

What is a toy library?

A toy library is a place where people can borrow toys for a short time, just like a public library. You can try out all kinds of toys and play equipment that you may never consider buying. You can experiment with toys before you or your group decide to add them to your own collection.

Angus Toy Library is a service that allows its members equal access to the toys on offer. The ever increasing volume of toys are stored in Arbroath and you can borrow the toys through the public libraries by choosing from the Toy Library catalogue.

Who can join?

- Any voluntary childcare group.
- Registered childminders.
- Temporary foster carers.
- Any family or group with children with special needs or a disability.
- Any family referred by a recognised agency such as a health visitor or social worker.
- Family support groups.
- Crèches.



What does it cost?

The service is absolutely free. All we ask is that you take care of the toys.

We clean, count and check all toys before we deliver them, but please tell us immediately if there seems to be a problem.

How many toys can I borrow?

Groups - four items for six weeks.
Individuals - two items for four weeks.

'Treasure chests' of smaller items chosen by Toy Library staff are also available.

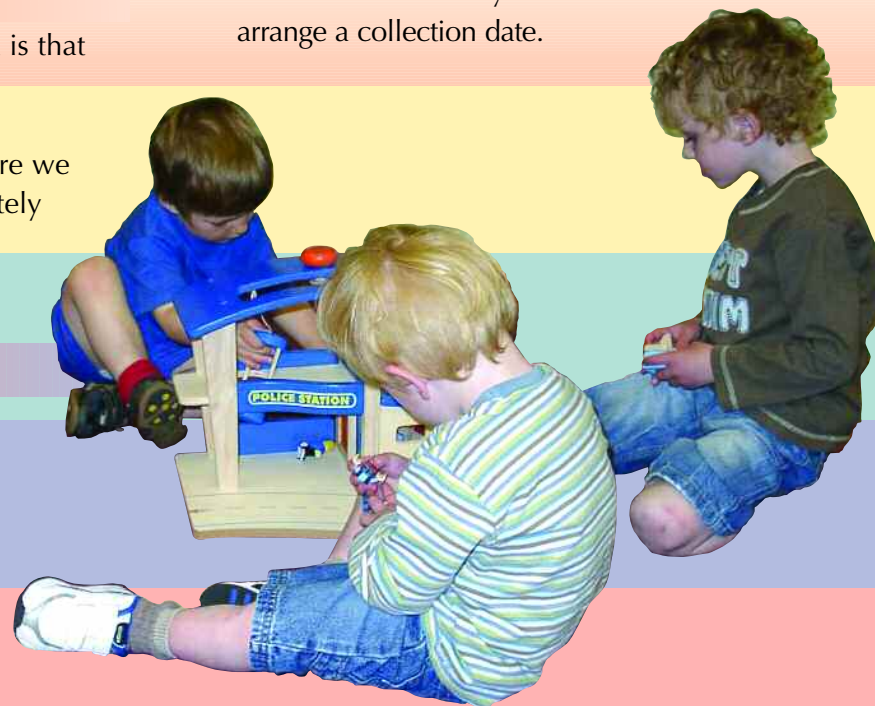
A growing selection of theme boxes are also on offer.

How do I join the Toy Library?

- To join, fill in a membership form at your local public library. Once your application has been approved, you will receive a membership card through the post. Remember, if you are joining as a group, someone must be responsible for the toys.
- You will find the toy catalogue at your local library. The front pages explain clearly how to ask for toys. Fill in a request form and leave it with library staff, phone the Toy Library or e-mail.

How do I get the toys?

The toys will be delivered directly to you and the Toy Library will contact you to arrange a suitable time. We will also contact you to arrange a collection date.



Who runs the library?

The Toy Library is run by Angus Council as part of a partnership project which includes Bookstart.

Angus Council supports and provides facilities for this service by providing premises, transport, library services, co-ordination, administration and training.

The Toy Library is run on a day-to-day basis by a small team based at Bruce House in Arbroath. This team consists of a Toy Library/Bookstart Coordinator, a driver/assistant and a family support assistant.

What else can we provide?

As part of the current partnership project the Toy Library/Bookstart Coordinator arranges a number of activity sessions based on play and rhyme. These take place in nurseries and libraries as well as other community outlets such as mother and toddler

groups, playgroups and child minding groups.



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