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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support and gratitude for the service the Kununurra Toy Puzzle Library (KTPL) offers the young children living in our remote location. Your toy library acts as a platform that early childhood educators such as myself can access to support our teaching. This is particularly beneficial given my passion for play-based learning.

I have been an early childhood teacher since 2012 and am now a mother of 2 young children. In 2021 I ran Stepping Stones, a 3-4 year old Pre-Kindy Program. I had 18 children attend my sessions once a week for 2 hours. The Stepping Stones program has been run in Kununurra for many years with the aim to support our young learners in the transition to their first year of Primary School.

Living 3000kms from Perth it was troublesome locating resources and toys for Stepping Stones. The costs of shipping, paired with lengthy delivery times, made online ordering impractical. Therefore, I regularly would visit the KTPL to source toys related to the program I was planning for my Pre Kindy students. I found the library to be well stocked with a range of toys that help to build fine and gross motor skill, whilst also promoting imaginative play, problem solving and critical thinking.

Below are just a couple of photos demonstrating how toys from KTPL supported Stepping Stones in 2021.



Kind regards,

Sophie Waideman