SACLYS Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11th May 2016

Cove Civic Centre

1. Present: Shirley Keefe (Semaphore Library), Briana Green (Playford), Alana Lambert (Playford), Leanne Jackson (Mitcham), Debbie Tuck (Burnside), Caroline Sullivan (Adelaide Hills), Tash Turner (Prospect), Brodie Evitts (Holdfast), Kim Kirchner (Tea Tree Gully), Jessica Davis (Tea Tree Gully), Emily Tillema (Norwood, Payneham and St. Peters), Kerryn McDonald (Charles Sturt), Suman Savui (Marion), Tamara Buley (Marion), Simone Sidler (Marion), Lisa Bell (Onkaparinga), Beth Strongman and Tom Campbell (West Torrens), Julia Orlowski (Charles Sturt)
2. Apologies: Caitlin Hadrill, Karyn Stephens, Jaclyn Gosling (Unley), Gail Mauger, Wendy Bennet (Mitcham)
3. Dr Robyn Gibbes – The importance of coding in today’s world. Teaching children coding as part of developing critical gaming literacy.

Two Children from Modbury Primary show and tell how they use coding and gaming.

One uses GameMaker and the other Scratch.

Robyn highlighted the importance of parents/guardians being aware of the messages in games (Bratz for girl image and GTA for violence). Ratings are not always considered in the home environment.

How can we get children to think about what they are seeing and playing?

Goodwork project has literature and studies about ethics in games, all information is available on the internet.

Robyn’s PowerPoint will be available to read and uploaded to the SACLYS Intranet page.

1. Hands on coding workshop – the two children Charlie and Ness showed the group how to code in two different programs. The group got to have a quick glimpse and a hands on session into the coding options available. Both programs are free (see PowerPoint for more details).
2. Little Big Book Swap - Julia

* Tracey from Holdfast Bay and PLSA representative has asked about book swap and checking if anyone is participating.
* Everyone can be involved in running a fundraiser event.
* If you haven’t got the information about the event, please contact LBBC and they will let you know more and give you a package.

1. Signing up teens without a parent present - Kim (Tea Tree Gully)

* Teenagers are really keen to be a library member, but they are unable/disgruntled by the need to bring in their parents/guardians into the library to give consent. Even high schools have wanted to bring in groups to join and come up against the same problem. Kim feels it is isolating a demographic which we want to be capturing, not turning away.

Kim asked for suggestions and discussion:

Options:

* Send forms to the class teacher - leave it to the teacher to authorise the signature. Photocopy the ID.
* If they are year 10, 11, 12 - can they be temp borrowers? Only 5 items and internet access. Could this give them a taste of a library card membership and hope they want to join and bring their parents/guardians in for the full membership later?
* Doesn’t have to mum/dad - can it be another guardian? In special circumstances it can work.
* Take Symphony/Enterprise on a tablet/iPad to schools when parents are there, such as the year 11 information night to capture the parents.
* Can you access the databases with self-registration?
* Children are able to have State Library cards which they join online. How does the State Library deal with minors joining up?
* A possible temporary solution could be to offer a Guest pass for databases if libraries still have one when they are in the library.

**Actions to take:**

* Can PLS look at this issue to see if we can allow teenagers to sign up?

Julia - take to PLSA and start the discussion - youth library membership for access and borrowing rights.

1. What would the group like to do moving forward?

Generally the group is happy with the balance of PD/speakers and meetings/sharing ideas and 4 meetings a year.

Ideas

* Try and have PD/speakers on new trends/what is happening overseas/interstate
* More about access and equitable libraries – autistic and blind community. Giving us network opportunities with organisations who can give us insight.

Regional Librarians

* Use technology to keep them updated; Skype, podcast and SACLYS Facebook page
* In the future, in the new Sharepoint program, we may be able to have a SACLYS chat room/page. Julia to contact John Bendick about whether this is plausible.

Temporary measure

* Use SACLYS Facebook page to put up ideas about future PD opportunities you may see until Sharepoint is available. Be aware that not all libraries are able to use Facebook at work, so also email Julia to collate the ideas and she can share them with everyone.

**Actions to take:**

* Julia to email John Bendick whether there is a possibility in having a SACLYS chat room/page in the new sharepoint program.
* Julia to speak to Tracey about the need for the survey

1. Sharing time

Julia from City of Charles Sturt

* Babytime is now collaborative planned. Props and materials travel around all 5 branches and the presenter presents the same session. It has been successful. Difficulties - have been 3 different people coming together. Positives - share ideas at a greater level.
* In August they have a month long festival to bring together Science, Book and Engineering Week (all for primary/preschool/kindergarten schools).

Newly named Imagine, inspire, ignite – they have SciWorld, Andrew Joyner, Robotic session with Edison robot and Splash Theatre involved.

* New Family Make-a-Space - 2 hour open ended session. Session includes making art/craft which will stay in the library and make it better. It is largely self-directed or has a contractor. A great awareness campaign is the Imagination Foundation - Cardboard challenge in October which will be a part of this program.

