

Toy Lending Library

Children's Room

Hubbard Public Library

Official Opening: July 20, 2020



The new “Toy Lending Library” in the Children’s Room at Hubbard Public Library officially opened July 20, 2020! This new venture offers exciting opportunities for hands-on learning with challenging, educational toys and other resources. It is a creative, innovative and timely program at Hubbard Public Library, and is the only toy library in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. The Toy Lending Library was made possible by a generous gift from Barb and Loren Kindler in honor of their grandchildren.

What type of educational toys are available for patrons to check-out from the HPL Toy Lending Library? Some examples include:

- Role & Play toys and games: these items help children learn how to play games, and teach important concepts and values such as following the rules and taking turns;
- Toys that excel for dramatic play: these include a doll house, a musical llama, and play piano;
- Family games: Zingo, for example, which is similar to a Bingo game. Zingo uses sight words to help children learn to read, and is the perfect game for early readers;
- SmartGames: the toy lending library has an entire series of SmartGames. These are entertaining, fun skill-building brain games that every member of a family can play and enjoy together. These award-winning games have multi-level logic challenges and are designed to build problem-solving skills, for individuals of all ages;
- Manipulative toys: these are perfect for the youngest children and help develop and facilitate motor skills;
- Mental Blox®: this a great resource for in-home learning. Mental Blox® are critical thinking and brain boosting games which include cards and plastic blocks that children use to create the images shown on the card;
- Outdoor games: the entire family can enjoy these imaginative and skill-building games. All are ‘safe to play’ and include lawn darts, bullseye bucket toss games;

Also available for check-out are “Sprout Early Learning Backpacks.” These backpacks are filled with books, educational toys and games, and other learning activities that make learning and reading fun. Each also includes a list of suggested activities to do at home. The materials in each backpack are designed to help children learn to read and develop those skills and concepts essential for future success in school and learning, and are developmentally appropriate for children (ages 3-8). Themes range from Social Studies to Language Arts, Math and Science, and Social-Emotional topics.

The toys and backpacks in the new Toy Lending Library are available for check-out, just as a book or DVD can be checked out, and thus are ideal for in-home learning and family activities. All of these items educate, empower and entertain! Patrons can check these out, take them home, and use for a week. And, it is important to note that, for all toys and materials in the Toy Lending Library, recommended regulations for sanitizing and quarantine of library materials are strictly followed and enforced. For more information, please contact the HPL Children’s Room: 330-534-3512, ext. 3.

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