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The Oakland Public Library is Now Lending Toys!

Oakland, CA – Books, movies, music, tools...and now toys. The Oakland Public Library's Children's Services Department has announced a new toy lending service, with toys available at any library branch to children age 0-6.

To see what toys are available, browse the photo gallery at <http://oaklandlibrary.org/toys>. Library patrons who have an online account can also link directly into our catalog to place holds and receive toys at any location for pick up.

Like other materials, toys circulate for three weeks and can be renewed once. Currently, patrons are limited to check out two toy sets at a time.

The toys that OPL lends are selected to be durable, washable, and to work even if some pieces are missing. Toys are checked out in a drawstring mesh bag with a tag listing contents and a photo for easy return.

"Children learn through play," says Supervising Librarian for Children's Services Nina Lindsay, "so we see books and toys going together. They certainly do in the home, so why not in and out of the library?"

The Oakland Public Library's Toy Lending program was made possible through a grant from the Pacific Library Partnership.

For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org or contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian, at 238-6706 or nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org.

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