

# PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

### Print Motivation

*Being interested in and enjoying books*

Why is it important?

A child who experiences books and reading as positive or enjoyable will be more likely to want to learn to read on their own. Motivation is important because learning to read is **HARD WORK!**

It's important that we make sure our children start reading and listening to books from day one and that they have a good time with books.

What Can You Do to Help Build this Skill?

- Have fun!
- Read books you both like
- Stop (or shift gears) when it is no longer fun. Length of time is not important; enjoyment is!

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

## LITTLE EXPLORERS

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

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

- Friday, March 13, 2-3 at Koebel Library
- Wednesday, March 18, 10-11 at Southglenn Library
- Saturday, March 21, 10-11, at Castlewood Library
- Thursday, March 26, 2-3, at Smoky Hill Library
- Friday, April 3, 10-11 at Eloise May Library

## EARLY LIT AT HOME ACTIVITIES

### Sing!

When you sing with your little one, the syllables in words are broken down. Singing also encourages children to listen. It may feel odd to sing, but your child will think your singing voice is the best!



Keep songs fun, sing songs from your childhood, and create new songs with your little one.

## COLORADO STATE PARKS PASS

Place a hold on a [Colorado State Parks Pass](#) and get ready to explore nature in the beautiful Centennial State. Each pass checks out for one week and gives you access to any Colorado State Park.

With [42 state parks](#), [opens a new window](#) to choose from, which one will you explore first?

This is a very popular item and we are unable to provide more at this time. While you

wait for the next available parks pass, visit [Colorado Parks & Wildlife](#), [opens a new window](#) to learn more about Colorado's state parks, or ask Colorado Parks & Wildlife how [you can support library programs](#), [opens a new window](#) just like this.



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## EXPLORATION PASS

Arapahoe Libraries card holders can reserve an [Exploration Pass](#), which grants admission for up to 7 people to many metro-Denver attractions at no charge.

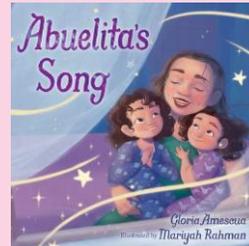
What will you discover in the Mile High City?

- Book passes up to 30 days ahead of time.
- Maximum of two (2) passes booked at one time.
- Each pass covers one (1) or more visitors. See pass information for details.
- Need help booking or canceling passes? Call [303-542-7279](tel:303-542-7279) (303-LIBRARY). Reserving an Exploration Pass does not guarantee entry. Please check with the destination you plan to visit directly for up-to-date information.



## BOOK CORNER

**Abuelita's Song-Gloria Amescua**  
illustrated by Mariyah Rahman



Abuelita's Song is a charming book that can be sung aloud. This story also highlights how children create memories around music and singing.

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

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