

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.

Books in Boxes

Sets of 35 copies of one title for use in K-6th grade classrooms. These must be reserved through the Children's Library, but can be picked up at any library location. They can be checked out for 1-6 weeks, depending on availability. Call 330-643-9050 for more information or to book a set.

Library Hours

Main Library

Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Friday 10 am–6 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm
Sunday 1–5 pm

Branch Libraries

Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Friday 12–6 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.

All of this is available with your card at Akron-Summit County Public Library! Visit or call your local library for more details or to otherwise assist you in your educational effort.



Resources for Early Childhood Educators



Resources for Early Childhood Educators provides resources, materials, and services specifically to meet the needs of teachers working with children, age birth-grade 3. Resources for Early Childhood Educators includes a Resource Lab housed at Main Library, professional development opportunities, and collections of teacher resources housed at all 17 branches and Main Library for teachers to borrow.

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 educators to create learning materials and other items for their classrooms.

Please Note to Use the Lab

Please Note to use the Lab We ask that teachers complete the registration and lab tour. Contact the RECE Assistant Coordinator at mpeeples@akronlibrary.org or call 330-643-9050 with questions, and to find out how you can start using this service.



The Lab houses:

Ellison Die Cut Machines

3" Alphabet dies both upper and lower case

3" Number dies

Over 300 other assorted shapes

*Teachers are welcome to bring their own paper or other materials for the Ellison Machine.

Laminating Machines

Small and large laminators are available for items up to 27" wide.

Please call ahead. Staff assistance required.

Drop off service also available (please allow 2 working days)

Binding Machine for items up to 1" wide

Paper Cutter, Copier and Other Basic Office Equipment

Cost of Materials (subject to change):

Laminating pouches– \$.40/each

Laminating film– \$.40/foot

Binding supplies

1/2"– \$.42/each booklet

1"– \$.55/each booklet

Copies

B&W– \$.05/page

Color– \$.25/page

Professional Development Trainings, Meetings and Events

Knowledgeable early childhood library staff present trainings on early childhood topics. The library also works with community agencies and quality improvement initiatives to provide professional development designed for early childhood educators and early childhood librarians.

Schools, child development centers, homeschool families, and college students are welcome to schedule trainings, hold staff meetings and other events in our Resource Lab.

Library staff can visit early childhood programs or college classrooms to present on topics requested, provide resources, and assist with curriculum resources.

Contact our Early Childhood Specialist at lmcfalls@akronlibrary.org or call 330-643-9032 for more information.

