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TOY & RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING BLOCKS

ONE ITEM ONE SITE ONE IDEA

We're going places! **Transportation toys** are a great way to accelerate development while also providing some high-octane fun!

Many vehicle-related items can serve as open-ended materials, which means kids generate their own scenarios and have the freedom to create without having a preset outcome. Items that have a specific purpose (e.g. puzzles, board games) are referenced as close-ended toys. Both types of play are wonderful and have benefits – balance is key!

Hit the road and head to the Toy & Resource Center to find these items and so much more:

SMARTMAX Magnetic Discovery Animal Train

Linking Transportation Blocks

Transportation Signs

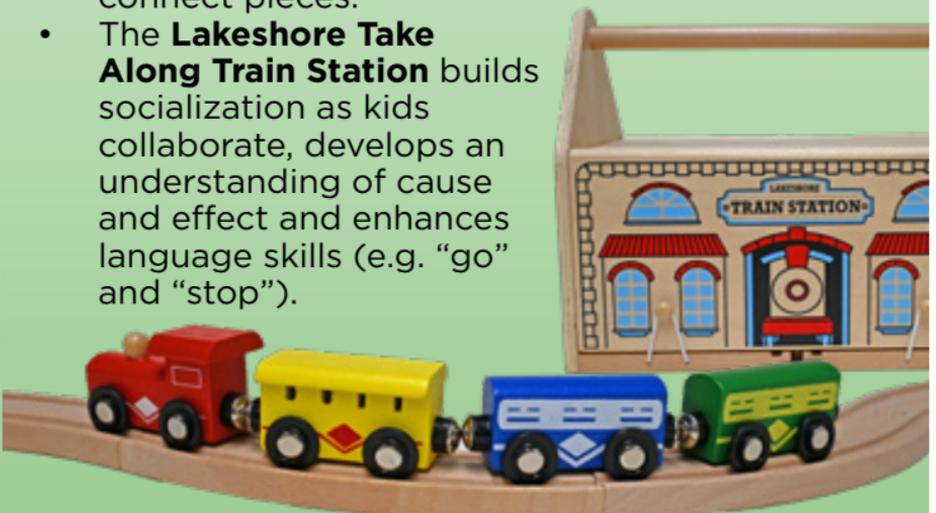
Melissa and Doug Road Rug

Lakeshore Take Along Train Station

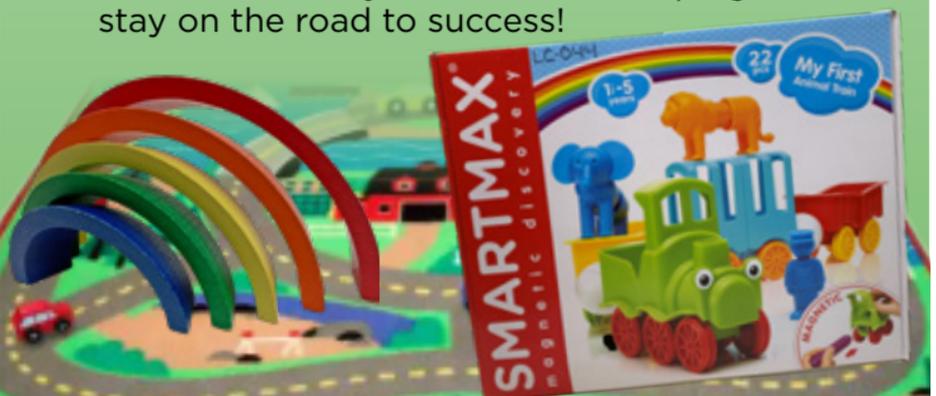


Buckle up for these benefits:

- The **SMARTMAX Animal Train** teaches STEM concepts such as magnetism while also building problem-solving skills as kids work to connect pieces.
- The **Lakeshore Take Along Train Station** builds socialization as kids collaborate, develops an understanding of cause and effect and enhances language skills (e.g. “go” and “stop”).



- Think outside of the box and check out items such as our **Rainbow Blocks** to build bridges and tunnels! Play is essential in helping kids stay on the road to success!



ONE SITE

Check out the fun-filled and educational activities on this site! From sensory play to transportation science related ice blocks, these suggestions are right on track!

[www.engaging_littles.com/
transportation-themed-activities/](http://www.engaging_littles.com/transportation-themed-activities/)

ONE IDEA...or two...or three

Polar Express Pajama Party!

Highland Square Branch Library
December 13, 2025, from 12 - 2 p.m.
Watch The Polar Express movie and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and some special visitors.

[https://services.akronlibrary.org/
event/14969474](https://services.akronlibrary.org/event/14969474)

Little Diggers Akron

This will be Akron's largest indoor sandbox for kids seven and under. Opening is scheduled for January 2026 in Fairlawn. Google "Little Diggers Akron" for updates. **In January, the TRC will be choosing 10 members who will receive a complimentary pass for 30 minutes of play once it opens.** *Thank you Little Diggers!*

Pint Sized Picassos on the Move

While supplies last you can stop in to the TRC and pick up a **FREE** four-pack of crayons! Attach them to handheld cars and drive them around to create some interesting art.



TRC HOURS

Tuesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Why buy when you can borrow? United Disability Services' toy lending library loans developmental toys and resource materials to its members. Stop by and see us!

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