

# PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

### Letter Knowledge

Letter knowledge is the knowledge that letters are different from each other and beginning to learn letter names and sounds. In order to read, children will need to know that letters look different and have different meanings from each other. To strengthen this skill: notice different types of letters (upper and lower case in books), read ABC books, talk about and draw the letters in our child's name.



## EARLY LIT AT HOME ACTIVITIES

### Vocabulary:

Did you know that a picture book has three times more rare words than everyday conversation? The more books you read at home, the more your child's vocabulary will expand. When you read together ask open-ended questions.

### Introducing new words

If you introduce a new word, make sure you explain what it means. When you have conversations, make sure that you leave space for your child to respond. Give them some time to respond. As children are learning to communicate, they need time to process a question, formulate a response, and to verbalize that response.

## CLEL BELLS

### Books that demonstrate early literacy.

The shortlist presents the top 5 titles in each early literacy practice. 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!



## LITERACY SPOTS

### Available at multiple locations, check our calendar for more information.

Take a few minutes to drop in the Children's Area with your 2-5 year old to play and chat with an Early Literacy Specialist! We will have a short literacy-building activity for your child to try and some of our favorite books to recommend.



Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Clair: [claustsen@ald.lib.co.us](mailto:claustsen@ald.lib.co.us)  
 Questions about Begin with Books storytime for in-home childcare? Email Alexa: [abynumsoto@ald.lib.co.us](mailto:abynumsoto@ald.lib.co.us)  
 For more resources, visit [arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/](http://arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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## LEARNING ON THE GO

### For ages 2-5

Enjoy storytime, songs and play with your little one. Leave with books and fun activities to keep the learning going at home! Everyone is welcome, from grandparents to caregivers. (The program, activities and materials are geared to ages 18 months to 5 years, but younger children are welcome to attend.)

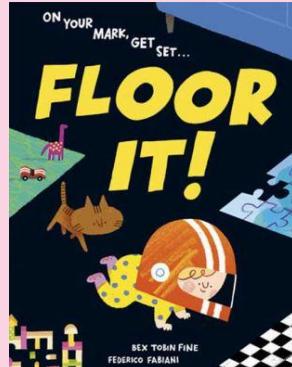
**Please register each child and adult attending this program.** Drop-ins welcome as space allows!

- Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00, Sheridan Library.
- Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30, Kelver Library
- Saturday, March 7 at 10:00, Eloise May Library
- Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00, Southglenn Library
- Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00, Castlewood Library
- Thursday, March 12 at 10:00, Smoky Hill Library
- Friday, March 13 at 2:00, Smoky Hill Library



## BOOK CORNER

### Floor It!-Bex Tobin Fine



Floor It! is a fun and playful story of a family enjoying their house. Like a racecar driver in a race, Baby zooms from room to room and crawls all over the place. Great for families with siblings.

## 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:  
[arapahoelibraries.org/educator-and-parent-support/](http://arapahoelibraries.org/educator-and-parent-support/)