**Wee Build Program**

Wee Build is for libraries that do not have the space or storage necessary to be eligible for the Block Party program. It consists of nine sets of building materials that encourage creativity and open play. Four of the sets are appropriate for children two and up and three are for older children due to smaller pieces. Most of the sets come in clear boxes with snap on lids.

The purpose of the program is to provide materials that encourage young children to play.

Young children learn best when they are able to construct knowledge through meaningful play. With the materials provided children will build and experiment, manipulate objects, work with others, count and measure, talk about what they are building and building vocabulary; all activities that will help children to achieve the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for early childhood in not only STEM areas, but also in language and literacy development, physical development and social and emotional development .

**To be eligible to apply for this program a library must be willing to**

* Make at least one of the sets available in the children’s area all the hours the library is open
* Use the materials for programs
* Use the materials as part of preschool outreach
* Inform all staff about the program and its purpose
* Find room to store the kits when not in use
* Keep a photographic journal of the children’s work (does not have to include children’s pictures)
* Keep statistics on the use of the materials and complete a report by December 5, 2017.
* Issue and collect a simple survey from adults accompanying kids one day a month

**The library will receive**

Toddler Manipulative Library 1 and 2\*

Manipulative Library 1\*

Three Billy Goats Gruff Problem Solving kit\*

Tabletop Hardwood Blocks Set\*

3 Design and Build Engineering Centers\*

Magna Tiles Set\*

Requested survey

Talking points

\*Materials can be seen in the Lakeshore Learning catalog

If you have any questions please contact Susan Pannebaker by email spannebake@pa.gov

**Wee Build Application**

Library Name:

Street:

Town:

Zip:

Contact (person who does preschool programming)

Phone number:

Email:

I agree that my library will

Make at least one of the sets available in the children’s area all the hours the library is open
Follow guidelines provided

Keep a photographic journal of the children’s work (does not have to include children’s pictures)

Use the materials as part of preschool outreach

Find room to store the kits when not in use

Keep statistics on the use of the materials and complete an annual report

Issue and collect a simple survey from adults accompanying kids one day a month

Library Director: (Print Please)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You may return the application through email as a pdf or Fax.

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Or

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