



Free play sessions for children at Bulwell Riverside centre - now on

Bulwell Community Toy Library is running play sessions for children of all ages at the new Bulwell Riverside centre in partnership with Nottingham City Council's Family Community Team, who support families in the area.

The new sessions include:

FREE after school sessions for 9 to 13 year olds - Every Monday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

And:

FREE after school sessions for 5 to 13 year olds - Every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

The sessions are designed to give school children of all ages a fun, safe place to meet their friends and join in with a whole host of activities including games, sports, arts and crafts.

The toy library is also running play sessions for younger children, including babies, at the Bulwell Riverside, including:

Play & Lend sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years

Every Thursday from 9.30am to 11am

Costs £1 per family

Includes fun play activities specially designed for little ones, run by experienced playworkers and volunteers from the toy library. Plus, the chance to borrow toys and games from the toy library in-between sessions for just a few pence.

Baby Play sessions for babies aged from 0 to 14 months

Every Tuesday from 1pm to 2.30pm

Costs £1 per family

Includes special play activities designed exclusively for babies, whilst being a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet and socialise with one another.

The sessions are being funded by Nottingham City Council.

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The Bulwell Riverside, which is on Main Street/Coventry Road in Bulwell, will provide local people with access to a 'one stop-shop of services' that includes primary and community health care, GP surgeries, Nottingham City Homes housing services, a library, community centre, play and youth facilities, pharmacy and café.

The new purpose-built centre cost £22 million to construct and is the third Joint Service Centre to be developed by Greater Nottingham LIFTCo on behalf of Nottingham City Council and NHS Nottingham City.

The centre is due to be fully operational in January 2012.

Steve Parkinson, Project Manager at Bulwell Community Toy Library said:

"We're delighted that Nottingham City Council has invited us to run play sessions at the new Bulwell Riverside centre.

The sessions started last week and everyone really enjoyed playing in an environment that's been purpose-built for children and young people."

Councillor David Mellen, Nottingham City Council's Portfolio Holder for Children's Services said:

"Bulwell Riverside was created to give families an easy, convenient and local way to access services provided by the Council such as the library, as well as services provided by GPs, NHS Nottingham City and Nottingham City Homes.

It's great that families can also access services provided by local charities like the toy library.

The new centre will make it easier for organisations to work together, and share expertise in order to support families, children and young people in Bulwell."

The toy library runs a range of play sessions at various venues around Bulwell. For full details please visit the toy library's website www.toy-library.co.uk or call 0115 975 3898.

To find out more about the new toy library sessions at the Riverside please call Steve Parkinson on 0115 975 3898 or email steve@toy-library.co.uk



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Notes to editors:

About Bulwell Community Toy Library

The toy library has been providing play activities and services to Bulwell families for over 30 years, including a toy library with over 3,000 toys, games and activities which families can borrow for just a few pence a week. To find out more visit - www.toy-library.co.uk

About Bulwell Riverside

Bulwell Riverside is a Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) project. LIFT is a delivery mechanism to provide modern facilities for the delivery of health and social care services where the buildings are leased under a Lease Plus Agreement with the building being fully maintained for 25 years.

Building work started in 2009 and will be completed in November 2011. The centre will be fully operational in January 2012.

The funding for the project was secured through a £23 million PFI (Private Finance Initiative) agreement along with a £4.5million grant from the Department for Education and an £800,000 grant from the East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA).

To find out more visit - www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bulwellriverside