

February 2024 Newsletter



Hallo allemaal,

Hello everyone, in this newsletter we have again some news about Speel-O-Theek De Steeg, including a lot of new toys!

New logo

Maybe you have already seen it, but we have a new logo! Arnoud van den Heuvel of [Hilversum100](https://www.hilversum100.nl/) has given our old logo a fresh new look. We are very happy with it. Thank you, Arnoud!

Spring break

During spring break from February 17th to 25th, the Speel-O-Theek will be open as usual. Our volunteers will be on hand on Mondays (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.), Wednesdays (3:00 - 4:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 -11:30 a.m.) with all the toys to loan.

Lots of new toys

Have you noticed that we have lots of great new toys in the collection? In 2023, we received contributions from the Lakeland Foundation and Rabo Club Support. We also received a donation of €500 euros in connection with Rabobank's 125th anniversary.

With these donations, we were able to significantly add to our toy collection, including cooperative board games, new brio trains, Playmags magnetic tiles, Paw Patrol letter fun, programmable robots, a crawl tunnel, and a nice collection of Grimms wooden toys.



Our volunteers have been working hard to get some of the new toys ready for lending. We will be adding more new items in the coming weeks.

Got excited? Stop by during our opening hours to see the new toys. Are you looking for something specific? Be sure to ask one of the volunteers for advice.

Open-ended play with Grimms

What can you do with Grimms' wooden rainbow set? This set falls under the category of "open-ended toys". As the name suggests, the possibilities of this type of toy are endless. They are made to stimulate children's imagination and let it run wild. There is no set way to play, and each part can be anything. It's just what your child thinks it should represent at that moment.

The large set with rainbows and discs has recently been on loan at Speel-O-theek De Steeg, and volunteer Susanne tried out together with her son, Mika. They made an apartment building with it, balanced the arcs, and made cute animals.



Proceeds from toy fair

The toy fair in November was a great success! Thank you to all visitors. The proceeds for the Speel-O-theek were €820. The toys that were left after the rest sale in December have been donated.

One of our neighbors makes packages for low-income families in December, so the toys came in handy.

Increase in dues effective January 1, 2024

We've announced it before: will your subscription at Speel-O-Theek De Steeg expire soon? Then you will notice an increase in the membership fee, the first since 2018. Starting January 1, 2024, the annual membership fee will be €32.50. For this amount you can borrow 4 toys for up to 4 weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to administratie@speelothekhilversum.nl.