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Loanable "Kits" are checked out in the Children's Room by CR staff members. Each kit contains an inventory sheet so patrons know what belongs in the kits when returned. None of the items are targeted with security devices. There is only one barcode per kit and staff members need to be familiar enough with which items belong in which kit to ensure all materials are returned. Kits are searchable in Polaris using a bib record search with the word "kits" and for the maker kits use "maker"...most items included in the kit are visible in the bib record view.

Early Literacy Kits – all kits contain books, subject-related activities, games and/or wooden puzzles, DVDs and music CDs to help kids practice basic literacy skills at home. These kits are popular with preschool and nursery school teachers who do thematic units in their classroom.

- Concepts numbers, letters, shapes, color, size
- Dinosaurs
- Food

- Things That Go
- Weather and Seasons
- Coming Soon Farm Animals and Pets

Math Kits – parallel curricula of the Saratoga Springs City School District as noted in their Rubicon Atlas curriculum maps. Originally designed with the classroom teacher in mind to use the kit as a "station" activity kids rotate to and complete math related tasks independently. They are actually very popular with our parents wanting to help their child with math skills at home. Each kit includes basic, grade level appropriate and challenging activities, books, flash cards, manipulatives and games. I will be adding new materials periodically to reflect adjustments in the curriculum maps and to keep the kits "fresh" for repeat borrowers.

- Kindergarten
- First Grade
- Second Grade

- Third Grade
- Fourth Grade
- Fifth Grade

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- Birdwatching
 - Bird guide books, binoculars, bird song cards
- Boomwhackers
 - Boomwhacker tubes I liken to Blue Man Group, Xylotote holder, wooden mallets, songbook
- Crochet
 - 1 book, 6 crochet hooks, 1 DVD, various colored balls of yarn
- Stop Motion Animation
 - 3 books, 1 iPhone tripod, 1 slate, 2 TOOBs, 1 Ogibild hub, 1 pop-up display, 10 Lego figurines



Maker Kits



Early Literacy Kit



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