

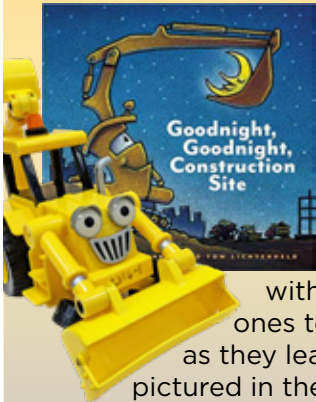
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TOY & RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING BLOCKS

ONE ITEM ONE SITE ONE IDEA

The Toy & Resource Center offers a selection of **books** that members are welcome to check out. We do **NOT** count books as one of the borrower's selections. (Of course, we appreciate care being taken of all TRC items so others can share in their benefits.)



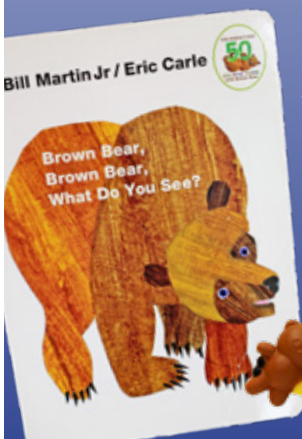
Pairing books with toys provides a means of incorporating reading into other activities. Choosing a book such as **Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site** along

with a **digger toy** allows little ones to build their vocabulary as they learn the names of vehicles pictured in the book. There is a strong correlation between student success and a large vocabulary!

There are a **minion** reasons to combine books with playthings. Here are a few:



- Text and pictures help children learn about the world around them.
- Reading together creates a bonding experience.
- Visual skills are enhanced as kids track with their eyes from left to right and learn the difference between letters (e.g., “d” and “b”).
- An understanding of individual sounds and ways they are used in words will give kids a boost! Predictable books such as **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?** are a great choice for teaching rhyming words and memorization.



Reading is **snow** much fun so stop by the TRC today and chill out with a cool read!



ONE SITE

17th Annual Family Reading Festival
Saturday, February 8, 2025
Akron-Summit County Public Library
Main Branch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Little ones can sing and dance to the music of Jim Gill, visit with Outback Ray to see exotic animals and even take home a free book! The TRC will have a booth there, along with other vendors.

<https://services.akronlibrary.org/event/10188368>

ONE IDEA

Cooking with Kids

Cooking can be fun and educational! It is a great way to build basic life skills, capitalize on literacy (reading recipes), address math (measurements), enhance motor development (mixing) and so much more! To find great snack ideas for kids that correlate to books, go to www.childhood101.com and search "18 book-inspired snacks for kids." One recommendation on the site is a construction zone buffet—this is a great way to make snack time fun for little ones!



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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