

CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY



TOY AND SENSORY RESOURCE COLLECTION



Introduction

The Clare County Library Toy and Sensory Resource Collection provides a service for children with complex needs and their families in County Clare. The aim of the collection is to support both these children and their parents in choosing and utilising these specialist resources for the developmental growth of the children.

Clare Library has selected over 70 assistive toys which were purchased specifically to meet the requirements of children with complex needs. These toys were selected with the advice of speech and language therapists, special education needs organisers and occupational therapists. Items for lending include sensory and tactile toys, toys that build on fine and gross motor skills and toys that help develop play and life skills.

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Conditions of Use

- The Clare County Library Toy and Sensory Resource Collection is housed at Seán Lemass Public Library in Shannon but can be delivered to any library branch throughout the county.
- Membership is free, on production of a letter of referral, to any individual who lives, works or goes to school in Co. Clare.
- Library staff can assist users of this service, but cannot make recommendations on toys and resources.
- Toy Library members can select toys from the Toy and Sensory Resource Collection catalogue in their local library, by telephoning Shannon Library or online at www.clarelibrary.ie. The requested items will be sent to their local library for collection.
- To register for membership of the Toy Library, users must have a letter of referral from an Occupational Therapist, Speech & Language Therapist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Medical Practitioner, Resource Teacher or other professional working with them.
- Teachers or Special Needs Assistants must supply a referral letter from their school principal to register to borrow on behalf of the school.
- Two items may be borrowed at any one time.
- The loan period is three weeks.
- The loan period may be extended by renewing the item online, by phone or in person unless the item has been requested by another patron.
- Parents or guardians requesting items online need to use their Toy Library membership barcode and PIN number when logging on to www.clarelibrary.ie.
- Toys and equipment should only be used on the advice of a designated health professional.
- In the interests of Health & Safety please inform staff if equipment is incomplete or faulty.
- Children and adults using the equipment should be monitored at all times by a parent or guardian.
- Toys and equipment may vary slightly from the photographs in this catalogue but will function in the same way.
- All toys should be checked and cleaned before being returned.
- Items in this catalogue are current at time of publication (2016) but some items may be withdrawn or replaced.



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FINE MOTOR SKILLS



Route Builder

No. 1

Move the pegs around the board to make one of twelve patterns.
Can be set at different angles for double sided play.



Promotes:

Motor Planning
Hand Eye Coordination
Pre-Writing Skills



Slanted Writing Board

Nos. 2a and 2b

Sloped surfaces are easier to write on and can provide assistance to children who have difficulty with handwriting.

Promotes:

Handwriting Skills
Coordination
Literacy Skills



Cutting Fruit – Large

No. 3

This colourful wooden cutting fruit play food set for kids features a wooden knife and chopping board with seven pieces of sliceable fruit that can be cut into a total of seventeen pieces. With Velcro used to join the fruit pieces together this play food makes a fun CRUNCH sound when sliced. With so many pieces it's also a great way to introduce the concepts of part, whole and fractions!

Promotes:

Motor Skills
Visual Perception
Hand-Eye Coordination
Numeracy Skills



Cutting Food – Large

No. 4

This set contains eight full pieces of wooden food, a cutting board and a wooden knife. Food makes a fun CRUNCH sound when sliced. Broken/sliced into over 25 pieces, it's also a great way to introduce the concepts of part, whole and fractions.

Promotes:

Motor Skills
Visual Perception
Hand-Eye Coordination
Numeracy Skills



Animal Chopsticks

No. 5

Help children get a grip on early learning skills. The perfect tools to develop dexterity, precision and control in fine motor skills. This skill will also assist in clearer handwriting.

Promotes:

Hand-Eye Coordination
Precision and Control



Cotton Reels

No. 7

Plastic tub of 24 reels – includes laces for threading. Shake, roll, sort and thread with these colourful cotton reels. Perfect for honing fine motor skills, these sturdy plastic reels are fun to experiment with. Stack them as high as you can, roll them along the floor, sort them into their colours and thread the thick lace through them to join them up.

Promotes:

Fine Motor Skills
Hand-Eye Coordination
Visual Perception



Play Buttons Set

Nos. 6a and 6b

Sort, stack and thread together brightly coloured plastic buttons. Great for honing fine motor skills, these colourful buttons are great fun to fiddle with. Sort them by shape or colour (or both) and use the laces included to thread them together.

Promotes:

Hand-Eye Coordination
Visual Perception
Imaginative Play



Jumbo Tweezers

No. 8

Help children get a grip on early learning skills. Perfect tool for Primary Science lessons, early science explorations and sorting activities. Tweezers feature ergonomic depressions to guide a proper grip. Develop important fine motor control to build handwriting skills.

Promotes:

Hand-Eye Coordination
Visual Perception



GROSS MOTOR SKILLS



Roller Seat

Nos. 9a and 9b

Sit in the 'U' shape or sit across and the roller seat can move in any direction. For indoor use only for ages 1-3 years only.

Promotes:

Gross Motor Skills
Coordination



Balance Board with Maze

No. 10

A balance board with a ball on an inner track. Children can move the ball along the track by balancing on the board and moving it back and forth.

Promotes:

Balance
Coordination



Peanut Physio Rolls

Nos. 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b and 13

Physio rolls are easier to use than traditional gym balls as most of the movement is limited to forward and back, providing greater stability than a round ball. Also the saddle shape makes it easy to straddle, sit on or roll over. Designed to improve balance, gross motor skills and core strength, these can also be beneficial for those with attention or movement needs.

Available in sizes: 30cm, 40cm and 55cm

Promotes:

Flexibility
Coordination
Gross Motor Skills
Core Strengthening



Crawl Tunnel 180cm

No. 14

This fun pop up play tunnel helps develop motor skills, muscle strength and imagination. It teaches children cooperative interaction, encouraging them to work together with others to design mazes and tunnel forts. Dimensions 60cm wide x 180cm long with a 25cm transparent PVC strip in the tunnel.

Promotes:

Personal & Social Skills
Physical Strength
Imagination & Creativity



Scooter Board - Roller Board

No. 15

Scooter boards can be used to develop skills in the following areas – upper body and core strength, motor planning activities and as part of a sensory diet. Please note that Scooter Boards have no brakes.

Promotes:

Upper Body & Core Strength
Motor Planning

Maximum load 80kg.
Diameter 66cm.
Comes with pull cord.



Space Hoppers

No. 16 & No. 17

Exercises with a space hopper can improve balance, body awareness and stability.

Promotes:

Can improve Balance and Stability
55cm diameter for 6+ years
66cm diameter for 9+ years



Balance Board

No. 18

This balance board is a good starting point when the child's balance is challenged and needs improvement. Performing balance exercises on a balance board has been proven to help children with coordination problems. Improvements have been seen in rhythm, auditory and visual processing as well as motor coordination in children struggling with sensory challenges.

Promotes:

Gross Motor Skills
Balance
Sensory Skills



Balanco

No. 19

The maze on this balance board distracts from the balancing exercise thus making the challenge harder compared with a standard balancing board. The product contains 3 easily replaced inserts each with a different challenge level. This board has more footspace than a regular Balance Board and so is suited to an older child and teenager. Maximum weight: 120kg.

Promotes:

Motor Coordination
Balance





PLAY AND LIFE SKILLS

Sand Timers

No. 20a, 20b, 21a, 21b

Sand timers come with moulded end caps and thick wall surrounds. Each timer is colour coded and can be used for games, timing homework and other timing experiments.

Time: 10 and 30 minutes

Promotes:

Concentration
Time Management



Wooden Doorbell House

Nos. 23a and 23b

This doorbell house features four electronic doorbells, four locks with matching keys and four play dolls.

