

August 2017 Newsletter

Mornington Toy and Games Library

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From the committee:

As many of you may know, our Librarian, Astrid, and her family are moving back to Argentina at the end of August. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Astrid for her work over the past year. Best of luck to you and your family in the future!

And on a related note, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Librarian, Rebekah! Please help us make Rebekah feel welcome in her new role.

This month we also say goodbye to some long-time toy library volunteers. Many thanks to our outgoing committee president Rachael Holloway, treasurer Kim Spooner and roster coordinator Karen Wilson. We wish you all the best and say a heartfelt thank you – the library would not function without the help of its dedicated committee members.



Truffle Time!!

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about truffles again! The arrival of August and September means it's **Butter Month** at the library. We are now accepting donations of blocks of butter during our open hours. Each butter donation enters your name into a draw for a \$20 concession card (or additional summer toy hires for premium members). Butter donations will be especially important this year as the price of butter has risen in recent months.

The annual truffle fundraiser is the main way the library raises the money it needs to exist. We need all hands on deck to both sell and help make the truffles, so mark your calendars for the weekend of 10 & 11 November, and start talking about delicious chocolate truffles with all your friends and family.

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Wanted: Committee Members

The library is still looking for a few members to join the committee. If you value what the library provides and can spare a few extra hours a month, we would love to hear from you! The commitment includes attending committee meetings once every 6 weeks, doing a few extra duty hours as available, and helping out with fundraising, community outreach and working bees. In return for your volunteer work, you are eligible for a premium membership at the standard rate.

Please email morningtontoylib@yahoo.co.nz if you are interested or want more information.



HELLO GOODBYE

From the Librarians:

From Astrid:

Time to say goodbye – most of you know that I am from Argentina, now we are going back home. I have enjoyed my time here and I am very grateful being warmly received and kindly treated. “We leave something of ourselves behind when we leave a place, we stay there, even though we go away. And there are things in us that we can find again only by going back there.” – *Pascal Mercier, Night Train to Lisbon*

Finally, it is amazing the possibilities that the Toy Library gives to your children. Take care of the toys as if they were yours and you are always welcome to participate in the committee – they do an extraordinary job day by day to improve the library, and more hands make for lighter work.

“Children have deep devotion to life and this devotion is beautifully expressed through the free play. Objects of play should be as simple as possible, to allow the power of imagination to flourish. Buying ‘perfect’, expensive toys, rob the children of an ability to see beauty in a stone or a shell.” – *Nataša Nuit Pantović, Conscious Parenting: Mindful Living Course for Parents*

Thank you very much for your patience and I leave you in very good hands!!!

From Rebekah:

Hi, my name is Rebekah and I'm very excited to be your new Toy Librarian! I am from Edmonton, Canada, and have been living here with husband Joel and kids Nathaniel (6) and Lucy (4) for one year now. Since we only arrived here with four bags and a suitcase of Lego, we have found the Toy Library to be invaluable in our settling here. My hobbies are playing music with Joel, reading, crocheting, drinking coffee, and spending time in nature.

I'd like to share with you something that I've discovered when I became a parent: in my growing up I forgot how to play! So from very early on I have needed toys and games to help springboard me into play and connection times with my kids. It is my hope that the wide selection of toys at MTL can also strengthen your family play times.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better and feel free to visit often!

Broken toys & missing pieces:

In recent months, we have noticed an increase in the number of broken toys and missing pieces. While we realise that sometimes items get broken and lost, this also makes it harder for others to enjoy the library's toys and results in lost revenue and added expenses.

Part of the library's rules state that you can be charged for missing and broken items, and we will begin to enforce this rule in cases where the broken or missing item makes the toy unusable for others. Fines will be based on the toy's replacement value.

Please be sure to check your toys BEFORE returning them to the library, and make an effort to locate missing pieces. If you find missing pieces later on, return them to the library in a timely manner – there is a missing pieces box at the check in table. Thank you!



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