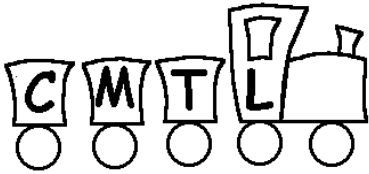


# CRICH MILLENNIUM TOY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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## Fundraising/Grant News

Our £7,000.00 bid to the Local Network Fund was successful. This has enabled us to launch the new weekly Stay & Play sessions.

## Stay & Play

A warm welcome to our two newest recruits, Anna Bryan and Sophie Carnell, who have been recruited to run the Stay & Play sessions.

(NB: Photo's courtesy of Josie Draycott Photography. 149 Nottingham Road Derby)



Come and join us on a Wednesday afternoon for themed play sessions from 1.00pm – 3.00pm. The sessions are suitable for children from birth to 5 years. The cost is £2.00 per family and includes activities, refreshments, a healthy snack and 1 free toy hire.

We always have a baby area with an extensive range of toys and equipment to help your baby relax or stimulate them through different colours, textures and sounds. For young children, who learn through play, we provide a selection of toys from our extensive collection of puzzles, small world play equipment, construction games and ride on toys to encourage imaginative play. Focused activities to develop early creative and fine motor skills include painting, printing, gluing and threading. We often have a 'feely' table for exploring different textures. All children, regardless of age, are encouraged to join in with the singing or story session that ends each session.

Some of the themes and a sample of the activities on offer this term include:

**16<sup>th</sup> May - Colours and Shapes:** many toys and puzzles to try, also looking at different musical instruments.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May - Around the World:** with music, food and dressing up clothes to encourage learning about different countries.

**13<sup>th</sup> June - Small World–Big World:** discovering different jobs from father to fire fighter and make a crispy cake and a card for Dad.

**20<sup>th</sup> June - The Seaside and Under the Sea:** make a shiny fish collage, water play with sea creatures and dress up as a mermaid or pirate.

**27<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day:** with lots of games including beanbag frog throwing and egg and spoon race. Plus our obstacle course with tunnels, slides and soft play shapes!

If you are unable to attend the Stay & Play sessions, you can still borrow toys from the toy library in the traditional way. We also have a range of equipment available such as sun tents, slides, ride on toys and tunnels perfect for that summer holiday!

## Open for Business

New and easier dates to remember:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month 10.00 – 12.00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month 1.00 – 3.00pm

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## Easter Madness

An enjoyable Easter fun day was held at South Wingfield. The children had fun making Easter cards and going on an Easter egg hunt, although by far the most popular (and messy) activity was making chocolate Easter biscuits! Unbelievably, all of the children that attended were boys, so come on girls!



## Family Fun Day

Following the success of our Family Fun days in previous years, we have our next one booked on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2.00pm – 4.00pm. at the Glebe Centre, Crich. As always there will be exciting attractions for all the family, including a bouncy castle, magician and local craft stalls. We will be using this opportunity to showcase some of our new toys and equipment available to borrow. It will also be a celebration of our 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, so come and join the fun, at a small cost of £3 per family.

## Baby Boom

Congratulations to our three volunteers who gave birth in March this year. Jeanette Dachtler to son Eddie, Julie Gwyther to son Daniel and Anne-Marie Smith to daughter Alaia.

## Fritchley Festival

We will be having a stall at the Fritchley Festival on Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May. You will have the opportunity to buy used toys at bargain prices, and try your luck at winning at our children's activities. Please come along and support us.

## Crich Carnival

We are hoping to organise an event at Crich Carnival in July. The scale of this depends on the number of volunteers available to help out on the day so please let us know if you are willing to help, even if it is only for an hour or so.

## Photo shoot

In April we were invited to take part in a photo shoot for Derbyshire Community Foundations, as a result of our funding successes this year we received monies from:- Local Network Fund (£7,000.00), Rural Solutions (£500.00) & Community Champions Fund (£2,000.00). Images will be included in their 2008 calendar in which will be available in August 07, also on our revamped website planned for later this year. (NB: Our Volunteers were fully clothed at all times!)

## Are You Interested?

If you would like any further information on the toy library or if you could lend a hand by helping out at a session or supporting an event, please get in touch.

## CMTL Top 5 Most Popular Loaned Toys:-

1. First Steps Plus Baby Walker
2. Rolling Slope
3. Large Noah's Ark
4. Star Wars Space Ship
5. Zedbug Ride - On



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