

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Play

Play is the work of childhood! Through play, children learn valuable early reading and social skills. Through dramatic play children learn about how conversation works. Dramatic play also helps children learn new vocabulary and sentence structure. Play looks different at different ages. For more information about the different ages and stages of play, click [here](#).



CLEL BELLS

Books that demonstrate early literacy.

The shortlist presents the top 5 titles in each early literacy. This shortlist of 25 CLEL Bell titles presents five top titles for each early literacy practice – READ, WRITE, TALK, SING and PLAY – which collectively encompass an engaging set of books that will support the varied needs and interests of children ages 0-5. These honored titles were carefully chosen from over [80 nominations](#) put forward by our committee. Scan the QR Code to see the shortlist!



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CLOSURES

Upcoming library closures

Below is information on upcoming library closures. Remember that the elibrary is always available!



Upcoming closures:

- Wednesday, December 24
- Thursday, December 25
- Wednesday, December 31, closing early at 5 pm

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY



The Imagination Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. The program partners with local communities to provide a hand-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to participating children from birth to age five. We're excited to put great books into the hands of children in our community to provide even more opportunities to read together. Find out if this program is available in your area by visiting: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>

Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Clair: clautsen@ald.lib.co.us

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

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

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STORYTIME

Effective January 5

Did you know that Arapahoe libraries offer a variety of nighttime and weekend storytimes? We understand that many families are busy during the week. See below for more information about evening and weekend storytimes.

Please register each child and adult attending this program. Drop-ins welcome as space allows!

- Family Storytime, Wednesday at 6:30, **Smoky Hill Library.**
- Family Storytime, Wednesday at 6:00, **Eloise May Library**
- Baby Storytime, Saturday at 9:30, **Smoky Hill Library**
- Family Storytime, Saturday at 10:30, **Smoky Hill Library**
- Baby Storytime, Saturday at 9:30, **Southglenn Library**
- Family Storytime, Saturday at 10:30, **Southglenn Library**



BOOK CORNER

Salamander Song-Ginny Neil



Salamander Song is a fascinating non-fiction picture book that highlights the life of an underated amphibian, the salamander! This book shares information about Salamanders and their migration patterns. Learn about what you can do to help keep salamanders safe.

PARENT TV-NOW LIVE!

Introducing a free resource for parenting questions.

Sometimes we just need a bit of help and it's hard to know where to turn to. There are so many different opinions out there from our friends, family, and on the internet, and many of them contradict each other. It's really challenging to know who to actually listen to. The video content on ParentTV is from down to earth parenting educators who speak in everyday language and offer solutions based on evidence and years of experience. Scan the QR Code for more information!



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