



# Merry Go Round Toy Libraries Autumn Update 2012

Merry Go Round and Carousel Toy Libraries have lots of fundraisers happening in the next few months, including collections outside Morrisons supermarket, so check out the dates below and come along! We rely on fundraising, grants and toy hire fees to keep open, so all your support is valued.

We are running a café, pre-loved children's book stall and soft toy tombola at the Autumn Fun Day in Belmont Park in half-term (any donations of cakes, children's books and soft toys would be very welcome!). The event is being put on by Children's Centres from across Exeter, including West Exe, and should be lots of fun – print making, story telling, craft activities, plate spinning to name but a few of the activities!

The toy libraries will close for annual stock checks, and Carousel is also closed when the hall is used as a polling station. If you borrow toys over the closures you get 2 weeks hire for the price of 1, and over the Christmas break you get an even better bargain, with 3 weeks for the price of 1!

WECC Parents' Voice are organising a coffee morning at Carousel which will be a nice way to start the day. Then in February they are holding Naked Ladies, a fundraising social evening with a twist. There will be a silent auction, with lots of prizes and vouchers to bid for, and then we come to the 'Naked Ladies' bit! We want your unwanted good quality ladies clothes and accessories which we will sort into sizes and display. On the night you can try on and take away anything you like, so you should end up with a new wardrobe! It will be £5 a ticket, and refreshments and bar will be available.

More volunteers are always needed for different events, so if you can spare some time to help just let us know. Donations of clothes, books and toys can be left at WECC Reception or brought into the toy libraries.

## • Dates for your diary

- Autumn Fun Day, Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 12noon to 3pm, Belmont Park, Newtown
- Carousel CLOSED for polling day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Merry Go Round CLOSED for stock check on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Carousel Coffee Morning, Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-10am, in Carousel Toy Library
- Carousel CLOSED for stock check on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Charity Collection, Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-6pm at Morrison's Supermarket
- Christmas closure dates: last session for both toy libraries Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Merry Go Round reopens Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Carousel reopens Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Naked Ladies and Silent Auction, 1<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm onwards in the function room, the Kings Arms, Cowick Street (£5 a ticket – on sale from December)

## Contact Information

### Merry Go Round Toy Library

Exeter Scrapstore  
Gordon Road  
Exeter EX1 DH

### Opening hours

Tuesdays 1pm-4pm  
Thursdays 10am-1pm  
Tel 01392 436777



### Carousel Toy Library

West Exe Children's Centre  
Cowick Street  
St Thomas

Exeter EX4 1HL

### Opening hours

Thursdays 10am-1pm  
Tel 01392 279361

Full toy catalogues and further information can be found at [www.mgrtoylibrary.org](http://www.mgrtoylibrary.org)