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One Hundred Pounds of Legos!

Kids & teens love building with LEGOS, and libraries love having great programs. OC Public Libraries are planning LEGOS programs at several branches in 2011—but lots of LEGOS are needed to make it happen.

Please donate! New or used LEGOS and DUPLOS can be dropped off at any OC Public Libraries branch (only that brand please, so all the pieces are compatible). If you have a few left from when your kids were little, or hundreds of them just getting in your way, the library would love to have them. Please bring them in a bag or box for easy handling. Your LEGOS will have a good home, and your donation is tax deductible. OCPL's goal is to collect 100 POUNDS of LEGOS!

According to Sharon Henegar, OC Public Libraries' Coordinator of Children Services, the planned library programs have an educational aspect. "Besides the joy of creating, toys such as LEGOS help children develop vital learning skills. Manipulating space, relationship and proportions improves math awareness skills, including fractions and division theory. Many children construct stories about what they are building, reinforcing verbal and cognitive skills. Building with the tiny blocks teaches patience and perseverance, and since children will sometimes be building in teams, they'll learn cooperation skills as well. Children learn the fine motor skills that are used in writing and many other activities. Play is the work of childhood, and play is fun."

The LEGOS collected by the library will be packaged in bins, making them easy to transport to branches all over Orange County for programs. Programs will be scheduled when enough blocks are collected. Please donate some LEGOS today!

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