



# Public Libraries SA

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## Children & Youth Services

SALCYS meeting minutes November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

Opened 10:00am

### 1. Present and apologies

Apologies:

Kelly Lynch (Mount Gambier), Emily Tillema (Norwood Payneham Saint Peters), Jo Kaeding (Adelaide Hills), Karyn Stephens (Unley)

Present:

Tea Tree Gully: Kera Rodriguez, Michelle Gilleard; Port Adelaide Enfield: Natalie Kling, Shirley Keefe, Amy Gordon, Sarah Antoniwi; Unley: Caitlin Hadrill; Kadina: Wendy Hutchinson; Playford: Alana Ojeda; West Torrens: Beth Strongman, Josephine Gaskell; Norwood Payneham St Peters: Nara Schrale; Burnside: Caroline Munchenberg; Charles Sturt: Julia Orłowski (Chair); PLS: Amelia Beatty; Salisbury: Katya Stephens

### 2. Business arising from previous meeting (September 2017)

#### 2.1 SALCYS strategic plan will be addressed in Feb 2018 for group discussion.

- Needs to be reviewed as it is out of date (currently 2012-2014).
- Tracey Glover (PLSA exec representative) and Veronica Matthews (PLS) will be meeting with new chair in January to review plan.
- Planning template has been created by Tracey and Veronica for SALCYS members to look at and answer questions (physical and on forum).
- Meeting room available at PLS for SALCYS, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### 2.2 Sharing Forum for SALCYS group update

- Has been a discussion of where to host – preference is PLSA website however OnePlace has been chosen due to features.
- Will be implemented at some point in the near future. More details to be given at the February meeting
- Will have discussion boards, threads, simultaneous document editing.
- Will reduce barriers between physically separate sites.
- For the forum – decision needs to be made about how open the site is, who has access, who can post. We can use the digital literacy example from PLS which has an open site but restrictions on who can post. Criteria for membership will need to be decided.
- "SALCYS forum" - has been decided as group name
- People will be able to access the forum even if their role changes in the future.
- Sub-thread on forum about which places we can get resources.
- Sub-thread on forums about ideas for programs / performers / contractors (helps local artists which links libraries into the communities).

### 3. Zoobean 'Beanstack' - sharing details from Michelle Gilleard at TTG

Michelle was approached by Felix from Zoobean.

*Our company provides a service, called Beanstack, that helps over 600 libraries in the United States and Canada facilitate their summer reading programs and other reading programs. Over the last year,*

we have begun working with our first three Australian clients. This most recently includes Wyndham City Library, which previously used this software to help register readers --

<https://www.myreadinglist.com.au/readers.php>.

Our product, called Beanstack, is more delightfully designed and has a more comprehensive set of features to increase participation, save staff time, and analyze data. You can see screenshots and learn more through our annual summer reading report here: <http://bit.ly/2017srpreport>.

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- Works with OneCard – can be a plugin for the entire library service but needs to be investigated.
  - Not exclusive to the Summer Reading program.
  - Does have an app.
  - Need to have a look to see what it does offer.
  - How much would it cost? Does SALCYS want to explore this option?

### 3.1 Summer reading prizes:

- Do we want to have a prize that represents the network? Does it have one big prize? Smaller ones? In-house prizes to supplement? Is it broken down by age group?
  - The money does not have to be spent on the Summer Reading prizes – can go towards a program SALCYS involved with, a TV advert etc.
  - Something to think about in the future – we don't have to decide now.
- PAE and Charles Sturt has found that they have given out a lot of bags but haven't received a lot back.
- Other library staff (not in SALCYS) have not known about the program.
- The focus has been on the number of books but this can make children read lower levels or rush through them.
  - Ideas – formatted like the PAE adult reading group list "i.e. read a book with a red cover, with a 1-word title".
  - Redesign a cover for a book, review the book etc.
  - Unley – counts hours rather than books to encourage people to keep reading. Aim is to read 100 books, or read for 100 hours. Stickers are given as a reward and the more stickers they get, the higher the prize. Other activities to get more stickers – write reviews, read a book aloud to someone etc. You have to dedicate a budget but has been working.

