

# PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

### Talk

Babbles are the first step to talking. When your child babbles at you, engage with them. You can have conversations before your little one even learns how to talk in full sentences! As you go throughout your day, talk about what is going on around you. "We are at the library, which is filled with books. We got here by driving in our car." The more words your little one hears, the greater their vocabulary becomes.

### Phonological Awareness:

As your little one is learning words, an important aspect is how words interact with each other. Play rhyming games with your little one. Rhyming helps break down the sounds in words.

For more information, visit [clel.org](http://clel.org)



## LEARNING ON THE GO

### Stories and more (Ages 0-5)

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. Registration opens on December 1, 2024.

- Saturday, January 4, from 10-11 at **Eloise May Library**.
- Tuesday, January 7, from 10-11 at **Sheridan Library**
- Wednesday, January 8, from 10-11am at **Castlewood Library**
- Thursday, January 9, from 10-11 at **Smoky Hill Library**
- Friday, January 10, from 2-3 at **Smoky Hill Library**
- Monday, January 13, from 10-11 at **Southglenn Library**
- Wednesday, January 15, from 10-11 at **Kelver Library**

## ACTIVITIES AT HOME

### Talk

Talking about print helps children understand that there is a meaning to print. Point out letters and language all around you. Think about all the things that have letters other than books: road signs, cereal boxes, and all sorts of other items!

### Vocabulary

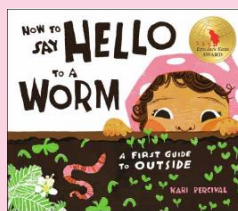
When your child talks to you, engage with them in an open-ended conversation. Explain the meaning of new words that they might learn. Slow down your speech. Your little one is always learning, and the more time they can absorb words, the greater their vocabulary will be.



## BOOK CORNER

### How to Say Hello to a Worm

By Kari Percival



"How to say hello to a worm" tells a sweet story of a community coming together to create a community garden.

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## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

### Upcoming library closures

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



### Upcoming closures:

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 31, closing early at 5pm
- Wednesday, January 1.

For more information:

<https://arapahoelibraries.org/closures/>



## FAMILY PLACE LITERACY AREA

### Did you know that all Arapahoe Libraries have a Family Place Literacy Play Area?

Play is one of the most important parts of child development. Through play, children learn many different skills. Each Arapahoe Library District location has a play area where you can play and explore with your little one. Explore the toys that are available and have fun playing together with your little one.

### Did you know Arapahoe Libraries offers Family Place Workshops?



These free workshops provide the opportunity to play with your little one. Play is their main source of learning. At each workshop, a specialist is also available to help answer questions you may have. Check out our website for more information.

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

Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Laurie Anne: [larmstrong@ald.lib.co.us](mailto:larmstrong@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/](https://arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).