

# Autumn Newsletter - March 2022

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## Library Opening Hours:

Tuesday 10 am – 4.30pm  
Thursday 10 am – 4.30pm  
Saturday 10 am – 1pm



## Welcome back to the Learning Needs Library for 2022

We look forward to seeing our existing and new clients in the library. Take a look at the new resources featured late in this newsletter. Like our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news. Check out our revamped website - we are endeavouring to list all of our resources on it. Given that there are over 3000 resources available you may wish to utilize the 'Filter' function. Search using a key word such as 'Airport' or 'fine motor' to reduce the list. Normally we close on long weekends but this year as we are closed at Easter we have decided to open on Anzac weekend.

## Our Response to COVID

Here at the Learning Needs Library we are doing all that we can to keep our volunteers and clients safe. Taking great care with keeping our resources safe and hygienic. Mask wearing, signing in and social distancing are all required. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for any news.

## VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to our new volunteers for 2022. Robyn Bosma; who comes in on Thursdays and updates our resource packaging - new colour coded labels and new Sistema containers where necessary. Tara Carranceja will be helping out on Saturdays and Tuesdays, Adrienne Carmichael on Tuesday afternoons and Isla Cousins on Thursday afternoons.



### Introducing Me - Vivien Mahoney

I am your new co-ordinator for 2022. I have been volunteering at the library for over 10 years. I have 4 children aged 25 - 16. I love Wordle and Sudoku and have taught myself to crochet with Youtube. One day I hope to travel to England and walk the coastal path in Cornwall. 😊



## Volunteer - Prue Clark

### Celebrating Prue's dedication to the library of 26 years.

Through her involvement with Plunket, Prue was aware of our organisation and the work we did, so when she offered to become a volunteer we were delighted as we knew she came with an empathy for what we were trying to achieve. It was clear from the outset that she was coming to us with something special to offer the community through our organisation.

Her capacity for enthusiasm has never diminished, always coming up with new ideas and solutions to benefit the families who visit and contributing ideas for the general operation of the library.

With her leadership skills, guidance and commitment, she became Chairperson for several years, ensuring any undertaking of the moment was accomplished in a professional and inclusive manner.

Being a talented dressmaker, one of Prue's gifts to the library was a stunning patchwork quilt to raffle, she is always on hand to repair, make and remake all manner of things, support fundraising, and assist in any way to make it all happen, and the library function.

Prue possesses a true team spirit and continues to work and support the organisation any way she can with total commitment and a wonderful sense of humour.

We look forward to many more years of Prue's association with us.



## A message from our Educational and Therapeutic Resource Advisor ... Charlotte

*Welcome back to the library!*

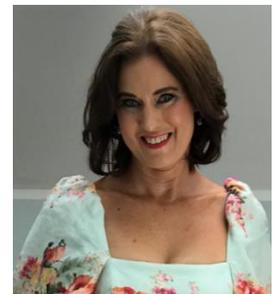
*It is lovely seeing new and old faces behind face masks of course!!*

*We have had some generous grants for resources so you will notice new items throughout the library.*

*Some of them will be highlighted below and focus on sensory and physical skills,*

*Please don't hesitate to ask me for help in the library,*

*Charlotte 😊*



## Please support those businesses who support us



**CRANE & CARRY  
TRANSPORT**

In particular we would like to make mention of Crane and Carry Transport hire in Hornby who very graciously delivered out Playhouse to the winning bidder last year. With a back section and a narrow driveway they did an awesome job of lifting the playhouse over the fence to its spot in Becky's backyard.

"Sometimes a big job requires that little bit extra machine power. Sometimes you need a specially designed crane to carry a large load of materials up to your job, or a truck to move materials in and out of a big and busy work site. Whatever the case may be, the team at Crane and Carry have something for you. We are the Hiab and transport specialists with over 25 years industry experience.

Our specialist team of crane experts really know their stuff."



## Spotlight On New Resources

### Weighted Animals

(featured on our website and Facebook)

Lexie - 10794

Rosie - 10795

Gumnut - 10796

Frederick - 10797



Great tools for calming, place on your lap or cuddle on your chest. We use non toxic poly pellets that are sewn into a calico bag and hand sewn into the animal. Lexie weighs 1kg and is 40cm in length. Frederick (1.5kg, 45cm length). Gumnut (2kg, 30cm).

Be prepared to be engulfed in a huge cuddle, Rosie the Pig is so lush and big we didn't need to add weight to her. Weight: ~2kg Height: ~60cm tall Suitable for teenagers and adults.

**Flexi Stools** Blue - 10491

Red - 10732

Orange - 10733



Due to its active movement, the flexi stool is a great option for children with additional learning needs. This stool encourages mobility and core strength when seated. This chair supports an active learning environment where physical movement is used to support focus, memory and cognitive development.

### Sensory Drum - 10748

Mounted on a wooden base with four tubes of exciting materials to look and listen to and a set of clacking wooden spheres. Both the drum and the individual tubes spin at the slightest touch. Ideal for helping to develop fine and gross motor skills as well as listening and observation skills.



### Wooden Treasure Rolling Pins - 10785

Beautifully made cylinders filled with items to capture children's interest. With treasure like items inside to roll, shake, twist and turn. Ideal for sensory and exploration activities.



### Wooden 4 in a row - 10786

A large wooden version of the traditional 4 in a row game with a sturdy frame and smooth finished wooden black and red counters. Use in the conventional way racing your partner to make a row of four with your counters, for practising simple counting skills or for pattern making a great way to strengthen motor skills and logic, and to improve concentration.