Lisa – City of Onkaparinga

Techno craft group (8-15 years) every week, 3.30pm – 4.30 pm, drop-in sessions at Hub Library

* It is a Make- a-space session with different activities each week.
* They have used Edison robots, Circuit board, Spheros - navigate them via the iPad, Hopscotch app, Scratch, 3D printer, e-waste - pull apart, old remotes to use infrared to code and program.
* Numbers average from 15-16.
* Edison robots <https://meetedison.com/>. Edison is really good to use, can download guides! Space needed was mats on the floor of A0 size. You can then build with Lego to make different looking robots.
* Positives - You learn from the children, very nervous from the start. Biggest thing is to have a general idea, the children will know more then you very quickly.
* Difficulties – younger patrons (below 8) have come along too. Parents must stay to help and supervise the younger ones.

All libraries have different Make-a-space programs - but adapt to branch and staffing needs.

Simone – City of Marion

Code club (8-13)

* codeclub.org to register your club and get more information for yourself. You can download the lesson plans from the website. Children have taken it up and used their imagination. It is aimed at teachers for schools, but a very useful tool.
* 9 kids after school Monday
* Ian Wedlock - codeclubaustralia.org - does training for staff
* Discussion - keep it fun, we aren’t the schools, they will learning by doing, just provide the space and access.

Tamara – City of Marion

* Storytelling - 3 people share the resources. No themes any more.
* Baby Bounce is the same at all three branches, same songs. We did a survey a while ago and found they like repetition.

Suman – City of Marion

Come & try - Sundays - first this week

* Mobile Science workshop - half booked out this week
* Other activities planned are crochet, coding, cartooning, Circus Workshop
* Self-run, no need for staff member.

Kerryn – City of Charles Sturt

* Mayoral Make a Book has just been launched. It is a literacy program which runs every year. Children have to make a book to the specifications of the competition and enter it in to the library. We had 800 entries last year. Each participant gets a certificate and for the winners we have an event night when the children get their prize from the Mayor. The entries are due at the end of August.

Emily – City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peter’s

* Baby Bounce we have every 2nd week and change up the presenters and the songs - use scarves, instruments, games.
* Storytime - were low at St Peters but it has now picked up again. Between the presenters we plan craft and stories.
* SHP - Scouts SA, inflatable archery range, Kelly Sports - program, rubber discus and other sports programs. Try Coding for the first time - want to trial and thinking about making a make-a-space
* For the Youth we are trying a clothes swap.
* Briars Special Early Learning Centre contacted us. They are a special needs kindergarten. The parents felt they couldn’t go to libraries in fear of being judged. So they asked for just a special needs story time.  Just do this in the SHP at the moment. Have liaised with them to work out what is best for these children.

Jessica - City of Tea Tree Gully

* For the History Festival we turned the space into the 90s arcade. Lots of colleagues are very excited as well. Open to all ages and families to have a bonding session.
* Screen Lab coming soon!
* Reconciliation Week: Sue Harris is doing a cultural puppet show, open to schools and is completely booked out.
* SHP - still in the works. Artlings may come out.
* Want to do LBBC Book Swap.
* For Baby bounce in the past we had a piano play, which was very well received and wanting to keep a relationship with them. Asked what the community wanted and they wanted live music, dancing and craft.
* Have started piano lessons in the library too. Very popular

Kim with Youth programs – City of Tea Tree Gully

* Screen lab - garageband workshop and code in SHP went really well and this is an expansion.
* Northern suburbs - TTG Tafe (TTG Community Library within the TAFE system) have a youth code club - somewhere kids to expand their skills.
* Cover to cover (book club) and Raven’s writing desk (youth writing club) (14-25) - runs monthly. Numbers have dwindled this year because some have moved on. Trying to get some new blood. A problem with the youth book club is it is hard to find sets suitable. In the future, I might have two titles a month, so they can chose between to make it more sustainable.
* Start attending high school hub meetings with the school librarians to meet and share ideas and resources.

Brodie – City of Holdfast Bay

* Recently had the Youth ASO - Bush concert, where 150 people came along. We purposely had it after Wriggle and Rhyme session to capture the audience.
* For Wriggle and Rhyme Time we have 6 packs which we rotate all pre-recorded and done. Do a paper version and electronic version. In the last week of Wriggle and Rhyme we do the songs by request.
* Edison robots are also to be played with soon.

Tash – City of Prospect

School Holidays

* SHP is Science theme: It’s fun to be green. We will be having SciWorld forensic session and hoping to do coding.
* Don’t take bookings
* We are charging for the first time these holidays with one event, to trial how it will work
* We have a relationship with the school next door to use the computer lab. Have the class come into the digital hub. School doesn’t have desktop computers. OSHC uses it once a week too.
* Storytime and Rhyme Time is volunteers run, however Tash still plans them. She does one years’ worth of programming. Rhyme Time has also gone digital.
* We have a Writing competition in Book Week where children and classes can enter. Different age group categories. The most entries we have had is 150. Get schools to do it as a class project. Hoping visiting schools will boost the numbers.

