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Web Resources

The Library's Web site will be enhanced to include an early childhood resources section that will include links to a selection of the well maintained Web sites that provide teaching ideas, bibliographies and child development information.

Local Content for the Web site will be developed as needed to address local issues and fill gaps.

Training

The Library works with other agencies to provide training related to early literacy skills to strengthen the skills of child care providers and early childhood librarians.

Library staff presents training on topics requested by local agencies.

Library Hours

Main Library

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday 9 am–6 pm
Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday 1–5 pm

Branch Libraries

Monday–Thursday 10 am–8:30 pm
Friday 10 am–6 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm
Sunday closed

Lab closes 15 minutes prior to the Library closing. To confirm Lab hours for a specific day, call 330.643.9050.

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Resources for Early Childhood Educators



Welcome to a new service provided by the
Akron-Summit County Public Library.





Early Childhood Resource Lab

The Early Childhood Resource Lab is housed in the Children's Library at Main Library, of the Akron-Summit County Public Library system. The Lab is open during all library hours unless the space is needed for a library program. The Lab houses equipment for use by early childhood educators (birth–grade 3) to create learning materials and other items for their classrooms.

The Lab houses:

Ellison Die Cut Machines

3" Alphabet dies both upper and lower case

3" Number dies

Assorted shape dies

Laminating machines for items up to 27" wide

Please call ahead. Staff assistance required.

Binding machine for items up to 1" wide

Paper cutter and other basic equipment

Materials charges (subject to change):

Laminating pouches– \$.40/each

Laminating film– \$.40/foot

Construction paper– \$.03/sheet

Binding supplies

1/2"– \$.42/each booklet

1"– \$.55/each booklet

Copies

B&W– \$.05/page

Color– \$.25/page

Resources for Early Childhood Educators provides a Lab housed at Main Library and collections of teacher resources housed at all 17 branches and Main Library for teachers to borrow.

Please note to use the lab - teachers must attend an orientation session on how to use the Lab. Orientation sessions can be arranged for your center upon request. On subsequent visits teachers only need to check in at the service desk in the Children's Library, leave their library card or ID and check out when they leave. Call 330.643.9050 or 330.643.9032 with questions or to schedule an orientation.

There is a small charge for paper, laminating film and binding supplies and making copies. Teachers are welcome to bring their own construction paper or other materials for the Ellison Machine.

Circulating Collections

The following collections are housed at all Akron-Summit County Public Library Branch locations and Main Library, unless otherwise noted :

Parent/Teacher Collection

These resources include books covering a variety of subject areas and contain activities to enhance classroom activities.

Kits For Kids

Each theme-based kit contains six quality books, a DVD or CD, a toy and a sheet of extension activities for that theme. Also included are Recipes for Learning from United Way's Born Learning program. These "recipes" share appropriate developmental activities for children from birth through age 5. Kits for Kids cover a wide array of topics from apples to dinosaurs to urban living.

Early Literacy DVD Collection

This expanded collection includes quality videos dealing with early literacy topics such as colors, numbers, letters and shapes.

Training Video Collection

Housed at Main Library, these videos have been approved by the County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services, Child Care Unit and may be used as self-instructional study to meet training requirements as noted in the Child Care Center Rules 5101:2-12-28, upon completion of the self-study-training verification form, available with the DVDs.

