  
*home bakers!!*

Please sign up to bake some goodies for an August 6 morning tea fundraiser.

We have the opportunity to raise \$500 toward our new premises.

If you can help with baking or donations of ingredients please contact Chaucey on 577 3877 or email [chaucey@paradise.net.nz](mailto:chaucey@paradise.net.nz)

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Saturday - 9.30am - 3.00pm



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Duty Roster  
**HEROS** needed

Sometimes due to emergencies we find ourselves without duty helpers. Can you help fill in when this happens? If so please provide your name to Sherril or Jackie, or email [lhtoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:lhtoylibrary@gmail.com)

Play Idea - Posting Fun for wee ones



Collect up several lids of different sizes (eg jam jar, vegemite jar, preserving jar ring etc) and put them into an ice cream container. Cut a slot in the lid and attach the lid to the container with strong tape on one edge. Watch them enjoy hours of fun posting, emptying the container etc.

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## A brand new Toy Library!!!!

Toy Libraries are all about Toys and Children. Toys are all about imagination..... So imagine this....

**Imagine** a toy library where the toys are all laid out so you can see them easily.

**Imagine** a toy library that is easy to access and part of the community.

**Imagine** a toy library that can hire out Party Packs, Bouncy Castles, and even Jig Saw Puzzles suitable for adults?

**Imagine** a toy library with a safe, purpose-built play area for your children (where they can play whilst you do your duty), and a playground right outside the door.

**Imagine** a Toy Library where you don't have to queue as long, where there is plenty of space for duty members to help librarians process issues and returns fast and efficiently.

*Does that get your imagination fired up?*

New Premises - a new Toy Library is what we are imagining! We have a building earmarked, an old scout hall in Epuni. It will be AWESOME. The building is on a reserve complete with playground. There is access from Waiwhetu Road and Purser Grove. The building has 'fantastic bones' and with some loving work it will make the most wonderful toy library. It needs work, and the land needs to be rezoned before we can finalise the purchase of the building. We need to fundraise for the re-zoning costs, and we are seeking grants and donations of materials for the refit of the building. Help from willing volunteers will make this happen!!

Recently Sherril, Chaucey and Jo attended the Toy Library Federation Training weekend in Christchurch. As well as learning lots of new ideas to improve the running of our Toy Library, they toured Toy Libraries in Christchurch, including some fantastic, large, purpose-built ones. From these we can see how well good design, great space and enthusiasm can make a Toy Library that is a delight to children, parents, staff and volunteers.

So come join the fun of making it happen – it is a great way to get involved without having to make a long term commitment. And boy oh boy, will you be proud of the results!!!



*The Old Scout Hall – Our Proposed New Premises.*



*Inspirational Ideas from other Toy Libraries*

***Want to help your toy library, but hate meetings?***

**Here is your chance.**

You don't have to attend any meetings. You don't have to make a long term commitment.

Please think of a way you can help and fill in the form on page 4; or email us; or call a committee member, or drop into the library for a chat. **We particularly need a project manager.**

We'd love to hear from *grandparents and other members of the community* who would love to help us realise this dream.

**It is all about our Kids and our COMMUNITY!**



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Please think of how you can help us get our new premises happening, looking fantastic, and paid for!!!

We know you are busy! We are parents too! But as they say, many hands make light work. If you really can't spare any time, how about a cash donation? Or could you ask a Grandparent or other family member to help! Give them this newsletter and see what they say. We would love to hear from them!

☺ Please fill in the form and hand it in at the library. Spares will be available at the library.

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