

Birmingham Toy Library Network

Welcome to the first edition of the Birmingham Toy Library Network newsletter.

The Birmingham Toy Library Network is run by a committee of several people from different backgrounds including nursery, schools & children centers.

The committee members are:-

Linda Barrett – Chair
Jo Hill – Vice Chair (NATLL)
Katalya Moxham – Secretary
Debbie Corfield – Committee Member
Rachael Carr – Treasurer
Eileen Richards – Greet Children’s Centre
Raj Nijar - Birmingham Community Children's Centre
Sal Khwaja – Highfield Children’s Centre

Future Meetings

8th March, 10.30am at Doddington Green Children Centre.

Does your Toy Library venue have rooms or facilities for training, meeting or to hold our AGM?

This would give you the opportunity to showcase your Toy Library.

National Association of Toy & Leisure Library Birmingham Outreach Team

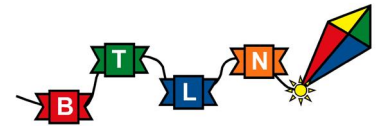
The NATLL Birmingham outreach team consists of a group of 5 workers each from a varied back ground ranging from experienced toy librarians and teachers to a technical support technician, all bring a wealth of experience to the team and aid the developments of both The National Association of toy and Leisure Libraries and to the settings, parents, child carers and organisations we link with.

The NATLL team can support & assist you in developing your Toy Library. If you would like further information please contact your local Outreach worker on the numbers below.

The NATLL Team are:-

Jo Hill – Senior Outreach Worker - 07989413161
Judith Mclear – South Outreach Worker – 07717401319
Christine Ward – East & North Outreach Worker – 07927184154
Sara Reynolds – Heart of Birmingham Outreach Worker - 07927184179





Toy Library News

Find out what other Toy Libraries around Birmingham.

Toy Cave - Greet Children's Centre

On the 12th August 2009 Greet Children's Centre hosted the launch of the Toy Cave at its satellite centre at Court Road in Sparkhill. The event was attended by over 100 families and was a great success despite the weather.

Balloon modeling, craft workshops, face painting and Mrs Arabella the storyteller contributed to making it a fantastic day which was enjoyed by everyone. The celebration was topped off with the cutting of a specially made delicious chocolate cake.



Weoley Castle Children's Centre Toy Library

The Toy Library runs on Tuesday & Thursday morning at Northfield Manor School. The Toy Library supports other services that are already running through the children's centre such as Stay & Play groups. Access to the Toy Library is available for parents in the local area. For more information please contact Debbie or Lisa on 0121 427 1058.

Balsall Heath Children's Centre Toy Library

Balsall Heath Children's Centre Toy Library is a mobile service that visits several different settings within the community such as school, stay and plays, nurseries and the local library. The Toy Library is available for families and settings in Balsall Heath. Through their hard work the Toy Library has recently achieved the Quality Play Matters scheme and collected the award from the NATLL Conference in London. For more information please contact Katalya or Taira on 0121 464 6349.





Birmingham Toy Library Network Information

Network Launch

On the 26th October the network held an event at Burbury Park. Toy Libraries, external agencies & toy library suppliers attended the event. Attendees were able to view displays and receive information related to their toy library.

Toy libraries had the opportunity to look at toys, software & toy bag suppliers & even went away with a few freebies!

The event was well attended and gave everybody the opportunity to network and to share ideas with one another. Everybody enjoyed a chat over the hot lunch that was served by the staff at Burbury Park.

Are you interested in joining the Birmingham Toy Library Network ?

By joining the Birmingham Toy Library Network you will be getting a range of benefits.

- Provide support in making funding applications and identify funding streams.
- Links with other member toy libraries, locally, nationally and internationally.
- With quarterly meetings to enable toy libraries to network.
- Advice on toys and equipment.
- Access to training opportunities.

Membership is £20.00 per annum, April – March.

For more information please contact Rachael Carr on 0121 554 6036

You can download the membership form from www.birmingham.toylibraries.org.uk

We want your news!

If your Toy Library would like to be advertised or featured in future newsletters please contact Katalya on 0121 464 6349 or email katalya.moxham@stpaulstrust.org.uk



If you would prefer this newsletter by email please get in touch with Katalya Moxham (katalya.moxham@stpaulstrust.org.uk)