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The purpose of this report is to seek funding for 'Get Well Bags' a project that is being initiated at the Redwood Library.

Each 'Get Well Bag' contains four to five books, a video, a story tape and various games and puzzles for a particular age group eg 2-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 year olds.

These are borrowed for a week and are specifically for children who are unwell. They have been popular with children and their parents at the libraries who currently have them at either Fendalton, Shirley, New Brighton and Central.

The cost for the contents for each bag is \$150-\$160. Additional to this is the cost of the bags themselves (made of canvas). Each canvas bag costs \$20.

Shirley and New Brighton have 15 bags total and most of these would be on loan at any given time, especially in the winter months.

Considering that there is a creche and kindergarten next door, a large number of children and their parents use the Redwood Library. The 'Get Well Bags' would be a worthwhile addition to the services we currently offer.

Recommendation: That funding be considered for the 'Get Well Bags' project.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$1,800 from 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds to provide ten 'Get Well Bags' for the Redwood Library.