## 4. 'Around the libraries' discussion (*programs and events*)

### Port Adelaide Enfield

#### 'Paws' Program

- Sensory storytime for children with special needs. Developmental age between 4 and 5 years old. Has been running for 2.5 months
- Just starting up the program – has been a bit slow. The children have been lovely. It is a niche group but there is a need for it. The main problem has been how to get the word out.
- PAE goes to Adelaide West Education Centre has helped since they are a group that know each other. Adelaide West also comes to Enfield Library (who bring PAE large gamut of what they need). Has been a good learning experience. Have had staff training from an OT (Dino) so staff will be comfortable with special needs people. He had tips on what special needs children would like for a storytime session – ie dimmer lights, special seating, social stories (that can be given to parent/carer to read to the child) - have been successful. Have received help from Adelaide Hills library.

- Idea – having a speaker about special needs children in storytime SPELD – for special needs training. Helping staff being able to answer general questions about development.

#### Anime Club

- Run once a month at Enfield Library – Thursday night 6pm – 7pm (or 6pm – 7:30pm depending on activities)
- Started with 3 people, now at 10 people. Age range from 15 y.o. to 35 y.o.
- Activities are dictated by attendees the month before – if at all possible. Otherwise organiser will pick an activity. Examples are movies, origami, manga drawing.
- Advertising done in-house through posters at each site
- Organiser will email members with what's happening each month to see if anyone has suggestions / issues.
- Members are now wanting to see each other outside group at activities such as Supanova, movies etc.
- Members want meetings twice a month.

#### October school holidays

- Painting (in-house), Pure Funk R&B dancing (younger and older kids), Obstacle courses (in-house) hoops etc. Each site did a bit of their own thing but also had bits that were sent around
- Robot races (with digital literacy team). Made cases for robots using 3D printers
- Community fun day – giant games, mini-golf set up around library, art bus, giant green screen, mural painting on side of Greenacres (around 300 people)

#### January

- Each site will be doing a makerspace pack that will go from branch to branch.
  - Semaphore will be doing "3 little pigs" so pack will have Lego for brick house, straw etc. Finger puppets as well. Greenacres – nature theme. Port – Pirates.

#### **Salisbury**

- Earth's Wild Ride (mirror dome) 28<sup>th</sup> October – a portable planetarium. Charged \$7 per ticket which everyone was fine with. Had bookings and walk-ins. Volcanos, dinosaur extinction etc. Check out FB to see short promo video.
- Plans for the Fringe – Salisbury's Secret Garden
  - Magic Mike booked
- Move it Fitness, cooking programs, Hogwarts, Robots

"Nearly a Vet" conventions based on "Juliet Nearly a Vet" by Rebecca Johnson. Get someone from Queensland to come down and do something with STEM curriculum. Interested libraries can perhaps split costs. Tickets are generally \$25 but kids get lab coat, kit, stethoscope etc. Libraries must charge the same price. Aimed at 7 to 10 year olds. Some libraries aren't allowed to charge and will have to absorb the cost. Other libraries can subsidise. Rebecca Johnson – Nearly a Vet conventions <http://rebeccajohnson.com.au/vet-conventions/>

Contact Katya (kstephens@salisbury.sa.gov.au) if you are interested.

#### **Norwood Payneham St Peters**

##### October school holidays:

- Mud Play – run in-house at the Dunstone Grove reserve park. Depot delivered tarps and set up sand bags to hold down edges. Filled with mud/palm fronds. Tables with air-drying clay,

shells/sticks. No bookings. Free. 10am until noon. 3 staff and a volunteer. All ages family event. Kids range from 3 to 9.

- Bunnings – build-a-worm farm (one farm per family), Yoga – Tammy from Blooming Hearts. Lots of positive feedback. Eco-bird-feeder activity (not that popular). \$5 per child and had to bring empty milk carton. Stone painting.

