

Alex Leone Equipment Lending Library

What is the Lending Library?

The Lending Library is a community resource that provides the loan of various types of equipment. The library celebrates the memory of a child who participated in Clearbrook's Children's Services and seeks to provide support to families, extended family members, friends, therapists, and other service providers.



The Lending Library was begun in 1998 as the result of a donation of therapeutic equipment from a family whose child had participated in Clearbrook's Lekotek (play therapy) program prior to his death. In his memory, the Alex Leone Equipment Lending Library offers anyone with access to the library the opportunity to borrow available equipment. The library contains equipment that is suited for children from birth to five years of age. Requesting only a refundable deposit, equipment may be borrowed for up to three months.

Some examples of equipment loans include:

- Parents borrowing rather than purchasing expensive equipment that is only needed for a limited time period of the child's development.
- Relatives or friends planning for the visit of a special needs child.
- Parents in need of equipment to aid in a child's rehabilitation or therapy.
- Assisting a parent or therapist in assessing whether or not to purchase a costly piece of equipment.

A few examples of the types of equipment available include:

- Single and multi-message communication devices
- Positioning equipment

- Infant car seats
- Specialty therapy equipment
- Children's walkers and wheelchair

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I get started?** Contact Clearbrook's CHILD Therapy Services Director at 847-392-2812 to begin the process.