

SALCYS Meeting 8th September 2014

Chair Person: Jayne Webster- City of Marion

Secretary - Noarlunga Library

Apologies: Nola Cavallaro (Gawler), Kylie Clayton (Port Adelaide Enfield) Sascha Hutchinson (Unley), Chris Barsby (Whyalla), Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills), Annabelle Mugge (Walkerville), Trish Muller (Alexandrina), Veronica Matthews (PLS).

2. Committee – Nomination of chairperson and Secretary

The group discussed that the secretary job would be performed by the hosting library instead of one person/library as it has been done in the past.

Holly Morling from TTG Library expressed interest in the chairperson role. She will set up a meeting with Sascha Hutchinson to discuss this role further.

3. 2015 Meeting hosts- Dates and Locations

February – **Location:** PLS **Date:** Thursday 19th February 2015

May – **Location:** Port Adelaide Library **Date:** Tuesday 19th May 2015

September – **Location:** Hallet Cove Library **Date:** Monday 7th September 2015

November – **Location:** Playford Library – Stretton Centre **Date:** Wednesday 11th November 2015

Jayne to book PLS for February meeting.

4. Videoconferencing

Discussed possibility of videoconferencing for regional libraries to attend SALCYS meeting remotely. Group agreed that as each library will have different capabilities regarding technology to allow this, the hosting library will take on the role of exploring the possibility of video or phone conferencing in libraries who wish to attend this way. The use of iPads to connect with remote libraries was also a possibility discussed.

5. Onkaparinga children's voice

Bridget Coulter (Woodcroft Library) talked to the group about a pilot project between DECD and LGA which started in 2013. The project at Woodcroft found that a resounding number of children wanted more time with their families. This project is looking at evolving so that any library can use the system to assess their child friendliness. Discussion about rights and responsibilities of the child and Bridget shared details about a display that was set up at Woodcroft library on this topic. Discussed imagination playground equipment launch set for October school holidays.

6. One Intake

Discussion around changes to cut off age for starting school. The group discussed current/future increases in numbers to storytime session due to this, particularly in the older nearly school ready age. Discussion about managing behaviours and sessions with increasing numbers and libraries shared their tips and experiences.

7. LBBC -2015 Packs – Michelle Littleboy

Michelle brought along the materials to demonstrate what will be in the new LBBC packs next year as well as the new Toddler packs that will be launched. The bag shape has changed to a smaller, more manageable size for children and goes back to the black colour from a few years ago. These new packs will require packing shortly (10-15 November) so please volunteer your time if you can assist, with distribution set for December. There is no embargo on giving them out so if you have no supplies of current stock, once you have received your new delivery, you are able to start distributing to your families. Please keep a record of pack dist. to monitor how many packs are being given out.

As there will be double the amount of bags coming – 22K each (both the standard and the new toddler packs), space/storage is going to potentially be problematic for some/all library services. Advice from Michelle is to discuss this issue in advance with your TLs to work out the best strategy/solution for your library.

Michelle also recommends utilising the SALCYS Facebook page, where possible to communicate with each about sharing packs/resources between libraries.

Michelle spoke about how at the recent Baby Expo, many many families were unaware about LBBC and its resources so keep promoting to your families during your sessions.

Next year will be the 10 year anniversary of LBBC and there will be a big promotional push to promote this.

Inside the new packs, there will be a lovely new addition; a keepsake called *MY BOOK OF BOOKS* for families to keep a record of their child's favourite books. Super cute.

Don't forget to put in your library's relevant brochures for your sessions into the packs as well as any other information you would like your families to have.

LBBC continued

Building Foundations Workshop – LBBC are hoping to expand the website to include instructional sessions for practitioners, and are seeking volunteers to video their sessions to put on the website for sharing (professional only – not for public viewing).

LBBC looking at a resources tab for the website and looking at producing tip sheets for parents.

8. GRUG – Promotional opportunity for public libraries - Holly Marling, TTG

Discussion around promoting the Grug performance and what is the incentive to promote it without freebies etc. Where do we draw the line on what we promote in relation to other organisations (particularly those that charge) that are not directly connected to libraries.

9. Minecraft – the journey so far – Angela Berney, Onkaparinga – Woodcroft

Angela discussed the licenses for Minecraft and that it sits on its own server.

The kids in the group brought along their own devices for the first session but it didn't work well with the WiFi network so now use the computer suite for their club.

Many of the children are very well versed in all things Minecraft but what has been gratifying is seeing the children mentoring others in the group and helping them to move forward in the game.

The groups are split up and spend equal time doing paper craft activities as well as computer time.

Angela will send out her PowerPoint presentation to those who are interested. Contact Angela on angber@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au for more info.

Minecraft can be incorporated into lots of different areas, ie archaeology, so the library links and event opportunities are immense in connection to the game.

Minecraft clubs are a brilliant way to engage with young people and seek their input into their library in a friendly environment. It is also a great opportunity to teach net etiquette and cyber safety with young people without being officious and preachy.

The group at Woodcroft seems to have an equal gender split with the average age being 10-12 years old. It works well for catering towards children with special needs, particularly those that struggle to communicate effectively face to face.

10. Give the Gift of Reading – Kathy Bloem, City of Playford.

Last year's Give the Gift of Reading was very successful. There were however, concerns over copyright of the image that has so far been associated with the program and in response, a new graphic/image has been designed.

There are now lots more designs for tags, posters and banners which will be going on to the PLS website for any library service to access and download.

Kathy will send an Askplasa email to promote the program this year for libraries to consider getting on board. Last year, 3,000 books were donated across the state so the intention is to raise the bar this year and aim for 5,000.

Playford will do a big launch again with a big party at the end of the year to celebrate. Kathy encourages other services to get on board again this year and promote/celebrate this great cause.

11. November Meeting – Bus Tour

Date: 12th November

PLS will promote to the network - probably a 40 seater bus.

Lunch is at own cost at Strath - Appleseed Café - Tara will book

I am happy to take names of people who want to reserve a seat.

We will advertise and take bookings through eventbrite.

Cost will depend on size of bus but probably no more than \$40

Still waiting on content from some of the libraries.

Agenda below:

9.15 Meet in the foyer of the State Library

9.30-9.40 Travel to Unley Public Library

9.45-10.30 Visit Unley Library

10.30-11.30 Depart Unley & travel to Strathalbyn

11.30-1.00 Visit Strathalbyn Library including lunch

1.00-1.45 Depart Strathalbyn & travel to Murray

Bridge

1.45-2.30 Visit Murray Bridge Library

2.45-3.45 Depart Murray Bridge and travel to Adelaide

4.00-4.45 Walk to and visit City Library, Rundle Mall

Email Veronica to book your place on the bus. Cost approx. \$40.