Promotes:

Fine Motor Skills
Creativity
Auditory Skills
Numeracy



Latches Board

Nos. 22a and 22b

Undo a latch, open the door and reveal the picture beneath. Learn colours, numbers and animals.

Promotes:

Basic Problem Solving
Fine Motor Manipulation Skills
Colour and Number Recognition
Bilateral Movement using helping hand



Fold & Go Doll's House

No. 24

The dollhouse opens for easy access and folds closed for convenient storage. It is ready for hours of pretend play. It includes two flexible wooden people and eleven pieces of furniture to help stories begin. Children can recreate family experiences or act out imaginary situations, allowing caregivers to get a glimpse into their thoughts and beliefs.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Imagination and Creativity
Motor Skills



Puppets: Chef, Fire-fighter, Police Officer, Doctor

No. 25, 26, 27, 28

Use one hand to manipulate the puppet's mouth and facial expressions, while gesturing with the removable wood stick with the other. Detachable rod is suitable for right- and left-handed children.

Promotes:

Language and Communication
Imagination and Creativity
Hand-Eye Coordination



Emotions Double Sided Puppets

No. 29

Set of 6 glove puppets (four of which are reversible with two different faces). Staging the stories with the glove puppets helps children to learn about emotions so they can recognise them in the future.

Promotes:

Language and Communication
Recognition of Emotions



Tea Set

No. 30

Young hosts can serve up a pot of tea while gently learning about social skills.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Hand-Eye Coordination
Imagination and Creativity



Tea and Dinner Set

No. 31

Learn about social skills while sharing tea and dinner.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Hand-Eye Coordination
Imagination and Creativity



Dominoes – Touch & Match

No. 32

Large dominoes with different colour-coded surfaces that allow children to match by feel or colour. Set of 28 pieces.

Promotes:

Colour Recognition and Matching



Scrabble (for older kids)

No. 33

The original word game helping children become familiar with letters and spelling.

Promotes:

Language and Literacy
Personal and Social Skills



Connect 4

No. 34

Encourages logical thinking skills needed to plan ahead. Picking and posting of the pieces is a fine motor and hand eye coordination activity.

Promotes:

Hand-Eye Coordination
Fine Motor Skills



Guess Who

No. 35

The original flip n' find face game with new features where children ask as many questions as it takes to discover which mystery face their opponent holds.

Promotes:

Language and Literacy
Personal and Social Skills



Shopping List

Nos. 36, 37 and 38

Clothes & Fruit & Veg Booster Pack

Fill your trolley with all of the items on your shopping list, in this best-selling memory game. Use the booster packs to add Clothes or Fruit & Veg to your shopping trolley when children tire of original Shopping List.

Promotes:

Personal & Social Skills
Observational Skills



Mr Potato Head

Nos. 40a and 40b

Parts include a nose, hat, legs with shoes, moustaches, mouth, tongue, ears, arms, etc. Help to familiarize children with some body parts.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Hand-Eye Coordination
Imagination and Creativity



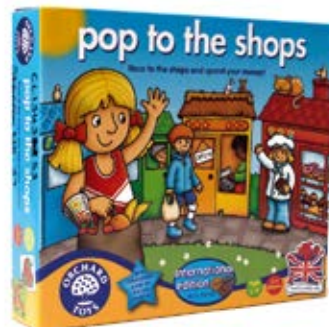
Pop to the Shops

No. 39

Help children learn about handling money and giving change with this shopping game. Go around the board from shop to shop using plastic money to buy different items.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills



Dress Up – Doctor and Construction Worker

Nos. 41 & 42

Construction Worker kit includes bright orange vest, tool belt, yellow hard hat, etc while the Doctor Dress Up includes jacket, face mask, stethoscope, ear scope and a syringe. Help children to familiarize themselves with different social situations.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Imagination and Creativity



Rory's Story Cubes – Max.

