



Public Libraries SA

Children & Youth Services

SALCYS Meeting Minutes

12th September 2017

Coventry Library Stirling

1. Present: Monique Percy (Mount Barker), Katya Stephens (Salisbury), Fenella Ramsay (Salisbury), Jasmin Strickland (Campbelltown), Rose Cavanagh (Adelaide Plains), Amelia Beatty (PLS), Melina Healey (Gawler), Wendy Hutchinson (Kadina), Josephine Gaskell (West Torrens), Karyn Stephens (Unley), Caitlin Hadrill (Unley), Claire Bushnell (Adelaide Hills), Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills), Caroline Sullivan (Adelaide Hills), Sarah Scott (Adelaide Hills), Tanya Davies (Adelaide Hills), Bridget Coulton (Onkaparinga)

Apologies: Danni Turner (Port Pirie), Julia Orlowski (Charles Sturt), Suman Savur (Marion), Alana Ojeda (Playford), Natasha Turner (Prospect), Gail Mauger (Mitcham), Tim Law (Murray Bridge), Brodie Evitts (Holdfast), Michelle Gilleard (TTG)

2. Round Table of Program Highlights

Rose (Adelaide Plains) – Sciworld Stardome , drummaking with a local artist. Looking to work more with local groups.

Melina (Gawler) – Book Week went into school and held quiz tournament for UP/JP classes came to library for storytime. Launched Indigenous Literacy Kits in NAIDOC Week – (early childhood, primary & secondary) – include puppets, puzzles, maps, music, CDS, books by indigenous authors etc. Kits funded by a grant. Able to be borrowed by all.

Wendy (Kadina) – focus on visiting small schools in Book Week who find it difficult to come to the library. Recently purchased lots of lego and had an open lego day in SHP.

Josephine (West Torrens) – new to Youth – have had big games, board games, movie afternoons, science activities – hoping to engage some different kids. Had Claire Richards for Book Week.

Karyn (Unley) – July SHP – had a storytime at the library – children left their 2nd favourite teddy at the library overnight for a sleepover & collected the next day along with 4 photos of what teddy got up to (disco/karaoke, ziplining, pizza, photocopied faces & bottoms, sleeping in toy cots, all sleeping on top of Karyn etc.). Other highlights – decorate dragon eggs like Game of Thrones – chains, jewels etc. Oct. SHP – music – Forte, Emu Tree Garage Band, self confidence/make up for teens. Adult storytime coming up with adult ladybird books & wine/cheese.

Caitlin (Unley) – Book Week 10-15 visits to kindys & childcare centres & Splash Theatre show – 170 kids.
Young Writer's Group – 16 kids meet monthly on a Mon. afternoon – working towards producing a zine at the end of the year. International Games Day 1 day on the weekend.

Claire, Jo & Caroline (Adelaide Hills) – STEAM Expo Day, Book Week presenters, Oct. SHP Nature Play/In Your Garden theme.

Monique (Mt. Barker) – Splash Theatre – 900 kids in total to 5 shows including home schools. Oct. SHP nature play – whittling & weaving, Sabrina stone carving artist, games truck (16 kids play at once \$700 per day) – no gaming devices in the library, Emoji disco & cake topper.

Katya (Salisbury) – Book Week – Amazing Magic Mike, Kristin Weidenbach author talk – reached about 1000 kids during the week. Science Week library digital officer ran 3 sessions of robotics. SHP – cooking, chemical catastrophes, SCIDOME. Did an adult coding session for Adult Learning Week. First week of each month continuing with multicultural giggle time at Mawson Lakes – lots of Chinese families.

Discussion re no shows at school holiday activities. Eventbrite automatically sends out an email reminder. Textslick? Charging for events, capping \$ for multiple children, overbooking events, some free/some fee if outside provider, phone call reminders

Beth (West Torrens) – Book Week schools and kindys can't or won't come to the library. Have had Magic Mike, Funny Farmers, Baby Disco (from Mylor) on a Sunday – no bookings – worked well. Disco was a huge success – nursery rhymes, pop music, balloon drop, bubbles ... Come & try karate, come & try salsa.

