



Tinkering = Picking up materials and tools and figuring out how to solve a problem or how to build something.

The Ashland Public Library Children’s Room recently received training in Tinker Kit programs, developed by the Boston Children’s Museum with funding from National Grid of Massachusetts and an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant. During February school vacation we will be offering a *Tinker Kit Program for Pre-K – Gr. 1*. More programs will follow this summer, including *Family Tinkering Together* and *Tech Take-Apart* for school age kids.

The Friends of the Library is looking for donations to make these programs successful. We want to have enough Tinkering supplies for 10 kids to participate at a time. Please help us out by donating one or more item(s) from the following list. Many of these items can be found at Dollar stores.

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| Clear plastic bins with lids (shoebox size) | need 10 |
| Hammer (small or child’s sized) | need 10 |
| Measuring cups (1/4, 1/3, 1/2, 1 cup) | need 10 sets |
| Measuring spoons | need 10 sets |
| Plastic colander | need 10 |
| Plastic funnels | need 10 |
| Plastic scoop | need 10 |
| Plastic Tongs | need 10 |
| Play-Doh (3 oz size) | need 20 |
| Pliers (needle nose) | need 10 |
| Ruler (wooden) | need 10 |
| Safety goggles (small enough to fit kids) | need 10 |
| Screwdrivers (small) | need 10 slot & 10 Philips head |

Other things that would be nice to have that you might have around the house:

- Scraps of lumber (sort of the size you would need to build a bird house)
- Sponges
- Flooring or countertop samples from a hardware store (those little tiles that are about 1 1/2 X 2” with a hole along one edge)
- Rubber bands
- Shoelaces
- String or twine
- Index cards
- Felt squares

