

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Kununurra Toy and Puzzle Library (KTPL) in hope for success in grants so they can continue to build a brighter, bigger and more inclusive community reputation and service.

As an Early Childhood Teacher of East Kimberley College and a parent of a pre-school aged child, I would like to highlight the great resources and access to toys that KTPL offers to all families in Kununurra.

Many of KTPL toys and puzzles foster play and learning at home and can be used to prepare children for school. With the flexible options in memberships and the ability to borrow, return and rotate toys, parents can cater for changing interests and skills of their young children and help build on those skills needed to give their child the best opportunity for success at school.

Toy categories such as Sports and Agility at KTPL help parents to build on children's gross motor skills. Parents have opportunity to borrow toys that can support children to strengthen their bodies which is a foundational physical skill for many things that follow at school, such as balancing and jumping, core strength when sitting for tasks and much more!

KTPL not only supports children's physical strength through toys, but also their cognitive development. There is a huge range of toys that foster imaginative play, building and creating as well as many early Literacy and Mathematical skills. All of these can be used at home to prep children for school by catering for their hobbies, interests and resources relevant to the Kimberley and our diverse culture.

For many families in Kununurra access to these types of toys can become costly and difficult to source due to being remote. KTPL takes the financial burden away from families with very small membership fees providing more families greater access to more toys. I am continuously impressed with the dedication the committee members make to cater for more families in Kununurra and support the passion and love for play in all children.

Wishing the Kununurra and Puzzle Library a big happy 40th year and hope the children enjoy celebrating with you!

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