No. 43

Use imagination to make up stories based on different pictures rolled in the dice. There are no wrong answers in this game.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Imagination and Creativity



Take Along Took Kit

Nos. 45a and 45b

This 24 piece set includes wooden nails, screws, nuts and bolts. It also has a hammer, wench and screwdriver.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Hand-Eye Coordination
Imagination and Creativity



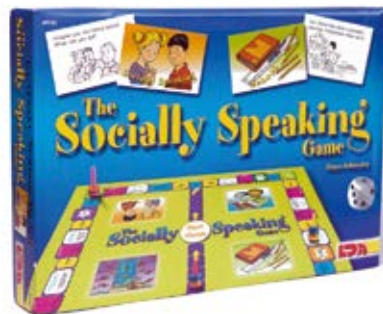
'Socially Speaking' Game

No. 44

Teaches and reinforces important social interactions as well as improving self-esteem, listening skills, receptive and expressive language and problem solving.

Promotes:

Personal and Social Skills
Imagination and Creativity



Wooden Blocks

No. 46

Blocks for stacking, building and knocking down in colourful combinations.

Promotes:

Fine motor skills
Dexterity
Colour and Shape Recognition





SENSORY AND TACTILE SKILLS



Sit On Air Cushion

No. 47

The straight edge faces the back of the chair for a dynamic sitting position. When it faces the front of the chair it allows for a relaxed sitting position.

Promotes:

- Balance
- Core Stability
- Tactile Feedback and Stimulation
- Concentration



Move 'n' Sit Wedge Cushion Junior & Senior

Nos. 49, 50a & 50b

An inflatable wedge shaped cushion. Allows for 'active sitting' and movement while sitting. Cushion measures 35cm x 35cm.

Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Core Strengthening
- Can Aid Concentration



BittyBottoms Cushion

No. 48

Bitty Bottom cushions are moulded to be a perfect fit and contain small PVC balls for a sensory effect. Cushions are ideal for kids who need to wriggle, fidget and move! Use on the ground, in a chair, during mealtime, circle time and just about anytime.

Assistance with:

- Sensory stimulation
- Concentration and Focus



Disc 'o' Sit Junior & Senior

Nos. 51s, 51b, 52a, 52b

The Disc O Sit Balance Cushion is an inflatable, dynamic air cushion that mimics both the movement and shape of a therapy ball. It can also be used on the floor for balance training and strengthening of the legs and hips. Focuses on the needs of children with autism, ADD, SID and ADHD.

Junior Cushion: 32cm **age 4+**
Senior Cushion: 39cm **age 8+**

Promotes:

- Focus and Concentration
- Balance Training and Strengthening



Vibrating Bug

No. 53a & 53b

These great little jittering bugs are massagers for sore, tired and aching muscles. Its body fits perfectly in your hand, while its feet work muscles and relieve stress. Its main aim is to stimulate the senses and motivate the user but it also de-stresses muscles, comforts and relaxes the user. A simple yet immensely effective tactile experience. Press his nose and feel him vibrate.

Promotes:

Calm and Relaxation
Stimulates and Motivates



Tactile Discs

No. 55

An inviting tactile material that challenges children's sense of touch on both hands and feet. At the same time, it promotes the ability to describe sense impressions verbally. The tactile discs, made of nice-to-touch synthetic rubber, contain different tactile structures, each with its own colour. Games can be adjusted to fit a child's age and level of functionality. Set contains 5 large and 5 small discs.

Promotes:

Tactile Skills
Focus and Concentration



Wiggle Worm

No. 54a & 54b

This jointed worm bends, twists, turns and wiggles. Brightly coloured and very wiggly, these wooden Wiggle Worms can shuffle along in lots of different directions.

Promotes:

Sensory Stimulation
Hand-Eye Coordination
Colour recognition



Light Up Colour Changing Egg

No. 56

This magical egg gently changes colour right before your eyes. A special switch can hold the ever changing light onto the colour of your choice. Watch in wonder as the opaque coloured egg slowly transforms with morphing colours. Creates a calming and relaxing atmosphere.

Promotes:

Sensory stimulation
Relaxation & Calm
Focus & Concentration





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