

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Vocabulary

The more vocabulary your child has, the easier it will be for them to begin to read. Your child is always learning new vocabulary from you. Explain the meanings of new words as your child is introduced to them. Talk about your day, you will be surprised how many words you use!



Phonological Awareness

Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Encourage your little one to rhyme, and to “play” with the smaller sounds in words. For more information, visit clel.org

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

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.

LEARNING ON THE GO

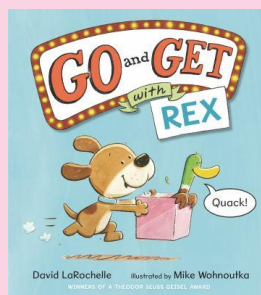
Stories and more (Ages 2-5)

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 storytime. Drop-ins welcome as space allows!**

- Saturday, March 1, from 10-11 at **Eloise May Library**
- Tuesday, March 4, from 10-11 at **Sheridan Library**
- Wednesday, March 5, from 10-11am at **Kelver Library**
- Tuesday, March 11, from 10-11 at **Summerglen Library**
- Wednesday, March 12, from 10-11 at **Castlewood Library**
- Thursday, March 13 from 10-11 at **Smoky Hill Library**
- Friday, March 14 from 2-3 at **Smoky Hill Library**

BOOK CORNER

Go and get with Rex By David LaRochelle



Go and get with Rex is a fun picture book that encourages readers to guess words that start with a certain letter. This book expands vocabulary as you can make guesses together.

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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STORYTIME ON THE GO KITS

Have a Storytime at home!

Check out a Storytime on the go kit.



Read together!
Play together!
Storytime To Go Kits contain 4 books with

a similar theme and a toy or other activity. Each kit includes ideas to read, write, sing, talk and play together. Kits are available at all locations but are in high demand! If all of the kits are checked out, you can place a hold.

The more storytimes and enjoyable experiences that your child has around reading, the more likely they are to enjoy reading as an adult. When you are looking at kits, look at the age the kit is designed for as well as kits that have a high interest subject for your child. If your child enjoys



dinosaurs, look for books that have dinosaurs in them. The more interested your child is in the subject matter, the more interested they will be in reading the material. When you read together at home, remain flexible with timing. If your little one seems to be done for the day, try again tomorrow!

LITERACY SPOTS

Missed out on storytime?

Engage in a fun literacy based activity. 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.



<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/