



Public Libraries SA

Children & Youth Services

Meeting Minutes
Thursday 18 May 2017
10am – 4pm
Unley Library

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1. Present Julia Orłowski (Chair) – Charles Sturt, Brodie Evitts – Holdfast Bay, Katya Stephens – Salisbury, Emily Tillema – Norwood Payneham St Peters, Karyn Stephens, Jackie Gosling, Caitlin Hadrill & Amelia Birve – Unley, Gail Mauger – Mitcham, Alana Ojeda – Playford, Jasmin Strickland – Campbelltown, Simone Mills – Marion, Beth Strongman & Josephine Gaskill – West Torrens
2. Apologies Tea Tree Gully Children and Youth Services team, Chris Barsby – Whyalla, Amelia Beatty – PLS, Gabbie Nottle – Victor Harbor, Wendy Hutchinson – Kadina, Leanne Jackson – Mitcham, Gilly Kraik - Onkaparinga, Suman Savur – Marion, Tash Turner – Prospect, Caroline Munchenburg & Meegan Barrett – Burnside, Kylie Clayton – Port Adelaide Enfield, Sarah – Stirling
3. Tour of Unley Library – Parenting collection separate and face out in tubs with topic and tub number sticker for shelving. Bilingual and early literacy kits containing books, puppet or toy and an activity sheet, shelved near picture books. Available for in-house loan, not through black boxes.
4. Seelect Educational Supplies– Felicity Clark presented a range of resources that are available to support early literacy and encourage confident successful learning for all children including those with diverse needs such as autism and dyslexia. www.seelect.com.au
5. Round Table Sharing –
West Torrens Storytelling event with Storytent/teepees in adjoining grass area then mini teepees in the children’s area, recommended for other libraries. www.sleepetepee.com. Presenters from the community and council came and read stories. Little Day Out – activate a park and have a day out. Promotional merchandise from www.ppipa.com.au

Mitcham have made their simultaneous storytime dramatization available for others to use. Jeannie Baker author event for her new book “Circle.” “Pass the story” activity with local schools, 5 stories with 5 parts from 5 schools, each school contributing then passing it on. School holiday program everyday crafts are always out in the library and children come to the desk to get the last part to complete it. Laser tag very popular.

Playford back to basics with School holiday in house activities. Lego in the library very successful. Sing and Grow program – 1 hour music therapy sessions for parents and 0-4 age children, linked to community groups. Starting to do coding, looking for helpers. Leigh Hobbs visiting for Dream Big Festival.

Norwood Payneham St Peters autonomous Lego Club after school 4.30-7pm Tuesdays, not directed but semi supervised. Outdoor and family events are popular e.g. painting in the park. All ages craft sessions working well. Scouts come'n'try archery session.

Salisbury new digital literacy officer to do some coding. Lego photography session. Better attendance since starting to charge for some sessions. Bricks and Bots Lego Mindstorm kits – club starting up soon. Reduced a Storytime and a Babytime and started “Read Play Learn” STEAM focus interactive experiences for 0-5year olds, well received. TAFE community development students evaluating programs and surveying parents to get feedback.

Unley SHP youth succulent plant pot decorating, Adelaide terrariums. Changing age range from 12-25 to 10+ for youth. Young creative group – art, film making manga etc. Fantasy writers group. Storytime at Council’s Festival of Mud event.

Port Adelaide sensory needs Storytime starting for children with sensory processing needs. Sumo suits – very low attendance, not booked. School holidays craft was popular.

Holdfast Code Club – 6 week program for 6 kids, 1 staff member, a project each week. Launched 1001 Books Before School, just over 100 registered. Storytime - working with Sacred Heart students bringing instruments and playing nursery rhymes.
www.stemnest.com.au activities linked to the Australian curriculum.

Charles Sturt Leigh Hobbs visiting for Dream Big Festival. Getting Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots and would like to an after school club.

Adelaide Hills recently got Dash and Dot robots and Makey Makeys – any info from other libraries that have used them would be appreciated. Starting to program more STEAM/STEM activities, looking for contractors to support/deliver/present these if other libraries can recommend any. Stirling will host the next meeting, but need reschedule to Tuesday 12 September – Julia will communicate this via OneForum.

Campbelltown January messy play day outdoors. Creating a “room of requirement” for a 20th anniversary Harry Potter themed event. Augmented reality, video editing, green screen. Linking augmented reality to local history (interactive wall quilt display). Link with schools – library tours and mock council meeting. Big games day, Lego Day, bunny word search for Easter, Imagination Playground. Successful steampunk jewellery craft. Tech lab every SHP.

Tea Tree Gully recommending the “Funny Farmer” interactive musical stage show for 3-8 year olds, 45 minute show + 15 minute meet and greet with characters, very professional.
www.pjoaten.com, facebook.com/pjoatenentertainer.

Marion more family events – miniature worlds e.g. fairy garden, goblin homes, battlefields. Code Club doing well, 1 group each term, new project each term. Saturday robotics club, externally run, but in library. “Step out in Style” – contractor - decorating plain white canvas shoes. Lego day – big barrel delivered. Juggling/hula hoop workshops, art workshops. Robogals – robot sumo wrestling. Bunnings – DIY worm tower. Nutritionist – 3 week hands on family workshop (volunteers work with kids while parents in course), portion sizes, ages and stages etc. Baby playmates day at each branch.

6. Foundations for Learning – paediatric occupational therapist Shelley Peart presented some insights into school readiness from an occupational therapy perspective. She gave an overview of developmental milestones and skills that children need to develop to participate

successfully in formal education. Notes from the presentation will be made available on the PLSA website.

7. From Veronica Mathews (PLS) - SA has a memorandum of understanding Sister Province between West Java and South Australia. In July PLSA and PLS will be hosting an Internship of 10 Librarians from West Java. Their focus is on early literacy and I am hoping to find a few libraries that would be interested in hosting a visit and showcasing their early literacy programs. At this stage we hoping to take them on a two day tour to perhaps observe an early literacy activity such as baby bounce and rhyme time or Storytime or alternatively have the library give a short presentation on an early literacy activity. Any libraries willing to help, please contact Veronica.

PLS are currently working with Telstra on a pilot 'Tech Savvy Seniors' program and would like to get the SALCYS group's thoughts on programs that involve young people sharing technology with older people, an example is a grandparents digital Storytime where children access online picture books with grandparents using library iPads. Feedback from any libraries with similar programs is welcome.

SALCYS forum and sharing page – Julia spoke to the group about the PLSA preference that it sits on the PLSA website as SALCYS a sub-committee of PLSA. The group are interested in the OnePlace option presented by Jon Bentick in February. Julia will liaise with PLSA about the functions available through the PLSA website and report back to the SALCYS group.

- Meeting finished at 3.50pm
- Next meeting is Tuesday 12 September at Stirling Library
- Thank you to those who attended and to Unley library for hosting