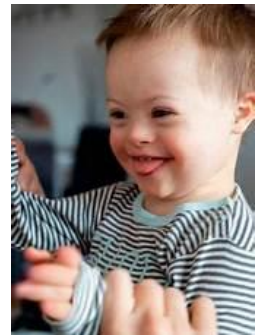




Annual Report





**Learning Needs Library
For Educational & Therapeutic
Resources Incorporated
109 Huxley Street Christchurch**

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Chairperson's Report AGM 2024

I am pleased to present the 46th Annual Report for the Learning Needs Library Incorporated, my 4th report as Chairperson.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their commitment to the library. To **every volunteer** - we couldn't run the library without you, *we thank you for your loyalty.*

Thank you to our staff Christina, Charlotte and Vivien for their continued commitment to the library, their enthusiasm and help is invaluable, and to David Lang our Solicitor who is on hand to attend to any matters we may need assistance with.

We appreciate the ongoing support from Nick Atkins from Kiwanis also Heather Fear and her team from Ferrymead Rotary.

During the year we had a professional video made by Storylight, made possible with a donation. It is proving to be very valuable in promoting our organisation; Trusts, clients and professionals have been impressed with our work and interested to see the families who benefit from our support; for those who haven't viewed the video is up on our website.

We have had visits from various professional agencies in the city. WestREAP a disability service on the West Coast spent a morning with us to see and learn how we operate with a view to starting up a similar service over there, also a visit from Jane Kircher from Perth interested in how we operate.

Blogg Charitable Trust has made it possible for us to reach families who otherwise would be unable access the library to due to financial difficulties, part of their funding provided 20 Annual Membership fees to the value of \$1,900, this has been very appreciated by the families utilizing this.

Through communication with our clients, families, and professionals, we work to improve and update our service to the community and provide the best possible service we can. We continue to make the library inclusive, welcoming, friendly, and supportive for all users. The successful day-to-day running of the library has been provided efficiently by the coordinator and staff, also the volunteers who have maintained an excellent service to all who access our organization.

To all those who have supported our organization, particularly Trusts and donors listed on the Funding Manager's report, an enormous thank you to you all, we couldn't operate without your financial assistance.

A great milestone we are celebrating this year is our 46th year of operation providing our unique service to the community in Canterbury.

Going forward the library is well placed and governed to continue into the years ahead....we already have preparations in motion for our 50th birthday.

Laurane Doig
Chairperson

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Funding Report 2024 AGM

The Learning Needs Library Incorporated
is incredibly grateful to the following for their valued financial assistance during 2023

Wayne Francis Charitable Trust
Rata Foundation
Maurice Carter Charitable Trust
Blogg Charitable Trust
COGS

NZ Lottery Grants Board
Christchurch Kiwanis
Lamar Charitable Trust
Inner Wheel of Christchurch West

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the **Christmas raffle**, special thanks to Heather and the team from **Ferrymead Rotary**; Nick, Lyn and the team **Christchurch Kiwanis** and the ladies from **Inner Wheel of Christchurch West** who sell tickets for us.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who contribute and support our fundraising activities.

- ❖ Fundraising during the past year included Christmas raffle, mid-winter Christmas raffle, Entertainment books, community weekend markets, cute children's dresses with inspiration from the Great British Sewing Bee, and the 'School Fundraising Shop'.
- ❖ Resources that are no longer required are taken by Tanya from **Ferrymead Rotary** who sells them on behalf of the library at the Linwood Community Market on Saturdays, Heather liaises with Tanya delivering the items to her, we are extremely grateful to them both.
- ❖ During the year we had donations of resources of all shapes and sizes, we happily accept and appreciate them all. These are added to our hire pool, if not suitable for library use sold at our weekend markets.
- ❖ The Cataloguing department is a busy and productive section of the library, thank you Mandy, and Robyn for your efficient system, Ken uploading library resources for hire on to our website, Colin in spares dept and to Kerry for helping out with repairs and maintenance of our resources.
- ❖ Thank you to **Christchurch South Lions Santa's workshop team** who make and donate wooden toys at Christmas for our families, who really appreciate them.
- ❖ Special thanks to you Vivien for your many skills.

Wayne Francis Charitable Trust has committed to support the library for five years with an inflation adjusted grant of \$25,000 per annum., such is their belief in the great work the library is doing in our community, we are incredibly grateful.
Our third year of their funding contribution now completed.

We celebrate our 46th birthday this year 😊

Christina Murray
Funding Manager/Liaison



Educational and Therapeutic Resource Advisor Report AGM 2024

After 15 years my job as Resource Advisor continues to be very interesting and rewarding as new clients join with a variety of conditions and challenges and it is also great to be able to keep supporting our current clients and professionals who come into the library,

Often my role is expanded to keep me challenged and to enable me to provide a worthwhile and very necessary complimentary service to early intervention programmes, schools and many adult organizations and support groups.

Therapists and teaching staff are always commenting on how great our resources are, and how they cover such a wide range of abilities and skill areas.

Frequently I am informing clients of services/activities/agencies available to assist them that they haven't heard about before coming to the library.

Talks and networking with various early learning centres and parenting groups, community groups and Early Intervention providers were an important and busy part of my year.

Each year we update our resources for hire depending upon client's needs, this year my wish list was approximately \$10,000, which is passed onto Chris who approaches various funders.

When the resources are delivered, they are prepared by our cataloguing department who present them beautifully in consistent containers with a coloured label as the library resources have now been all colour coded. This makes it easier for volunteers to put items away and easier for clients when choosing.

Sensory items are in high demand as our number of clients increase who are on the autistic spectrum disorder and children with sensory processing disorders.

I was involved in the making of our video which is to be used to reach a wider audience for people who aren't aware who we are and for people to get a clear understanding about what we actually do and what we can offer. The filming day was very busy, and I felt like I had run a marathon after it but a great experience to be involved in.

The Home Visiting Service – This a vital service that the library offers, - *and is our point of difference*. Families are grateful for this essential service.

A large number of the families I visit have two children with disabilities. Parents/carers need the support, encouragement and especially a 'listening ear'. Additionally, I am liaising with the child's therapist, so we are all using the same skill focus, to enable the child to develop to their full potential. My main objective is specifically involved around the issue of appropriate items to assist the person, to achieve skills and reach the level of development they are working on and extend the skill as appropriate.

I love finding resources to help a child/adult with multiple challenges, but it is even greater to find a person's strength and interests to find resources to achieve their goals.

My main goal is always for people to leave the library with a positive plan in place with hope and anticipation in their eyes.

I greatly enjoy working with Laurane, Chris and Vivien and all our wonderful volunteers. I couldn't achieve my job to such a high standard without this ongoing support.

Charlotte Ganderton

Educational and Therapeutic Resource Advisor