

Creating Library Spaces for the Very Young Resources

Early Childhood Learning

Born Learning. <http://www.bornlearning.org/>. The Born Learning Campaign website has resources for parents and professionals, shares information to raise public awareness and influence policy. Provides data to make the case for early learning support.

Learning Centers in Pre-Schools. http://www.gigglepotz.com/pres_centers.htm

ELF. Early Learning for Families. <http://www.elflibraries.org/resources/parents-caregivers>.

Butte County ELF Program a CSAC 2008 Merit Award winner.
<http://www.library.ca.gov/newsletter/2008/2008Fall/awards.html>.

Pennsylvania. Department of Education. Office of Childhood Development and Early Learning.
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/About/OCDEL/>. Excellence in Early Learning.

Sinker, Mary. Designing for Play. <http://www.marysinker.com/101-design.html>

Zero to Three. <http://www.zerotothree.org/>. Website contains child development research, as well information for parents and professionals about children from birth through age 3.

Environment and Design

Jeffery A. Lackney, Ph.D., A.I.A. Learning Environments in Children's Museums. Paper presented at "Beauty, Creativity and Sensory Delights". Interactivity 2000: Creativity in Civil Society. Association of Youth Museums & Institute for Civil Society. Baltimore, Maryland, May, 2000.

Bishop, Kate. Designing Learning environments for all children: variety and richness. Design Consultant, Play for All. <http://www.e-bility.com/articles/play.php>

Library Design (Children)

Lushington, Nolan. Libraries Designed for Users: a 21st Century Guide. New York, Neal-Schuman Publishers,

Lushington, Nolan. Libraries Designed for Kids. London: Facet Publishing, 2008.

Library Discovery Centers

Children's Library Discovery Center. <http://www.pittsburghkids.org/>

Children's Library Discovery Center by 1100 Architect. Queens Borough, New York.
Salt Lake City. Children's Library.

Gyroscope. Standards of excellence in early learning: a model for Chicago Children's Museum.
http://www.childrensmuseums.org/members_only/StandardsofExcellence.pdf

Furniture and Equipment

TMC furniture. Children's tables and chairs. <http://www.tmcfurniture.com/>

AWE. Early childhood learning computer stations. <http://www.awe-net.com/>

Peek-a-Book kiosk. <http://www.peek-a-book.com/>

Lakeshore Learning Store (small manipulatives). <http://www.lakeshorelearning.com>

Koala Changing Table and Toddler Seat. <http://www.babychangingstations.com/>

Non-Toxic Cleaners

Care2: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/healthy-home/nontoxic-cleaning>

Eco-cycle: <http://www.ecocycle.org/hazwaste/recipes.cfm>

Pristine Planet: http://www.pristineplanet.com/non-toxic-biodegradable-eco-friendly/specialty-cleaners/472_a_0.html

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/hs/leadpaint.asp>

Maiden America: <http://www.maidenus.com/>

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov/ABOUT/Cpsia/faq/faq.html>

c3: <http://c3library.com/2009/01/05/cpsia-and-libraries/>

Materials

Rubber Flooring

Rubber-Cal: http://www.rubbercal.com/Playground_Surfacing.html

Saf Dek: <http://www.nofault.com>

Wondermat: <http://www.wondermat.com/>

FloorFacts: <http://www.floorfacts.com/commercial-resilient-floors.asp>

Carpeting

Carpet Guru's Carpet College: <http://www.carpetguru.com/>

Green Floors Environmental Flooring: <http://www.greenfloors.com/>

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