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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 will work 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 will present trainings 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

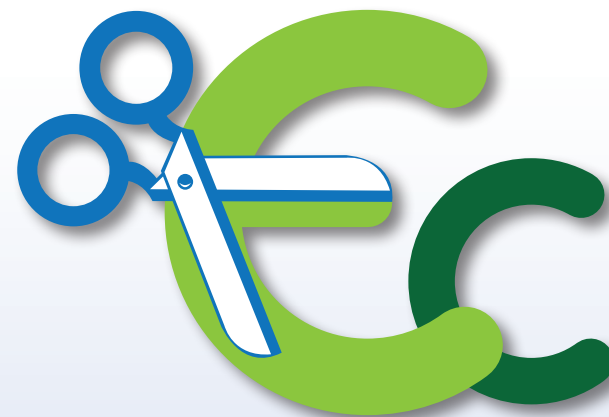
Branch Libraries

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

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 will be open during all library hours unless the space is needed for a library program. The Lab will house equipment for use by early childhood educators (preschool—grade 3) to create learning materials and other items for their classrooms.

The Lab will house:

Ellison Die Cut Machines

3" Alphabet dies both upper and lower case
3" Number dies
Assorted shape dies

Laminating machines for items up to 14" wide

Binding machine for items up to 1" wide

Paper cutter and other basic equipment

Materials charges (subject to change):

Laminating pouches—.53/each
Laminating film—.33/foot
Construction paper—.03/sheet
Binding supplies
1/2" - .42/each booklet
1" - .55/each booklet
Copies
B&W—.05/page
Color- .25/page

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.

Training Video Collection (in development)

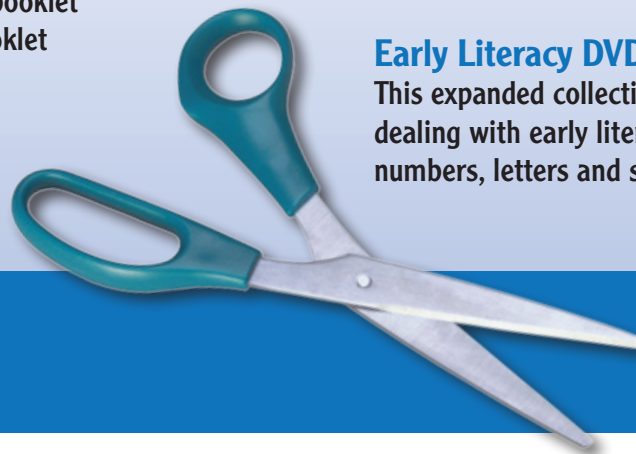
Housed at Main Library, these videos can be used by child care programs as part of their training required by Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services.

Kits For Kids

Each kit contains 6 quality books, a DVD or CD and a toy relating to the same theme. There is a sheet of extension activities related to the theme. Also, each kit contains Recipes for Learning from United Way's Born Learning program that shares appropriate developmental activities for infants and children ages birth through 5. Kits for Kids cover topics from apples to colors related to early literacy skills.

Early Literacy DVD Collection

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



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.

To use the Lab, teachers will be asked to fill out a registration form and 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. For a schedule of orientations call 330.643.9050.

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.