



Monaghan County Libraries

Assistive Toys & Technology Collection

"Play is our
brain's favourite
way of learning".

Diane Ackerman



What is the Collection?

This collection is designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. A collection of toys, software and assistive technology can be accessed free of charge by library members throughout the county. The collection was developed by staff of Monaghan Libraries in partnership with therapists working in the community and local parent groups.

These items focus on developing skills for life and help support the development of fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, visual perception and problem solving.

Items in the catalogue can be borrowed and brought home by library members to work on particular skills. Items can be requested and collected by the borrower at their nearest branch library. We always welcome suggestions to add to our collection - contact us at

libraryactivities@monaghancoco.ie

Sensory Stories Programme

- Monaghan Libraries organise talks and workshops throughout the year to offer guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and healthcare professionals.
- Attendance at events is free of charge and open to everyone but advance booking is required. Please contact the library where the talk is happening to book your place.
- Each library has a '**Here to Help**' Collection of books, developed to help readers deal with a diagnosis, to identify themselves with a character and to help in starting difficult conversations. These books are available for borrowing.
- There is also a dedicated page on our website with information on our sensory services <https://monaghan.ie/library/sensory>

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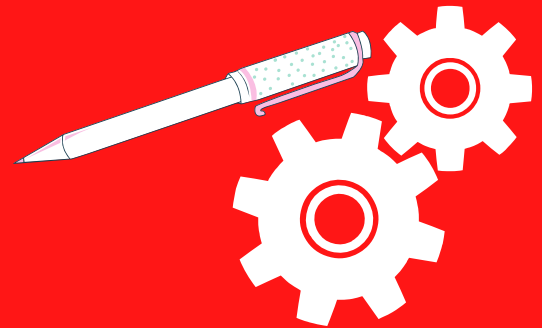
Conditions of Use

- You have to be a member of Monaghan County Libraries to borrow from the collection. Library membership is free - contact your local branch for more details.
- To borrow from the collection, we may require a referral from health/social service or school.
- Library staff can assist users of this service, but cannot make recommendations on toys.
- The loan period for each toy is three weeks.
- Two toys can be issued per visit.
- Items must be returned in a clean and useable condition.
- Loan of the toy can be renewed by contacting your library.



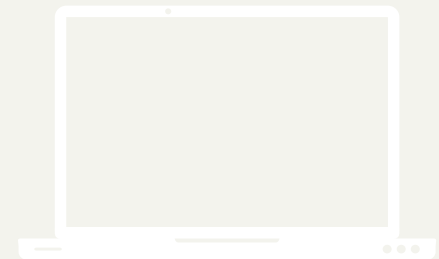
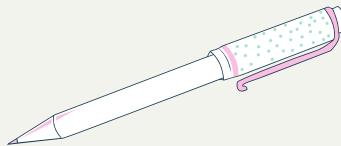
Assistive Software & Technology

Software can be used in the library or at home to help support literacy development.

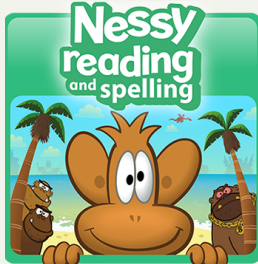


Assistive Software & Technology

We provide Free Access to Library Members to a number of programmes to support literacy development. These programmes can be accessed at home or in the library. To request a login for any of these programmes contact libraryactivities@monaghancoco.ie



Assistive Software & Technology



Nessy reading & spelling

An app based reading programme which teaches all the fundamentals of reading in fun games. Perfect for reluctant readers or those with dyslexia.

Ages 5 -10



Lexia Core 5

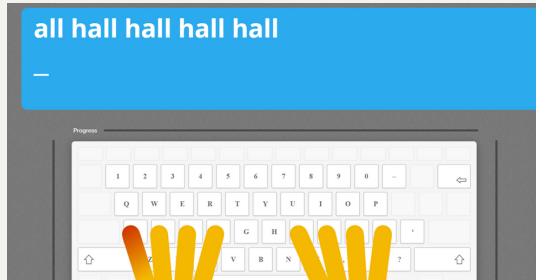
This programme supports literacy development for children from 8 -12 years.



Lexia Power Up

This programme supports literacy development for secondary school students and adults. Perfect for reluctant readers.

Assistive Software & Technology



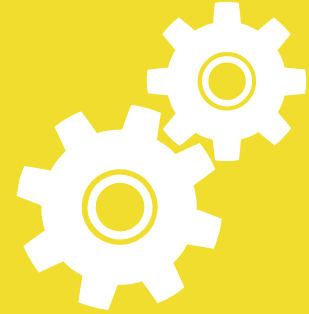
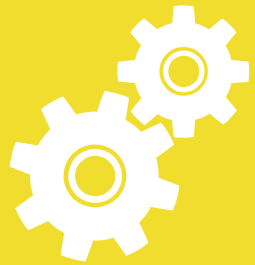
TTRS - Touch-Type, Read & Spell

A highly accessible multi-sensory course which teaches touch-typing, reading and spelling at the same time. Perfect for those with writing or spelling difficulties or those with dyslexia.



C-Pen Reader

C-PEN Reader Pen's can also be borrowed through your local branch library. A C-Pen Reader is a portable, pocket-sized reading pen that reads text out loud. It is designed to promote independent learning and is a breakthrough for any student with reading difficulties such as dyslexia.



Gross Motor Skills

Gross Motor Skills - the use of the gross or large muscles of the body. Walking, balancing and crawling utilise the gross muscles.



Gross Motor Skills



Balance Seat

Promotes:

- Sitting posture
- Balance
- Core stability



Balance Rocker

Promotes:

- Sensory stimulation
- Vestibular stimulation
- Gross motor balance
- Posture control
- Motor co-ordination and planning

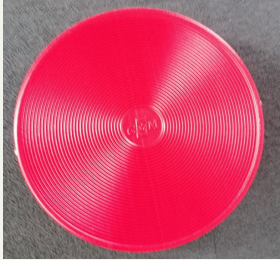


Disc O Sit

Promotes:

- Balance training
- Sitting posture
- Concentration
- Core stability
- Strengthening of legs and hips

Gross Motor Skills



Therapy Top

Promotes:

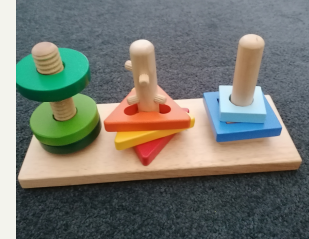
- Gross Motor Balance
- Posture Control
- Motor co-ordination
- Righting Reactions



Rainbow River Stepping Stones

Promotes:

- Balance
- Tactile Sensory Input
- Righting Reactions



Twist and Turn Puzzle

Promotes:

- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Colour Recognition
- Shape Recognition
- Dexterity

Gross Motor Skills



Go Bounce

Promotes:

- Fun
- Balancing
- Throwing
- Concentration
- Motor co-ordination



Sensory Motor Kit

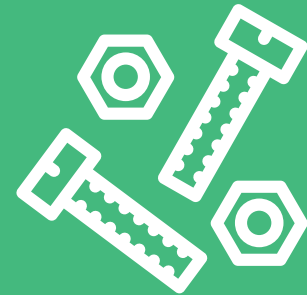
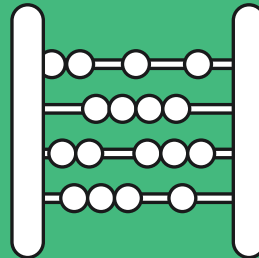
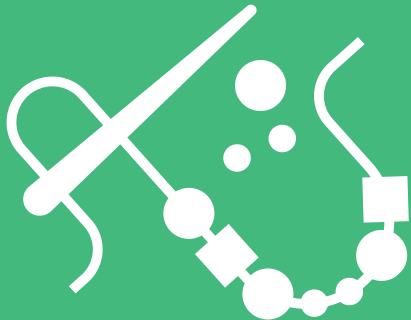
Promotes:

- Gross Motor skills
- Fine Motor skills
- Sensory Stimulation

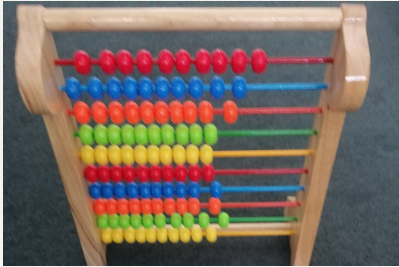


Fine Motor Skills

Fine Motor Skills - focus on the co-ordination of the muscles and the nerves to produce small precise movements.



