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The Home Child Care program operates a Toy Library in both the Waterloo and Cambridge offices. Each library contains a variety of games, puzzles, theme bags and gross motor equipment that you may borrow to enhance the program that you offer in your home.

There are card games, memory and matching games, domino and board games. Some of the games can be used by a single child while others are for a group of two or more children. Many of the games encourage children of different ages to play together cooperatively.

For children who enjoy puzzles, there is a selection of large floor puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. A puzzle can be used as a quiet activity by a single child or a group of children.

Theme bags contain a wide variety of play materials all related to the same topic. For example, in the "Farming" theme bag you will find: a variety of farm theme puzzles ranging from 6 pieces to 30 pieces, several books about farm animals suited to a range of ages, counting and matching games related to farm animals, a movie, a set of plastic farm animals and equipment, farm theme sewing cards, a stamp pad and farm animal puppets. Theme bags have been created on a wide variety of topics and designed to suit different ages. Some of the themes are: Safety, Health and Fitness, My World, Transportation, Animals, Science, Under the Sea, Bugs, Dinosaurs, Music, Bears, Pirates and...many more.

You may go into either the Cambridge or Waterloo office during normal business hours and select the items you wish to borrow. These items can then be signed out for a two week period. You may also wish to talk to your caseworker about specific items that they may suggest to suit the ages and interests of the group of children in your home.

As a caregiver with the Region, you are encouraged to borrow items from the Toy Library to add variety to your program. Children, and caregivers, always enjoy a change of play materials.