Baby Disco

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Jasmine (Campbelltown) – Book Week was a disaster as one interstate author was very expensive and because of the wet weather many schools within walking distance cancelled. Harry Potter Escape Room – huge success raised profile of library - ran it for 3 days, 20 min. turn around, aimed at teens, max. 6 min. 3 in a group, people dressed up, only 1 group got through all 4 puzzles. Crafternoon making wands & flying keys. Discovery Club held every month adult & child book in together aimed at 6-12 year olds – Stop animation, Halloween masks with LED circuitry, lego/robotics – Tech Lab for Teens. Public Speaking Workshop with Little Big Parrots, Dance SA, Big Games Day run by Scouts SA (Hungry Hippo, Climbing Wall etc.), augmented reality teen book reviews, Halloween party Scouts SA are going to make a haunted house.

Tamara (Marion) – Book Week target kindys & child care centres, not so wanted by schools. Lego out all the time near the front desk, Code Club (run by Simone), slime lava and snow session on a Sat. afternoon –

awesome. Bedtime storytime in a tepee – Tamara has details. Oct SHP Animal Capers – board games & craft table. Had to cancel Father's Day craft because of timing with Royal Show – only 1 booking.

3. Cleaning Program Resources (Beth, West Torrens)

This issue was raised by Beth who has a very big cleaning workload / time commitment doing 6 loads of washing at home per week & wanted to know if any library service uses a laundry service. No library service uses a laundry service & everyone cleans resources with different methods and frequency – e.g. instruments with wipes or disinfectant spray, scarves washed after each session or once a term, lego in a mesh laundry bag in the dishwasher.

4. Jo Kaeding presented her journal article 'Public libraries and access for children with disabilities and their families'.

Kaeding, J. (2014). Increasing access to public libraries for children with special needs and their families. *The Australian Library Journal*, 63(4), 320-324. doi: 10.1080/00049670.2014.951167

If libraries get the article from the State Library it is free.

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Kidlit – website of children's literature which feature children /people with a disability.

Melina (Gawler) – disability awareness training for councils with an emphasis on the physical disability experience – contact Melina for contact details.

Action: PLS to look into disability awareness training with local government as a possible future training opportunity.

5. Amelia (PLS) Digital Literacy Projects

Amelia is working on digital literacy projects and encouraged everyone to go on One Place – Projects Events & Marketing – Digital Literacy and to look at opportunities for workshops on Training & PD – please put name on waiting list even if booked out so PLS know what the demand is & may rerun training.

Action: Amelia will investigate further at PLS about creating a forum for SALCYS on One Place.

Action: Amelia will put up 2 videos on our group portal: 'Through Their Eyes' (SA Museum 3-5 year olds) and how to engage Upper Primary in the library.

Action: Veronica from PLS has been liaising with the Children's University and will email people who have written their names down today for feedback/comments re CU.

6. SALCYS Strategic Plan

Action: Carry over to next SALCYS meeting. Amelia to see whether she can organise a facilitator so we can discuss & review this document during ½ a day in the morning at the next meeting.

7. SRC 2017/2018 plans

Theme is Game on! Most library services have registered and ordered merchandise – brief discussion re how the SRC is promoted to kids.

Action: Follow up funding for SRC prizes – where has that gone?

Bridget at Onkaparinga had a Winter Reading Challenge for adults, teens & kids.

8. Any other business

- *Claire (Adelaide Hills) asked what other libraries did for Indigenous Literacy Day – any contacts for indigenous storytellers? Jack Bucksin & Marra Dreaming (basket weaving) were recommendations.*
- *Disco Turtle Productions from Vic. anti-bullying show – any other libraries interested please email Beth at West Torrens. Plus I've attached the info on the 'Vampires such and werewolves smell' show (plus Marcel's email is below). Essentially they are based in Sydney and it'll be much cheaper for us / viable for them if a number of libraries were interested in hosting a show during the summer holidays. If you could add to the minutes that expressions of interest can go direct to Marcel that'd be great. His details: Marcel Blanch- de Wilt
Disco Turtle Productions
discoturtleproductions@gmail.com*
- *Josephine – does anyone have a Code of Conduct policy for youth?*
- *January school holidays – many libraries have only a couple of sessions with paid presenters in the 2nd & 3rd week of January in addition to drop-in sessions.*
- *Next meeting at PLS – central location.*

Action: Amelia to check on availability of PLS as venue for next meeting.

**Future meeting dates: Wednesday November 8th 2017 – location TBC
Friday February 16th 2018 – location TBC**