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**LOTS OF FUN:** (Left) Anthony Mulrooney and daughter Annalise play with Lego pieces together, trying to create a masterpiece. (Right) Paige Hodgson, grandmother Ann, and Danica Adams play with the girl specific Lego, on Saturday morning at the Reddiff Library.

# Lego at the Library off with a bang

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When the trial idea of Lego at the Library was brought up, nobody thought it would take off at the rate it did.

With only two weeks in, Redcliff Library Manager, Tracy Weinrauch is absolutely ecstatic with the take off of the program.

Held every Saturday, at the library, from 10 a.m. till noon, Weinrauch states that the past two sessions they have averaged about 20 to 30 people, from parents, grandparents, to children.

Having to buy a few

more sets of Lego, Weinrauch states that all the funding available through FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) and she still is working out ways to purchase more.

"It's cool. The kids are having fun."

Starting on Feb. 2, Weinrauch said that she had never imagined there would be that many people, with approximately 30 showing up, on the first day.

Noting, as well, that the people who come are always different, with some return customers, but always new faces coming to check out the Lego packages available

to play with.

"It is nice that you aren't relying on the same people [every week] to carry the program through."

Intended to be a family program, the morning is set aside for the children and their parents, or grandparents, to pick up a package, or free form, Lego, and get carried away.

With approximately 15 to 20 kits of Lego available, from Star Wars, to Lord of the Rings, to just simple build-your-own bulk Lego, Weinrauch said that they haven't run out of pieces yet for the children, and she hopes

they never do.

"We had quite a few people show up the second week, we had almost 50 people show up for it, and we still had enough. Generally the families will grab a kit and do it together."

Keeping the challenge there, Weinrauch also states that the Library has a wide range of difficulty, from kits having only a few pieces, to harder kits featuring different ships from the Star Wars galaxy.

"The kids build until the time is up, and we don't like to save the projects because we like to give the kids next week the opportunity to

try that kits. That is why, generally if the parents are there with the kids, they can help them."

Although only having the program for two hours once a week, Weinrauch said that the possibilities are endless.

"It kind of took off better than we had anticipated. We are still kind of planning things and how to structure it, and what happens if we continue to get 50 people every week."

Geared toward ages 6 - 12, Weinrauch said she has seen both younger and older as well show up to check out the popular program.

"[The kids love it, but the adults as well] are right in there playing with the kids. If dads are looking for something to do with their kids, this is a big thing."

With the program still around for many months, ending in June once summer picks up, Weinrauch said that she hopes it stays as busy as it has been.

"We started out with a bang, and I just want to see it kind of continue that. It is nice to have things for kids in the community that isn't going to cost anything; they don't have to drive anywhere. I just want to see it keep going."