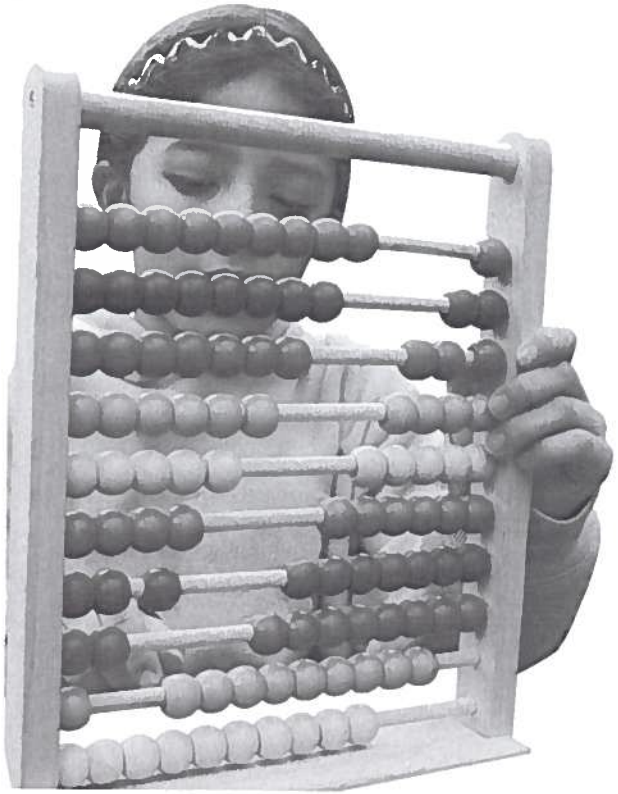
Visit the Learning & Sharing Collection

What is the Learning & Sharing Collection?

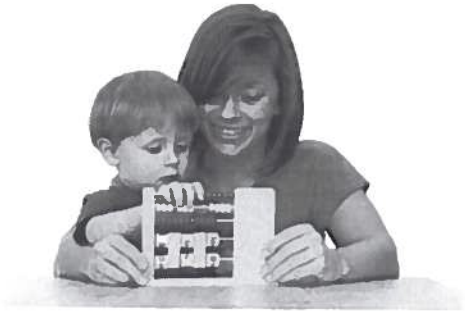
The Learning and Sharing Collection (LSC) is a circulating collection of developmental toys, puppets, puzzles, parenting DVDs, books, magazines and kits for children ages birth to five.

Customers can browse the items at the Bel Air Branch. LSC photo albums containing pictures and descriptions of kit contents and examples of LSC toys are located at the reference desk in every branch. A small collection is also available at the Joppa Branch.



What are the LSC kits?

Harford County Public Library has packaged kits that contain multi-media materials that are appropriate to different stages of child development and to specific content.



- **Cheers**, the Children Health Information Kits are designed to supply families with needed materials to help develop the support bond between parent and child in time of medical experiences. Kit topics include doctor, dental, surgery, hospital and new baby.
- The **Young Parenting Grant (YPG)** Kits are appropriate for infants through toddlers including kits for age groups newborn to 3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months, and 24-30 months. Subjects include gross motor skills, fine motor skills, nutrition and food, language development, music and rhythm, toilet training, and quiet times.
- The **Concept** Kits include a variety of toys, books, CDs and DVDs to aid in the introduction to learning the alphabet, colors, numbers, shapes and time.

How can I borrow items from LSC?

Customers can check-out LSC items by calling any branch to have items put on hold, visiting the Bel Air Branch or Joppa Branch or placing a request online at HCPLonline.info. LSC items may be sent to any HCPL branch for pick-up. Toys and kits circulate for one week with a one time renewal. There is a limit of one kit per family. All items may be returned to any HCPL branch.

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Harford County Public Library (HCPL) believes in the importance of play and the use of toys to promote literacy in young children. Parent-child interaction with books and toys is critical for reading and writing readiness.

In 1975 HCPL received a federal grant that funded the purchase of books and puppets to be used with Sharing the Gift, a literacy outreach program where volunteers share stories and activities with licensed preschool, nursery school and daycare centers. Multiple copies of these materials purchased for Sharing the Gift became part of the Learning and Sharing Collection (LSC). Today LSC boasts over 16,000 items which are available for customers to borrow.

Sharing the Gift volunteers visit over 1,500 children at more than 40 centers each month, October through April, to introduce them to the joy of reading. If you are interested in being a Sharing the Gift volunteer please contact HCPL's Volunteer Specialist at 410-273-5600 x2247.

Branch Locations

Administration & Support Services
1221-A Brass Mill Road, Belcamp 21017
410-273-5600, 410-838-3749, 410-575-6761

Aberdeen 410-273-5608
21 Franklin Street, Aberdeen 21001

Abingdon 410-638-3990
2510 Tollgate Road, Abingdon 21009

Bel Air 410-638-3151 TTY 410-838-3371
100 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Bel Air 21014

Darlington 410-638-3750
1134 Main Street, Darlington 21034

Edgewood 410-612-1600
629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood 21040

Fallston 410-638-3003
1461 Fallston Road, Fallston 21047

Havre de Grace 410-939-6700
120 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace 21078

Jarrettsville 410-692-7887
3722 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville 21084

Joppa 410-612-1660
655 Towne Center Drive, Joppa 21085

Norrisville 410-692-7850
5310 Norrisville Road, White Hall 21161

Whiteford 410-638-3608/410-452-8831
2407 Whiteford Road, Whiteford 21160

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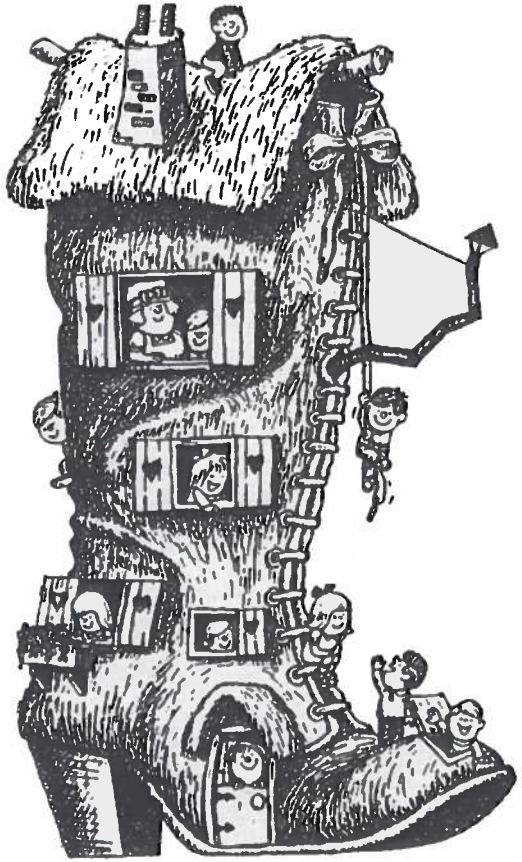

A Developmental Readiness Toy, Book, Mulitmedia Collection for Birth-Five Years

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