Fine Motor Skills



Abacus

Promotes:

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Numeracy Skills
- Colour Recognition



Giant Lacing Beads

Promotes:

- Fine motor precision
- Dexterity
- Sequencing
- Colour recognition
- Counting skills



Wooden Lacing Farm Animals

Promotes:

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Concentration

Fine Motor Skills



**House Pet Large
Puzzle**

Promotes:

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Visual Perception
- Animal Recognition



**Geometric Shapes
Puzzle**

Promotes:

- Global grasp
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Shape Recognition
- Colour Recognition
- Starting and finishing a task



Farm Peg Puzzles

Promotes:

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Matching Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Animal Recognition

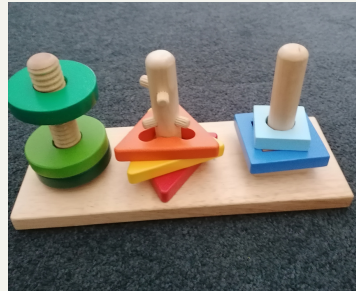
Fine Motor Skills



Spring People

Promotes:

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Colour Recognition



Twist and Turn Puzzle

Promotes:

- Hand Strengthening
- Colour Recognition
- Shape Recognition
- Concentration



Beginner Pattern Blocks

Promotes:

- Communication
- Fine Motor Skills
- Planning

Fine Motor Skills



Fruit Puzzles

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Matching Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Visual Perception
- Shape Recognition



Latches Board

Promotes

- Basic Problem Solving
- Fine Motor manipulation skills
- Motor planning
- Bilateral movement

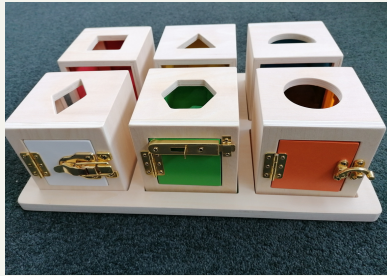


Large Magnetic Maze

Promotes

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Concentration

Fine Motor Skills



Peek-a-Boo Lock Boxes

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Problem Solving
- Finger Dexterity
- Shape Recognition



Multi-play box

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Hard and Soft Buttoning
- Lacing
- Sliding skills
- Spinning skills



Animal Stamp Set

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Concentration
- Animal Recognition

Fine Motor Skills



Rubbing Plates Leaves

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Bilateral Co-ordination
- Concentration
- Tree & Leaf Recognition



Rubbing Plates Flowers

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Bilateral Co-ordination
- Concentration
- Flower Recognition



Take along toolkit

Promotes

- Fine motor skills
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Hand strengthening
- Bilateral integration

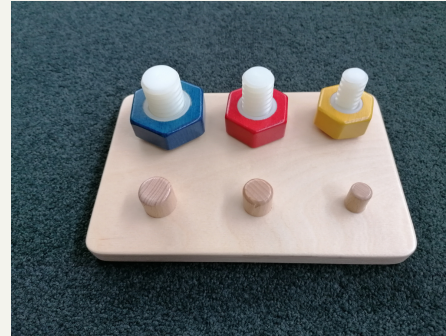
Fine Motor Skills



Shape, Sequence, Sorting Set

Promotes

- Maths Skills and Concepts
- Receptive Language
- Fine Motor Skills
- Planning
- Sorting & Sequencing



Nut and Bolt Board

Promotes

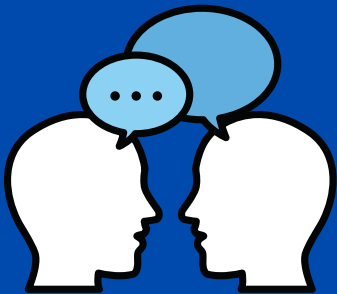
- Fine Motor Skills
- Planning
- Concentration
- Hand Strengthening



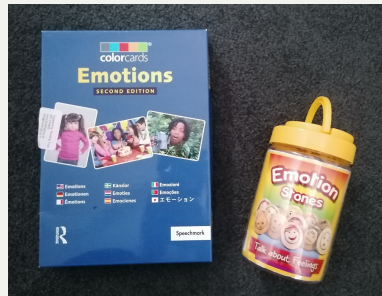
Speech, Language and Social Skills

Communication is Key

These items can help promote verbal and non-verbal communication and to understand expression.



