

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play

Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play are the five early literacy practices. These simple, powerful practices help to establish a strong foundation for early literacy in young children. Every experience is a chance for learning and remembering to do

these practices with young children helps to get them ready to read.



These practices are demonstrated at our storytimes, programs for ages 0-5, and they are supported in our Family Place Children's Spaces. Build early literacy with us!

BOOK CORNER

Try these books to work on the five practices!

Each title is linked to our catalog!



Sing: [Chirp!](#) By Mary Murphy

Talk: [Crash, Splash, or Moo!](#) By Bob Shea

Read: [Bathe the Cat](#) by Alice McGinty

Write: [Andrew Drew and Drew](#) by Barney Saltzberg

Play: [Pete's A Pizza](#) by William Steig

Need more suggestions? Ask us at:

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OR call (303)-542-7279

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Sing

When singing songs, clap along to help children hear syllables and improve motor skills.

Talk

Ask open-ended questions to encourage more than a one-word response from your child.

Read

Share books and stories that you love and let your child turn the pages as you read a book.

Write

Encourage scribbling and coloring! This is the beginning of learning how to write.

Play

Use everyday objects around the home when you play together. Kids can do a lot with a box, sticks, pots and pans, and more!



AT THE LIBRARY

Family Storytime (All Ages)

[Southglenn Library](#)

-Every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 am

[Smoky Hill Library](#)

-Every Monday from 6:30 to 7 pm

[Eloise May Library](#)

-Every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 am

[Koelbel Library](#)

-Every Tuesday from 4 to 4:30 pm

[Castlewood Library](#)

-Every Wednesday from 4 to 4:30 pm

[Sheridan Library](#)

-Every Thursday from 10:30 to 11 am

Please register to reserve your spot.

Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Laurie Anne: larmstrong@ald.lib.co.us

Questions about Begin with Books storytime for in-home childcare? Email Andy: agallegos@ald.lib.co.us

For more resources, visit arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/ or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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SAVE THE DATE!

Start Your Summer with a FREE Book!

Summer Reading begins June 1 and all youth ages 0-18 can stop by the library to select a free book to keep!

As a part of Summer Reading, a special program for ages 0-5 will be traveling around all Arapahoe Libraries' locations.



Young children will have Adventures in Tape Town to learn and enjoy different features of their community! Plus, children will receive free giveaways to keep the fun going at home. This is a drop-in event with no registration required.

Parenting Strategies

When: Wednesday, June 21 at 6 pm

Where: Virtual on Zoom

Topic: New baby in the family? Bundles of joy can also bring added stress to family relationships. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants from All-Health Network will offer advice to new parents about how to deal with changing family dynamics both between partners and between parents and children. Find out about additional resources you can access. There will be time for questions.

Register online to reserve your spot and to receive your Zoom link to attend.

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