January:

- Using Summer Reading club theme of "Game On", Lego movie, Magic and ventriloquism, Circus performers, Pokemon hide and seek at different branches (drop-ins), Worry Tree – Mary-Ann Musgrove (5-12 years) 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Other activities in 2017

- Baby bounce goes all year, Twilight Parade, Semaphore Street Fair (stories on the steps) rather than having a stall.

### **Tea Tree Gully**

Permanent programs:

- Storytime animals – live animals for kids to touch, can answer questions. Rabbit, guinea pigs, mice, green tree frogs, bearded dragon.
  - Person has to take animal home – it's tough if the person doing the program is sick etc.
  - Works with other officers to tie everything in with theme of library programs.
  - Animals on loan from nature education centre. Can be hired for a week or 2 weeks. 1 year membership with NEC at Urrbrae College \$170 then fee paid for animal (most expensive is \$22).
  - Look at TTG FB page to see animals.
  - Have something covering animal to introduce mystery then ask kids questions.
  - May not be able to happen every storytime so probably shouldn't advertise it as a regular occurrence.
  - The library/council pays for the membership. Did require a risk assessment.
- Free play with Edison Robots and Legos – after school Monday night (4pm – 5:15pm). 15 people limit. First 10/15 minutes are making robots then putting them in Sumo ring and start wrestling. Has encouraged dads to attend and interact with children. Are looking at ways to extend the program as it is a very popular one. Perhaps two sessions. There hasn't been a noticeable loss of Lego. Regular kids will teach new ones. Ages 5 – 10 y.o. Sumo robot ring from MTA
- Multiple Births Association of South Australia (Claire – secretary of MBSA). See it on their FB page. TTG have teamed up to run special storytime for families of multiple births. 1<sup>st</sup> session 65 people. Stories focussed on twins, questions about twins. 2 hour session. Almost all parents hadn't been inside the library so there were lots of twins coming in to baby bounce and storytime later on.

Reading to Dogs program – Therapeutic Dogs

- Been hard to get the word out. First session went well but second wasn't sold out. Have only 6 spots. 1 child with 1 dog and handler
- Have had very positive response (see FB group for feedback)
- Took 6 months to get the program up and running.
- Primary school – kids who are learning to read. Children with anxiety / autism

- Run on Monday evenings (quiet time) in children's area 4pm – 5:30pm. 15 minute books.

#### October School Holidays

- Kite Making kits ordered in for kids to make and decorate.
- Animals of the MAGIC MOUNTAIN. Singing. Had to find people to wear costumes. Cheaper to do the costumes yourself. Costs more if they find people to wear costumes.
- Nature art in the park. Weather was bad and had to move inside. Made up work stations around library. Play dough, sand rock painting, plus 2 sensory stations.
- Sensory stations– herbs in bottles for kids to smell, put items in boxes for kids to work out what they were. 300 people
- Mandala making
- Robin from "Kids matter". Building Children's Wellbeing workshop. Most attendees were childcare workers and 2 grandmas. Feedback was that they would prefer it dedicated to Early Learning Providers. Liked that Library Services facilitated the workshops rather than having to go to the city for this. About mental wellness. Ran at 6:30pm. Interactive activities – videos, roleplaying. Can be an emotional learning experience. Helps get into the mind of children. A free session. Robin is passionate about it and would like to do more.
- Collaborative projects with council Youth – i.e. a market with stalls

#### January SHP

- "Cover to Cover" multimedia club (ie reviewing podcasts, Netflix programs, bookclub) for older kids.
- Ready to Apply (twice a month) - CVs, cover letters, finding jobs for young people, interview techniques. Hard to do one-on-ones so about 6 people per session. For 14 – 22 y.o.
- 1 whole day doing Ready to Apply. Barista course afterwards, going to Big W for a behind-the-scenes tour. 16 people max. This is in combination with Council so cost for 1 day course is yet to be determined.
- Inter-school competition feud (based on Family Feud). Polling different students at schools then coming together in the gameshow format. Will also help libraries collect data.
- Considering getting retrenched Holden Workers to take the resume course then teach it to others.

