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6 by 6 Activity Kit—Quick Start Guide

The activities in each kit were designed with child–adult interaction in mind. Encourage adults to interact with their children as they are using these materials in your space.

Ideas for Use.

- Put one or more activities out at a time. If you have a small space, simply put one or two out weekly and add new ones in on a rotating basis.
- Be sure to put activities where children and adults can reach them, a child–size table with chairs is ideal, but a corner of the floor and the empty end of a low shelf also make a great place. Magnetic activities may work on the ends of your metal bookshelves.
- Consider placing activities wherever children might be spending time—near a computer work station that parents use frequently or maybe near your Circulation Desk.
- Not all activities may work in your particular location. Maybe a piece is too big for the space you have, or maybe some of the materials won't work for your library. For example, some libraries have found that colored pencils just don't work for their patrons, but crayons do. That's okay! Adjust as necessary.
- Adapt these activities to make them work for you. And if one doesn't work at all, just put it away. Please let us know how you used or even adapted the activities—and which ones didn't work for you at all on the evaluation form when you return the kit. We'll adjust and improve as necessary.
- Feel free to add related activities while you are using this kit at your library. Use what you have on hand, or contact your Regional System for ideas.
- If you don't want to leave activities out all the time the library is open, consider using them after story time to extend the learning and fun. You might also consider hosting a drop-in program for families to come in specifically to use the kit activities during a set time.
- Be sure to have plenty of 6 by 6 brochures on hand so that families understand why this type of play is important and educational for young children. If you need more brochures, contact your Regional Library System Consultant.
- Lastly be sure to fill out the **THIS KIT NEEDS FORM** if you see any materials either missing or in need of replenishing in the kit.

Comments, questions or concerns regarding this kit should be addressed through your Regional Library System or feel free to contact Anna Foote, Early Literacy Coordinator for the State Library of Kansas. anna.foote@library.ks.gov or 800–432–3919.

Thank you and Enjoy Your Kit!



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Note to Librarians, Child Care Providers and Parents—

Please be aware that the items in these 6 by 6 Early Literacy Activity Kits are intended for use by children birth through six years old *with adult interaction and supervision.*

Some of the items in this kit may pose choking hazards to children under the age of three.

Examples include:

- Small magnetic letters
- Foam or felt shapes
- Small metal or plastic hoops
- Small puzzle pieces
- Small magnetic pieces
- Items with pieces that might be easily broken off

Use your discretion when deciding which pieces of this kit to use with children and families.

Some reasons you might want to avoid using a particular activity:

- The children who will be using the materials are younger than three.
- It is likely that children will be using these materials without adult interaction and supervision.
- An item or part appears to be damaged or broken. *(Be sure to report this on the “This Kit Needs Form” before you return the kit.)*

If you have questions or comments, contact:

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