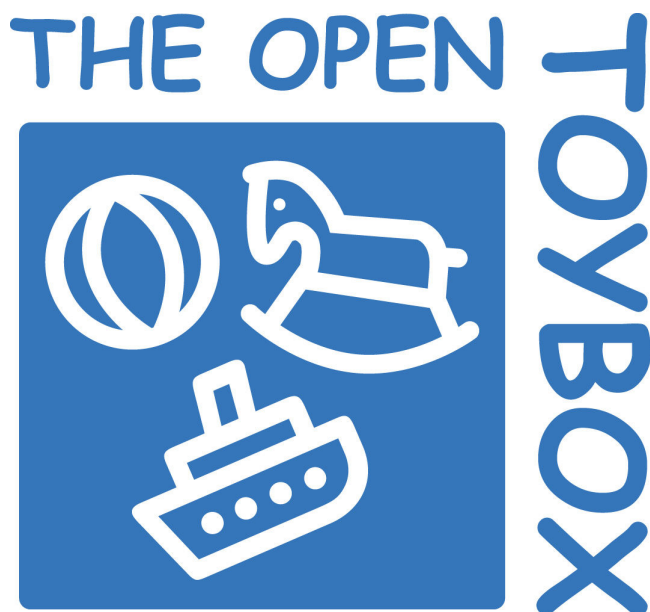


Newsletter

Grey Lynn, Westmere and Point Chevalier
April 2009



We couldn't have done it without you...

A huge thank you to all early joining OTB members. Obtaining a high level of membership money early in the year, plus a very successful start to our yearly round of grant applications (see below), has meant that we have been able to maintain membership fees at the same level as previous years. It also means we have extra funds available to spend on new toys. We cannot guarantee that fees will remain the same into the future, and therefore the situation will be re-assessed at some stage. Well done to all!

OTB Hours:

A reminder to all that the library hours are 9.30 to 11.30am. We must vacate the hall by 11.45 sharp and if we exceed this time we are charged for the extra use. It is policy, therefore, that the last computer transaction (either returning or issuing) be at 11.30am sharp. Please aim to be in the library by 11.15am. If you have not had time to choose replacement toys we apologise but we cannot afford the extra charges to stay open for individual members. We thank you all for adhering to these hours.

Grants secured to date:

Our fantastic fund raiser Anita Coy-Macken has already successfully secured two grants for the 2009 year. Thank you to the Auckland City Council who has given the OTB \$4,500 for rent support. Also, thank you to the Lottery Community Trust who has given \$800 to the OTB for the purchase of new toys. And of course a big thank you to Anita for her hard work so early in the year.

Introducing our 2009 Committee:

Anne Williams: Chairperson & co-ordinator ph: 360-6378
Rachel Fanshawe: Secretary
Anita Coy-Macken: Grants & Fund Raising
Jane Riddell: Treasurer
Dimi & Kristen Stylianou: Toy repairs
Dana Hudson: Marketing & Memberships
Judith Knight: Toy Team
Melissa Collow: Toy Team
Nicola Beentjes: Toy Team
Naiomi Cunningham: Communications & Accounts

Broken Toys:

Please do not be afraid to tell the librarian or volunteers if a toy you are returning is broken. It is very difficult for us to know when a toy is actually not working properly without your assistance. The OTB operates on a system of honesty, and therefore if you say that the toy was broken when you took it home we will believe you. Also, if you know your child is responsible for a toy breaking we would appreciate being told so, and if we assess that a charge to the member is appropriate, this would be done so taking into account both the age of the toy and our knowledge of the toy itself.

New Toy Update:

We have fulfilled a long held promise to the Thomas fans in the library by spending most of our \$800 Lottery Grant on Thomas Destinations. To the uninitiated, Thomas Destinations are high quality, wooden structures which members add to their existing wooden tracks to give Thomas & Friends new places to visit and new things to do. The shopping list this year also includes new dress-ups, baby/toddler toys, bath toys, duplo, little people and theme toys such as horses, dungeons, dragons and knights. If you have other ideas please ask for the toy suggestion box in the library. Take a look at a few of the toys already purchased this year on the attached sheet.

Annual General Meeting:

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday March 26th 2009. Points to highlight are;

- Profit of \$7,679, largely due to an increase in Grant revenue received.
- 140 member families for the 2008 year – meeting the OTB's capacity number, with 18 families on a wait list.
- 88 new toys purchased at a cost of \$4,593.

And a Warm Welcome to Dawa Rowley:

Our enthusiastic new Librarian who is fast learning the ins and outs of running our Saturday Library session.

The Open Toy Box

New Toys March 2009

Thomas at the Zoo

Purchased for \$269.99 Age 3+
Find in the "I" toys in the library



Thomas & Friends Sodor Scrub & Shine

Purchased for \$75 Age 3+
Find in the "E" toys in the library



Thomas & Friends Echo Tunnel

Purchased for \$59.99 Age 3+
Find in the "E" toys in the library



Thomas & Friends Power Station

Purchased for \$39.99 Age 3+
Find in the "E" toys in the library



Thomas & Friends Load & Sort Recycling Centre

Purchased for \$64.99 Age 3+
Find in the "E" toys in the library



Thomas Deluxe Roundhouse

Purchased for \$215.99 Age 3+
Find in the "E" toys in the library



Little Tikes Lawnmower

Purchased for \$79.99 Age 18mth+
Find in "H" toys in the library



Mini Micro Scooter – Blue

Purchased for \$110 Ages 2-5
Find in the "J" toys in the library



Mini Micro Scooter – Pink

Purchased for \$110 Ages 2-5
Find in the "J" toys in the library