### Unley

#### October School Holidays – all free activities

- Irene from Forte Music – 10 kids each.
  - Super basic learning music. 0-3 jungle music, 'music is fun' 3-7. Had all musical instruments, pages with musical notes.
- Christian at The Emu Tree – digital music sessions (on iPads for older kids. Garage Band app).
- Musical storytime – didn't book out but still got a good number

#### January holidays

- Little discovery, Drop-in movie sessions, Lego, Water play day at Goodwood Community Centre ages 6+, No bake cooking session for older children. Miniature world sessions. Kids get kits of moss and tree-houses. Can be expensive. Directed towards families.

#### Young Writer's group

- 7-12 yo. Monday after school 4 – 5:30pm
- Between 11 and 17 kids during term
- Up to around 20 kids during school holidays

- Working with school group – putting out "Young Writer's Group" magazine so kids can be published. It will be going out to schools and libraries

#### Other activities

- 1 week Xmas movies, 1 day Xmas craft, Looking at implementing a toddler time in 2018. Deciding on a name for this so that people don't feel alienated. "Wiggle Time" suggested. CF author boxes

### West Torrens

October - Little Day Out (0-17 y.o.)

- Laughter Yoga (family groups) – Annie, Kites, Come and Try Salsa with El Ritmo – Val, Karate, Skeleton Crew (Brain Health Foundation) - gold coin donation \$150 total

January

- Little Day Out – Game On, Water Day, Mud Play, Council Summer Festival (every Sat night), Mr Oopy, Come and Try Chess, are looking for new things they haven't done before.

### Kadina

- Rhythm and Rhyme Time.
- Storytime runs throughout the year
- Childcare visits (songs, story, craft, library tour, books in libraries)
- Kindy visits (borrow from library with individual cards, songs, stories, crafts) weekly
- All events done in-house

October

- Craft days 10am – 4pm. General crafts set up, so kids can drop in. Approx 60 kids. 1 day in Kadina, 1 in Wallaroo. Will probably do the same for Xmas. If there is a specific time it limits parents.

### Playford

October

- Come and Try coding
- Sunami Hajar (Shin Tokyo) - Manga art Workshop - \$80 for hour workshop
- Robotics club – outsourced Techspace learning (expensive!)
- Looking to incorporate STEM-style events

January

In-house activities – low-key

- Give the Gift of Reading (donating to Anglicare).
  - Will do baby through adult books.
  - Local libraries can find a charity that's close to someone's heart.
  - Some charities want early collections.
  - Send email to Alana if interested in template.
  - One-place currently has 2016 template.
- Water Play
- Lego

Other activities

- Have gone out into community / outreach
- Inviting kids to come to the library
- Children want to use iPads so will connect through that
- Teacher Wine and Cheese night – showcase of what library can offer schools/kindy.
  - Send to teacher's on Alana's contact list.
  - Booking through Eventbrite. Teachers are given a code so only they can book in.

## **Burnside**

October

- Spring Fun session
  - Chicken hatching program through Henny Penny
  - Free farm day – on Saturday.
    - Funny Farmer's show, face painting, balloon artist
    - Farmer Darcy's travelling farm.
    - Over 300 people.
    - Farm crafts and Lego set up inside the library.
    - Downside was that people were queuing for face painting and balloon artist.
  - Bunnings – bird houses and worm farm. Bird house making is noisy
  - Perfume making (Mahdena – aromatherapy shop on Magill Road)
  - Sushi making with Scoffed Cooking School – very good but expensive
  - Grandparents day – doing code.org with grandkids using Minecraft. Then free play drop-in for the rest of the day.
  - Coding facilitated by volunteers. A good idea to have someone facilitate. Minecraft challenges instead of free play.
  - Halloween party – stories, craft, lollies. Channel 9 news came. Would run something for Halloween again but possibly get some people in.