Speech, Language and Social Skills



Emotion Cards and Stones

Promotes

- Communication
- Self-Esteem
- Self-Expression
- Emotional Awareness



Emotion Jigsaws

Promotes

- Communication
- Understanding Facial Expression
- Identifying emotion

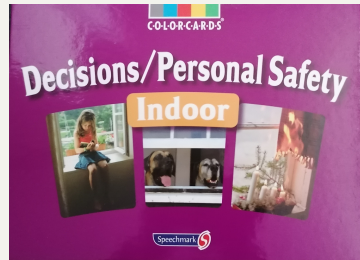


Basic Sequences

Promotes

- Communication
- Organisation
- Sequencing
- Critical Thinking

Speech, Language and Social Skills



Decisions/Personal Safety - Indoor

Promotes

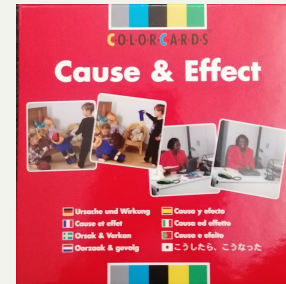
- Communication
- Organisation
- Decision Making
- Can be used in discussion, role play & storytelling



Decisions/Personal Safety - Outdoor

Promotes

- Communication
- Organisation
- Decision Making
- Can be used in discussion, role play & storytelling



Cause & Effect

Promotes

- Communication
- Organisation
- Critical Thinking skills
- Verbal Reasoning

Speech, Language and Social Skills



Snap Shots

Promotes:

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Reasoning
- Vocabulary



Sensory Story Bag

Promotes:

- Communication
- Social Skills

Includes:

- Communication fan, book, library information and fidget toy

Speech, Language and Social Skills

See and Learn Teaching Programmes

See and Learn teaching programs provide evidence-based activities, guidance and support to help children with Down syndrome improve their speech, language, reading and numeracy skills.



See and Learn Speech

See and Learn Speech is designed to teach children to hear and produce speech sounds, to hear the differences between sounds, to develop their speech sound system, and to produce clear speech.

See and Learn Language and Reading

See and Learn Language and Reading is designed to teach children early vocabulary, sight words, simple phrases and sentences, and grammar rules

Speech, Language and Social Skills

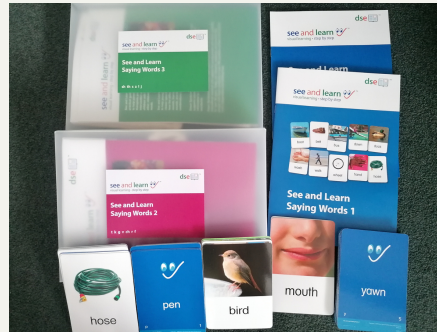


See & Learn Speech Sounds

Combining Sounds

Encourages:

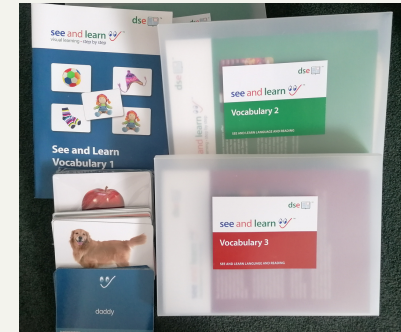
- attention
- listening
- discrimination and production of the sounds that make up speech



See & Learn Saying Words

Encourages:

- Clear Speech
- Imitation
- Repetition of one and two syllable words
- regular speech practice



See & Learn Vocabulary 1, 2 & 3

Introduces:

- 180 common first words
- Visual supports for learning spoken language.

Speech, Language and Social Skills



See & Learn Phrases 1

Includes

- 6 activities to teach 40 two-keyword phrases and 16 sight-words
- Uses early vocabulary that is taught in See and Learn Vocabulary 1.



See & Learn Phrases 2

Includes

- 6 activities to teach 44 new two-keyword phrases and 30 new sight words.
- includes nouns, verbs, adjectives and a preposition.

Speech, Language and Social Skills



See & Learn Phrases 3

Includes

- 6 activities to teach 48 two-keyword phrases and 35 new sight words.
- Encourages success by building on what is already known.



See & Learn Sentences 1

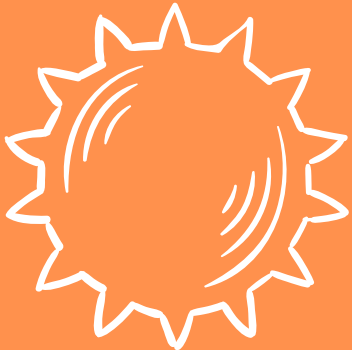
Includes

- A series of 25 graded reading books to illustrate new vocabulary and grammar rules in a variety of sentences.



Sensory and Tactile

Sensory and tactile stimulation involves the sensation of touch and texture



Sensory and Tactile



Matching Sound Blocks

Promotes

- Communication
- Listening Skills
- Concentration
- Sensory Stimulation



Sensory Box

Promotes

- Tactile Stimulation



Twirly Rainmaker

Promotes

- Sensory Stimulation

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