

## HOW TO SEARCH THE KIT LIBRARY COLLECTION

### What are kits?

The term “kit” is used to refer to items specific to developmental learning. Kits contain parts in all shapes and sizes, which number anywhere from a few to several hundred, and may include teacher handbooks and manuals.

There are kits intended for the academic student. These kits are used as supplementary resources to the curriculum, and teach concepts that are otherwise difficult for a student with a visual impairment to understand, such as graphing skills or fractions. These kits typically contain the least number of parts.

There are kits intended for the non-academic student. These kits are used to teach skills such as motor learning, sensory stimulation, form perception, concept learning, etc. These kits typically contain the highest number of parts.

Another category of kits include braille instructional programs. These kits are aimed at supporting braille skills which may be required by a student who is visually impaired. These kits are primarily book items, and are used by both the academic and non-academic student.

The Library collection also includes kits for recreation/leisure and teaching social skills. These kits are primarily games that allow the student with a visual impairment to interact with other classmates who may or may not be visually impaired.

### What is the loan period for kits?

Most kits are loaned for 1 month, after which time they are subject to recall if requested by another school. Light boxes with accompanying materials, and programs used for teaching braille literacy skills are loaned for 3 months, after which time they are subject to recall if requested by another school. Schools may keep kits and return them at the end of the school year, unless a Recall Notice is initiated by Library Services.

### How do you find kits, which support a learning activity or concept?

When the name of the kit is unknown, perform a subject search. Library Services uses a prescribed list of subject headings. Each kit is assigned at least one subject heading. The following pages list the subject headings in alphabetical order that are linked to the kit collection.

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

- Abacus
- Alphabet
- Analogy Problems, exercises, etc.
- Auditory perception
- Baseball
- Bingo
- Blind Education
- Blind Orientation and mobility
- Blind Printing and writing systems – *use for braille instruction*
- Blind Recreation
- Board games
- Braille
- Braille music notation
- Calendars
- Card games
- Carpentry Tools
- Checkers
- Chess
- Clocks and watches
- Clothing and dress
- Color vision
- Compasses (mathematical instruments)
- Concept learning
- Counting
- Cribbage
- Critical thinking Problems, exercises, etc.
- Developmental reading
- Dominoes
- Ear
- English language Orthography and spelling
- Eye
- Eye-hand coordination
- Form perception
- Fractions
- Games
- Games in mathematics education
- Geometrical drawing
- Geometry
- Geometry, Plane
- Geometry, Solid
- Globes
- Graphic methods
- Health education Primary – *use for grades K-3*
- Human anatomy
- Human skeleton
- Language arts Junior High – *use for grades 7-9*
- Language arts Elementary – *use for grades 4-6*
- Language arts Senior High – *use for grades 10-12*
- Learning by discovery
- Light boxes
- Literacy
- Maps for the visually handicapped
- Mathematical instruments
- Mathematical notation
- Mathematical recreations
- Mathematical Drawings
- Mathematics Primary – *use for grades K-3*
- Measuring instruments
- Monopoly (Game)
- Motor learning – *use for gross motor skills*
- Musical notation
- Number concept
- Numerals
- Numerals, Writing of
- Orientation
- Perceptual-motor learning
- Phonetics Study and teaching
- Physical education for the blind
- Plants
- Playing cards
- Protractors
- Puzzles
- Questions and answers
- Readers Elementary – *use for English language arts for grades 4-6*
- Readers Primary – *use for English language arts for grades K-3*
- Reading (Primary) – *use for leisure reading for grades K-3*

- Reading devices for the disabled
- Reading Phonetic method
- Reading readiness
- Reading Remedial teaching
- Reading stands
- Rulers (Instruments)
- Science
- Science Primary – *use for grades K-3*
- Scrabble (Game)
- Sensory discrimination
- Sensory stimulation
- Sex instruction
- Sex instruction for children
- Size perception
- Solitaire (Board game)
- Solitaire (Game)
- Sounds
- Spellers Primary – *use for grades K-3*
- Sports
- Switches
- Teaching Aids and devices
- Tic-tac-toe
- Time measurements
- Touch
- Tracking (Psychology)
- Visual discrimination
- Visual perception
- Vocabulary
- Woodworking tools
- Word recognition

Refer to the following pages for an example of a subject search.

# EXAMPLE OF A SUBJECT SEARCH

To find out what braille instructional programs are in the Library collection, perform a subject search for “blind printing and writing systems”.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Learning Resources Centre website. The search interface includes a dropdown menu for search criteria, a text input field for keywords, a format selection section, and a search button. Four callout boxes provide instructions:

- Step 1:** Select “Subject” from the drop down menu.
- Step 2:** Type in the subject heading. Note that you don’t need to type in the entire subject heading, just enter key words. The example uses only the words “blind” and “printing”.
- Step 3:** Select “kit” as your format.
- Step 4:** Click on the “Search” button.

The search results section shows a table with columns for Type and Possible Results:

Type:	Possible Results:
math*	math, mathematic
blind*	blind, blindness
read*	readers, reading,

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Address <https://sydsq1.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/webopac/query.asp?CommandQuery=%28SubjectM%2ETerm+%25+%27blind+printing%27%29+AND+%28%28Format+%3D+%27kit%27%29%29+AND+%28CatStatFD+%3D+R%29+SORTBY+> Go Links >>

### SSVI Highlights...

Welcome to the SSVI's new catalogue.  
It features online requesting of resources and student equipment.

SSVI Catalogue Tutorial  
New Resources for June 2007  
New Resources for May 2007  
New Resources for April 2007  
Thanksgiving Holiday Stories  
Halloween Holiday Stories

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Found 39 record(s) spanning 4 page(s).

Title	Format	Edition
The braille connection a braille reading and writing program for former print users : print teacher's kit /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : High School level, clusters 1-16 /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : High School level, clusters 17-37 /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : High School level, clusters 38-56 /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Middle School level, clusters 1-16 /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Middle School level, clusters 17-37 /	Kit	
<a href="#">Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Middle School level, clusters 38-56 /</a>	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Primary level, clusters 1-16/	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Primary level, clusters 17-37 /	Kit	
Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Primary level, clusters 38-56 /	Kit	

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**Step: 5**  
**Select a record to view.**

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**Record View**

**Access Key:** awkf  
**Title:** Braille FUNDamentals a Braille curriculum for students with visual impairments : Middle School level, clusters 38-56 /  
**Picture:** [awkf.JPG](#)  
**Author:** [Cleveland, Jeri](#)  
**Format:** kt - Kit  
**Material type:** n/a - Not Applicable  
**Call number:** HV1666/C635Br/MS38-56/2002  
**Holdings:** Copies: 1  
**Publisher:** Austin, Texas : Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 2002.  
**Physical desc:** 1 v.  
**Content notes:** [Vol 1] manual, Introduction & Assessments ; [Vol 4] teacher's manual, student clusters 38-56 (green).  
**Summary:** A comprehensive program for teaching the Braille code. The sequence for introducing the Braille configurations has been organized into clusters of letters, numerals, contractions, short forms, punctuations and special signs, with specific clusters devoted to the reading and writing practice of previously learned contractions. This program can be used with Beginning Braille readers, as well as those readers who need to learn Braille when they are older.  
**Audience:** Grades 6-8.  
**Subject:** [Reading readiness](#)  
**Subject:** [Blind Printing and writing systems](#)

**Click on the file to view a picture of the kit. This will help you decide on the appropriateness for your student.**

**Have a look at the Physical desc, Contents notes, and the Summary for information about the kit's purpose.**

**Step 6: Proceed to "Request Title"**

Refer to the SSVI Catalogue Tutorial for further instructions on how to place an online request.

**Please take care of the kits on loan to your school, and maintain the original container and/or shipping box. Many kits are no longer available for purchase from commercial sources. If a kit or kit parts go missing, and cannot be replaced, the kit is withdrawn from the Library collection.**

**Please follow the instructions on the Kit Contents Quality Checklist. This form is included with every kit loaned to schools.**