Caroline - Adelaide Hills Council

* First robotics coding - in SHP just gone. Our manager is very keen to pursue this area.

Swinburne University came to do a 3 hour workshop with 25 kids. The session was very popular, some travelled from Mannum to participate. It was quite expensive. Kids did have to share laptops, so in the future we need more laptops.

* Creative writing workshop last school holiday program on Saturdays - Rebecca Clarkson did the workshops. Hoping to get her back again. Not a huge number of children and is expensive. Need to evaluate how to get more children, we may need an introductory session.
* For Book and Science Week, we having Mobile Science and SciWorld whom we used last year. Mobile Science is doing three different shows. Also getting authors back like Katrina Germain. We have already sent out the program and had a big response.
* We were hoping to get Dreaming Stories soon too, want to know more organisations and people who can do this. We can use Tandanya or local people.
* LBBC Book Swap we will have it in our Babytime session, hoping to have it set up at the back and they will participate on the way out.

**Suggestions: Let Caroline know about Dreaming contacts**

Debbie – City of Burnside

* Recently acquired a new community centre at Glenunga. We have started to run Babytime and Storytime from here and hope it becomes regular. Also serving with tea and coffee after the sessions.
* RFID project has taken a lot more of our attention recently.
* We have used Robogals in the past who were really good and hoping to get them in again.

Leanne (Adult and Youth Librarian) – City of Mitcham

* Babytime - PowerPoints and 21 different song programs to choose from, prepared by different team members. Use props, scarves instruments.
* In the school holiday program we have everyday crafts, which are simple crafts on tables. People drop in and do anytime. Staff hand out some pieces - paper, template or pieces we don’t wanted wasted. All the desk staff help.
* For the Youth program we have Film night in SHP and Zombie make-up workshop. We did the workshop last year and it was very popular.
* For Book week we have ‘pass the story’, where local schools are involved in writing a section of the story and pass it on to the next school to do the next part. Different stories for different year levels. There is a big participation rate. The library then edits, the also class illustrates the section and the book gets published through photobooks, which we give to the schools.

Alannah and Briana – City of Playford

* Babytime is based it on the Lapsit kit; read a book along with us. We have 12 kits overall and we rotate the kits with the theme. Loan the Lapsit kit to kindergartens and day cares too and use them for outreach.
* Last school holiday program we started overbooking and it worked, knowing people wouldn’t turn up.
* For the school holiday program we did a session every day; craft hour.
* A special event is SciWorld Sunday where 4000 people attended the event. It involved craft, coding in lab and slugs and bugs.
* History festival we have ‘Come and try tie dye’. Active education for adults and kids.

We are having Michael Mills from Heaps good production, he is a storyteller, echoes of the past.

* Trying to do more on weekends and after school, soon having Claymation on Saturday in July
* For the school holiday program we are doing; Carnival nights, bedtime storytime, Cool-4-Kids concert, Marra Dreaming on the first Saturday and using Confucius.
* For Book Week we have Splash Theatre and Active Education.

Shirley – City of Port Adelaide - Semaphore library

* Storytime – we have packs which are themed and used for years. Shirley workshops all children’s presenters to discuss guidelines on how to present i.e. books, illustrations, 2 to 3 books, rhymes, props, how to use puppets, parachutes and behaviour management for kids and parents. All presenters are meant to stick to the guidelines.
* We have a Kids club at every branch but Port Adelaide. Instead, Port Adelaide have a Digi Kids club with Edision robots and coding, Quiver.com where you can make a picture and make it move. The Digital Portfolio is also doing more kids activities which is now including going to kids club.
* Paint the town read (http://www.paintthetownread.info/) is about working with different groups in the community to improve literacy. We have a mascot and an egg which grows as you read stories, once they have hit a target it was unmasked. Website has lots of information and has different mascots.
* School Holiday program is “Lost in Space” – with robots, craft and storytime
* Looking in to a special needs storytime. Mt. Barker has lots of information about how this would work well.
* Our goal is to try and reach communities who won’t travel to the libraries in our outreach program.

Beth - City of West Torrens

* Storytime is repeated , we pick themes from what’s going on in community or great books
* Babytime is with 2 presenters. We are getting such big numbers of 50 babies and 60 toddlers
* Minecraft was loved in last School Holiday Program. There were behaviour management problems in the SHP but overall positive.
* Would love to do after school activities, but have not got the people resources or time at the moment.
* Problem with school holiday program is we can’t leave craft out, it gets damaged, so have planned craft sessions. Also, a big population of 8 and under who want to do everything, but difficult for coding and Minecraft sessions.

**9. Any other business**

Sharing of contractors information - Julia

* Games 2 You - book them early - have been good but could be stretching themselves.
  + Locked and loaded - laser tag, team building,
* Buddyverse - moderators to make sure it is children and not destroying worlds in Minecraft.
* Saturday 15th October - is the Zombie Walk if anyone interested for Youth activities.

**Actions to take**

Julia will send around a document for people to add and share their contractor information or post on the intranet

**Jayne took us on a tour of the Cove Civic Centre**

10. Next Meeting – 12 September 2016 – Stretton Library