The Toy and Technology Library is an exciting, nonprofit resource for Ohio’s children with disabilities, their families and professionals who serve them.

Our library’s goals are to enhance the development and play skills of children with disabilities and to provide support and resources to parents and professionals regarding assistive technology and play.

The Toy and Technology Library is a nonprofit program of the Nisonger Center, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, located in McCampbell Hall room 286 on the campus of The Ohio State University.

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Building Self-Esteem

Children learn through play. The Toy and Technology Library offers assistance to those children with disabilities by enhancing their abilities to play in a meaningful way, with toys that will stimulate and help them grow. We offer a wide range of developmentally appropriate and switch-activated toys so that all children, regardless of physical or sensory ability, may play, control their environment, communicate and develop skills. Successful interactions with computers and toys promote independence and increase a child's skills and self-esteem.

Services

Over 1,500 developmental, adapted toys, switches, and light-tech communication devices are available for families to borrow for 30-day loan periods. Consultation with families and community professionals is available to help them identify appropriate toys, switches, light-tech communication devices, software and computer access products.

A computer lab to preview software and try out hardware is available on site. Our staff is highly skilled and knowledgeable regarding software and computer access products.

Toy and Technology staff provides presentations regarding assistive technology and computer access to parent groups and professionals in Ohio.

Tools for Learning

The computer lab in the Toy and Technology Library allows users to explore computers as potential tools for enrichment, learning and communication. The lab includes many special-access devices such as expanded and alternate keyboards, mouse/trackball devices, and switches that are available for parents and professionals to try. Choosing the “right” computer access devices and software can provide children the tools to develop and learn both at school and at home.