

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Narrative Skills

Narrative skills are the ability to talk about events, make predictions, and tell stories. This is a skill that children need to learn and practice. When you talk to your children, ask open-ended questions. When you are reading stories together, make guesses about what might happen next. When you finish a story, you can also come up with an alternate ending.

Background Knowledge

Background knowledge helps your little one as they learn. As you read and go about your day encourage your little one to make connections with their previous experiences.

For more information, visit clel.org

LITTLE EXPLORERS (AGES 2-5)

Stories and more (Ages 2-5)

Discover new concepts of science, engineering, math and art with your Little Explorer. Children ages 2-5 will investigate a monthly theme that combines learning and literacy. Bring your curiosity and get ready to discover, play and learn!

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

- Saturday, February 1, from 2-3 at **Southglenn Library**.
- Friday, February 14, from 2-3 at **Koelbel Library**
- Saturday, February 15, from 10-11am at **Eloise May Library**
- Thursday, February 20, from 10-11 at **Castlewood Library**
- Thursday, February 27, from 2-3 at **Smoky Hill Library**

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Read

Reading helps little ones practice their narrative skills, as you talk about what is going on in the story as you read. When you read with your little one, sometimes you might talk more about what you see on the page than the actual words on the page.

Print Motivation

Make sure that reading is a fun experience for your little one. If they want to read the same book over and over, enjoy it! Repetition is crucial for development, and reading a story we enjoy is helpful as we develop a love for reading.

BOOK CORNER

Hot Dog By Doug Salati



Hot Dog is a charming wordless picture book about mindfulness. Wordless picture books allow you to practice narrative skills. Use your narrative skills to describe what is going on in the story.

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 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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EVENT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Dolly Parton's 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/>

0-5 WEBSITE

Did you know that there is a dedicated resource for 0-5 on the ALD website?

The 0-5 website includes many resources for our caregivers of children aged 0-5. Librarians curate lists of recommended books, and write blogs that cover topics you might want to learn more about.

Reserve a Browse Bundle

The 0-5 website contains a page where you can request a bundle of books for your little one! Bundles can contain board books or emergent readers. Fill out the form to receive your bundle.

<https://arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/>

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/

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