

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Letter Knowledge

Letter Knowledge is the knowledge that letters are different from each other, knowing letter names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere. As children begin to learn to read, they need to understand that a word is made up of individual letters.



Point out letters that you see around you. Letters and words are in books, and on a variety of different

things around us. Signs, food boxes, and so many other items have letters on them. Point these letters out to your little one.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

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, April 5, from 2-3 at **Southglenn**
- Friday, April 11, from 2-3 at **Koelbel Library**
- Thursday, April 17, from 10-11am at **Castlewood Library**
- Saturday, April 19, from 10-11 at **Eloise May Library**
- Thursday, April 24, from 2-3 at **Smoky Hill Library**

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Letter Knowledge

Talk about the different letters in your child's name. Your child won't start writing letters until they are around age 4 or 5. Until then, when you see a letter of their name point it out. Talk about the shape of the letter.

Shapes and Letters

As your little one is learning about letters, think about how letters can be similar to shapes. Drawing shapes and lines is an introduction to writing letters. Talk about how letters are made up of shapes. "Look, that triangle almost looks like the letter A, all you need are the straight lines at the bottom! To make the letter O, you draw a circle."

BOOK CORNER

Pasta: These Names Are Fun to Say By Felice Arena



Pasta: These Names Are Fun to Say is an engaging picture book that encourages you and your little one to talk about all different kinds of pasta! This book encourages you to sound out the names of the pasta. Breaking down words helps littles hear the syllables inside the words.

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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EXPLORATION PASS

Explore the Denver metro area with your library card!

The Exploration Pass is your ticket to adventure! Any Arapahoe Libraries card holder can reserve passes to metro-Denver attractions including the Butterfly Pavilion, Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum and more, at no charge.

- Book passes up to 30 days ahead of time.
- Maximum of two passes booked at one time.
- Each pass covers 2 or more visitors. See pass information for details.
- If you need help booking, call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

To view a complete list of available passes and participating attractions, view our website. On the homepage, select “Services-Explore Colorado.”



CHECK OUT COLORADO STATE PARKS

Explore Colorado!

Colorado Parks & Wildlife provides these Colorado State Park passes through the “Check Out Colorado State Parks Program”. This Program seeks to encourage and allow Colorado residents of all ages to visit State Parks, enjoy and explore nature, and engage in healthy, fun activities.



Find these kits and place them on hold by searching “check out state parks” in

our catalog at araphoelibraries.org

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: araphoelibraries.org/educator-and-parent-support/

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