

**Membership and Fee Information**

**Eligibility**

Membership is open to anyone who desires to enhance a child’s development and encourage them to learn through play! In addition to toys, we also offer a selection of sensory tools, adapted items and switches. Therefore, individuals who assist adults and/or children benefiting from such apparatus are also welcome to join. Membership is NOT limited to residents within Summit County.

**Membership Fees and Guidelines**

Fees are contingent upon the type of membership acquired. Please refer to the chart below as it pertains to your individual needs. Members will complete a membership form annually and are individually responsible for items checked out. Accountability is imperative so that everyone is able to enjoy the benefits offered by the Center. Fees for damaged and lost items will be assessed and incurred by the borrower. Children learn responsibility and citizenship from caring for property ~ so thank you for your efforts to build this skill set with little ones!

Items may be renewed for one borrowing period provided the items are not on reserve.

- Individual toys = 1 item
- 4 puzzles = 1 item
- 3 books = 1 item

**Memberships**

Type of Membership:	Annual Fee:	# items that may be borrowed:	# of weeks items may be borrowed:
Individual/Family	\$60	4	1-4
Grandparent	\$35	4	1-4
Student	\$25/semester	4	1-4
Teacher/Therapist	\$75	6	1-4
Home Care Provider	\$70	6	1-4
Center—Non-profit	\$160	6	1-4
Center—For-Profit	\$275	6	1-4
School District/ESC (Group Rate)*	\$225	6	1-4
Library (Group Rate)*	\$225	6	1-4
Individual Trial Membership (one time only)**	\$25 for 3 month trial	4	1-4

\*Group Rate membership includes up to six (6) school/library employees. Additional members are \$35 each. Group members will be issued a membership card. Memberships are transferrable by notifying the Center. Ask the Toy Librarian about the additional benefits of a group membership.

\*\* \$25 can be applied to the cost of an annual Individual/Family membership at the end of the trial period.

## **Cleaning**

As a lending library, we are very grateful for the care that our members take of the items borrowed. Though we have volunteers who clean returned toys according to CDC guidelines, we appreciate the removal of any excess dirt prior to return.

## **Resources Available:**

- Infant/Toddler Toys
- Dramatic Play Items
- Large Motor Equipment
- Children's Books
- Fine Motor/Visual Motor Manipulatives
- Puppets
- Puzzles
- Blocks
- Fidget Tools/Sensory and Self-Regulation Supports
- Sand and Water Play Toys
- Preschool Readiness Resources
- Art Materials
- Musical Toys/Instruments
- Resource/Reference Books
- Adapted Toys
- Switches (e.g., Motion Sensor Switches, Vibrating Switches, Low Vision Switches)
- Communication Devices (e.g., BIGmack, Cheap Talk)
- Multicultural Toys

## **What can membership to the Toy and Resource Center do for you?**

The Toy and Resource Center can provide members with access to toys and instructional materials that stimulate learning in ALL areas of development. Adapted toys and assistive technology available can play a key role in increasing independence and inclusion. Fidget tools and sensory items provide a wide range of benefits such as helping with self-regulation and improved learning. Our items lend support to therapists and may further progress on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). We offer thematic materials that allow children to immerse themselves in topics and link learning across disciplines. Membership allows educators and families to rotate toys to maintain a child's interest and it provides the option of borrowing versus buying!

## **Hours of operation**

Tuesday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## **Sponsored by:**

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