

# PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

### Background Knowledge

Background knowledge is knowledge about a particular subject. As children learn to read, the more background knowledge they have, the easier it is for them.



For example, if you are reading a story about dinosaurs, the more words you have heard about dinosaurs the easier it will be to comprehend texts. To help develop background knowledge, add vocabulary when you talk about a particular subject. Share your knowledge with your little one, and help build their background knowledge.

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### Narrative Skills

Narrative skills are the ability to describe the events, telling stories, knowing the order of events, and making predictions. To help build narrative skills try these activities:

- Ask open-ended questions that encourage conversations.
- Talk about your day and its series of events.
- Mix up the events in a story, make it silly.
- Guess what comes next-or come up with a different ending.
- Read stories without words; they help focus on narrative skills.
- Name objects, feelings, and events.

For more info check out: [clcl.org](https://clcl.org)

## BLOG POSTS

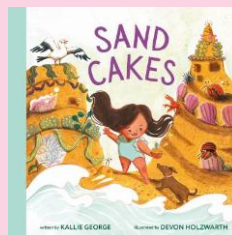
### Learn about resources, book lists, and more!

Check out the Arapahoe Library Kids blog. Blogs are updated each month and are written by our Librarian Team! Each month the blog might be about an Early Literacy Concept or highlight a celebration that is held in that month. Each blog typically contains a list of resources and book recommendations.

To find our blogs go to our website: [arapahoelibraries.org](https://arapahoelibraries.org), select “browse the library”, select by audience “0-5”, and navigate to resources. Check back for new blogs monthly!

## BOOK CORNER

### Sand Cakes-Kallie George



Sand cakes is an imaginative book about a young girl who creates treats at the beach. Sand Cakes is an excellent example of dramatic play in natural areas.

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/](https://arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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## SCRIBBLE AND GIGGLE

### Develop Pre-Writing Skills at the library

Is your little one starting to scribble? Join us for play focused on strengthening pre-writing skills. Engage with your little one in a variety of play-based activities. Get ideas for prewriting activities you can do at home. Designed for ages 2-5. **Drop in; no registration required.**

#### Davies Library:

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, 10:30

- September 15
- October 20
- December 15

#### Sheridan Library:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 10:30

- September 16
- October 21
- December 16

#### Eloise May Library:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 6:00

- September 17
- October 15
- December 17

#### Koelbel Library

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 2:00

- September 18
- October 16
- December 18

## WRITING TABLES

### Practice writing at the library

Did you know that every Arapahoe Library has an area where you can use supplies such as crayons or other writing utensils to work on writing! Use the paper at the table to scribble and practice your writing. Our writing tables have different activities every few months, so

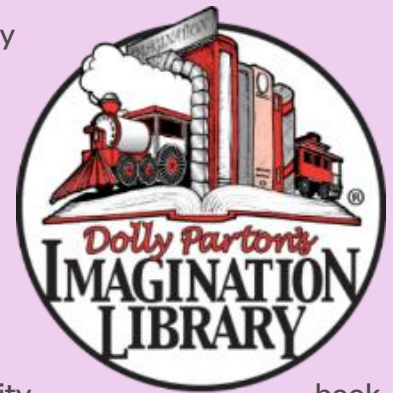


make sure you check out what is going on at the writing table!

Available at all ALD locations!

## DOLLY PARTON-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/>

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