

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Sing, Play, Read, Write, Talk

There are five early literacy skills. They are sing, play, read, write, and talk. All these skills help your child as they prepare to learn to read. There are a variety of different ways you can implement these practices in your daily activities to develop these practices with your little one.

A great resource with more information about each of the five early literacy skills is the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) website. CLEL provides information about each early literacy skill. CLEL reviews new picture books that feature early literacy and creates an award list each year!

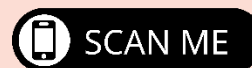
For more info check out: clel.org

FAMILY PLACE WORKSHOPS

Bring your little ones to play, craft and learn in this four-part program. During each program, professionals such as speech therapists, child behavior specialists, music teachers and nutritionists will be available to answer questions in a fun and informal setting.

Please register all children and adults attending the event. Drop-ins welcome as space allows.

Scan the QR code for dates and times!



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

LIBRARY BABIES

We Love Our Library Babies!

Register to receive a Library Babies kit by mail! It includes one librarian-selected board book, an "I'm a Library Baby!" tote bag, and a booklet of rhymes, songs and bounces perfect for helping your little one begin their journey to becoming a reader. For babies aged 0–18

months. One bag per baby, please, and **open to Arapahoe county residents only.**



Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Clair: claustsen@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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SCRIBBLE AND GIGGLE

2-5 years

Is your child starting to scribble? Then this is the perfect program for them to strengthen their prewriting skills through a variety of play-based activities, and to gather ideas for prewriting activities to do at home too!

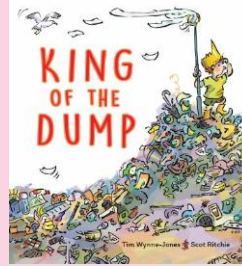
Drop in, no registration required.

- Monday, January 19, from 10:30-11:30am at **Davies Library**
- Saturday, December 6, from 10-11 at **Eloise May Library**
- Tuesday, December 9, from 10-11 at **Southglenn Library**
- Wednesday, December 10, from 10-11 at **Castlewood Library**
- Thursday, December 11, from 10-11 at **Smoky Hill Library**
- Friday, December 12, from 2-3 at **Smoky Hill Library**



BOOK CORNER

King of the Dump-Tim Wynne-Jones



King of the Dump is a charming story about what happens when children begin to outgrow their toys. Teddy and his Dad are going to the dump to get rid of some toys that Teddy no longer can play with. A great read as you clean out spaces to talk about passing on toys to the next child who would love them.

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Do you have any questions about library resources?

Our knowledgeable librarians are here to help educators, parents, and childcare providers with:

- Questions about reading levels
- Requesting materials
- Making library cards

And so much more! Please fill out our online form to get your questions answered!

To get started, visit:

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