

Giving Jack's Helping Hand a hand

We toss a playful **bouquet** to **Jack's Helping Hand**, a nonprofit organization that started an adaptive toy lending library in San Luis Obispo.

Designed for children with special needs, adaptive toys often are equipped with touch pads, sounds, lights or other elements that help youngsters develop skills — while having fun at the same time.

It's no surprise, though, that the toys can be very pricey. We checked online and found that something as simple as an asthma-friendly rattle sold for \$12.34 — on sale. More advanced toys sold for much more; for example, a specially designed bingo game was \$32.50 and a bowling game for children with limited motor skills was \$75.05 (again, on sale).

A free library is a wonderful — and highly practical — resource for parents raising children with special needs, and we commend all who had a hand in this worthy project.

The library is located at Central Coast Gymnastics on Zaca Lane and is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays; noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays.