

Story Boxes

These special boxes contain a picture book and tactile manipulatives for kids to touch/feel when listening to the story. These are especially helpful for kids with visual and speech/language disabilities.



Also great multisensory engagement for English Language Learners! The manipulatives allow children to experience the story hands-on and also aids in story comprehension.

Circulation Policy

- Batteries are not included in toys requiring them.
- All special needs materials may be checked out for 3 weeks. (\$1/day overdue fee for all non-book materials) (25 cents/day overdue fee for print & braille books.)
- You may be charged full replacement cost if any parts are missing or damaged upon return.
- Non-book materials are not available through Inter-library Loan.
- Non-book materials can only be returned to the Bloomfield Township Public Library.



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YOUTH SERVICES

Special Needs Collection



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Toy Collection

Our therapeutic toy collection contains toys, games, and assistive technology that encourages cognitive, motor, visual, auditory, and social development. Some toys are adaptive with built-in or optional capability switches that allow youth with fine motor difficulties to manipulate the toy with a slight touch. We also offer a variety of capability switches for checkout.



Discovery Skills Kits

These all-in-one kits in a backpack contain 4-8 books, small toys, games, and manipulatives pertaining to a concept or life skill. Multisensory reinforcement, especially helpful for visual and tactile learners.

Signed Story Kits

These kits contain picture books and a DVD of the story signed in American Sign Language (ASL).

Books

Fiction

From picture books to chapter books, we offer stories about youth with disabilities for self-identification, awareness, and acceptance.

Non-Fiction

This collection of resource books covers topics such as autism, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, inclusion, IEPs (Individual Education Plans), accessibility and more.

Braille and Low Vision Books

We have books in braille, including beginning braille books with tactile illustrations, and books with high-contrast illustrations to help youth with low vision visually process and engage with stories better.

Interactive Books

These books teach matching pictures to words. Build simple sentences by attaching the correct picture cards to the matching squares of each sentence page, then read each sentence aloud. Improves reading skills, speech development, fine motor coordination, and other skills.

Large Print and Hi Lo

These books are also available in the Youth Services Room.

Media

Handwriting Collection

Handwriting materials, including the popular Handwriting Without Tears series are available to check out. HWT kits, for grades K-3rd grade, contain the HWT guide books and manipulatives.

Speech Card Collection

This collection of photo and illustrated cards is helpful for developing oral motor skills, language and social skills.

DVDs

This collection includes DVDs on sign language instruction, disability topics, and therapeutic activities.

Music and Activity CDs

These CDs include activities and music geared toward kids with special needs.

CD ROMs

Computer software designed for youth with special needs and their caregivers (including Boardmaker).