January

Cool calm and creative

- Cool:
  - Robotics: (RoboGals 8+), Code For kids will bring (B-Bots)
  - Young Scientists of Australia association – Colour Show where kids learn about the science of colour
  - Minecraft lock-in (as with October school holidays)
- Calm:
  - Margie from LifeFlow meditation
  - Tammy from Blooming hearts
- Creative
  - Ruth Tuck art school

## **Charles Sturt**

Make a book program

- Children in CS area can write and illustrate a book and submit it to the challenge. Must live or attend school in area. Judged by staff and guest judges. Get \$30 book voucher if they're a winner in their category. Usually 6 or 7 winners in each age group depending on applicants. 32 winners.

- Awards ceremony in town hall followed by celebration night including Nylon Zoo storytelling-echidna, barista van, magician / balloon making.
- All covers of books were displayed as posters on display. Will be digitising or photocopying/laminating actual stories.
- Aim is to celebrate books and reading.
- Can submit a class book.
- 600 entries this year.
- Kindy to Year 7 range

Launched a Paint-the-town-REaD mascot

- Early literacy program aimed 0-5 yr olds
- Aimed at getting the community involved with reading to children from birth to better prepare them for school. Children read to the papier mache egg which "grows" until it hatches.
- PAE has "Parker the Reading Pelican"
- CS mascot is "Lizzie the Literacy Lizard".
- You go to the "Paint The Town" website –\$200 to get a starter pack. Plus large DECD grant.
- CS used data from Australian Early Development Inventory to get an idea of which suburbs needed the program.
- Generally only worthwhile if you have a specifically disadvantaged area – where it will help people.
- Will be doing Little Bang next year
- In-house summer reading. Going with Game On theme

## 5. 2018 meeting dates (and locations) to be set

### 5.1 At PLS (on a Friday 9th February)

Future meetings are as follows:

- Friday 9 February at PLS
- Tuesday 15 May - TTG hosting
- Monday 3 September - Burnside Library hosting
- Wednesday November 28 - The Parks (PAE), as it is scheduled to open in October 2018

### 5.2 5.2 Professional development and guest speaker suggestions

- Raiders of the Lost Archives – guest speaker to present what they offer or what they run – adapted to the libraries. Amy Gordon to contact Marshall
- We need to connect with what the children are doing at school – link to curriculum and outcomes
  - Many libraries are doing Children's university
  - PLS has been contacting State Library Education office as to how to link up. They are happy to provide Professional Development and programming
- Crafts for the non-crafty librarians (school age)
  - Can do a showcase of what you've done
- Wellbeing organisation guest speakers (can be rather expensive)
  - How can libraries implement wellness in children?
  - Charles Sturt had 4 follow-on "Mindfulness for children" sessions? Building resilience in children (7 to 10). 15 children booked in. Maybe "The Mindful Child"
  - Unley had an OT / school readiness / child development Shelley Pert. Tatiana Arilano. Reach them by contacting Australian Association of OT in South Australia.
- Little Bang is offering workshop training.



- NPSP experiences with Little Bang so far;
    - Have currently done 3 to 5 year olds but want to raise it to 4 to 6
    - Children have been engaged during the sessions
    - 1 hour sessions (there are 4 of them)
    - The first session can be distracting as children look through their boxes
    - Activities set up on regular-height tables
    - About 12 people
    - Session was set at different sites
  - In 2018, Little Bang Plus will be coming out as an extension to Little Bang.
  - 2 more training sessions available in 2018
  - Some families may not want to take the entire box home, in which case they can take one or two experiment supplies home so if the items are lost they can be easily replaced.
- Multicultural storytime was very successful at all libraries. Contact Zhao.
- Val from El Ritmo does Spanish storytime.

**6. SALCYS Chair nomination** – a library service (not an individual) will be appointed Chair for 2018-2019

- Library team members can share/take on different aspects to make the workload easier.
- Terms of reference are on the Plaza website ([plsa.org.au](http://plsa.org.au))

PAE has been chosen as Chair.

**7. SALCYS secretary nomination** – a library service may nominate or the role will be performed by each meeting's hosting library service.

PAE has been chosen as Secretary.

Minutes taken by Amy Gordon (PAE)

Meeting closed: 3:43 pm