

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Print Motivation and Print Awareness

Print Motivation and Awareness is noticing print in the world and having the desire to observe and discover what print means. This connects to understanding that the spoken word can be written down and has value.

We can work on these skills by giving children opportunities to work with books and guiding their use. Print Motivation and Awareness can be supported by helping young children realize that words are all around us.



START SUMMER WITH A BOOK!



Summer Reading begins June 1 and all youth ages 0-18 can stop by the library to select a free book to keep! Titles will be available for every age and stage from board books to graphic novels. Motivate your little learner by getting them excited to choose their summer reading book and keep that thirst for reading going all summer long!

Books available while supplies last.

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Try these activities to develop Print Motivation and Awareness!

*While at the grocery store, ask your child to say what they see around them. Being able to recognize that signs and labels have meaning is a first step to reading.

*Create a comfortable space where books are kept and reading takes place. The more joyful feelings a child has

around the activity of reading, the more motivated they will likely be.

*Take sticky notes and label items around the house. This helps to reinforce that language can be turned into writing and that words have value. This also helps to build vocabulary.



PARENTING STRATEGIES: TIPS FOR NEW AND EXPANDING FAMILIES

When: Wednesday, June 21 from 6-7 pm

Where: Virtual on Zoom

Topic: New baby in the family? Bundles of joy can also bring added stress to family

relationships. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants from All-Health Network will offer advice to new parents about how to deal with changing family dynamics both between partners and between parents and children. They will also answer your questions and offer additional resources you can access.

Register online to reserve your spot and to receive your Zoom link to attend.



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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 Andy: agallegos@ald.lib.co.us

For more resources, visit arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/ or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

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SAVE THE DATE FOR PROGRAMS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER

Join us for these programs all summer long!

***Some programs/events require registration due to limited space.**

Adventures in Tape Town (ages 0-5)



- Smoky Hill Library, Saturday, June 3, 10-11:30 am, No registration required
- Sheridan Library, Friday, June 9, 10-11:30 am, No registration required
- *Online, Thursday, June 15, 6:30-7 pm, Register online to receive Zoom link
- Eloise May Library, Friday, June 16, 10-11:30 am, No registration required
- Southglenn Library, Friday, June 23, 10-11:30 am, No registration required
- Koelbel Library, Saturday, June 24, 10-11:30 am, No registration required

All Together Now: Connected Through Art

- *Southglenn Library, Thursday, June 1, 4-6 pm, Register online for free

All Together Now: Connected Through Science

- *Smoky Hill Library, Sunday, June 11, 10 am- 12 pm, Register online for free

All Together Now: Connected Through Nature

- *Eloise May Library, Tuesday, June 27, 4-6 pm, Register online for free

Register at [arapahoelibraries.org](https://www.arapahoelibraries.org)

EARLY LITERACY SPEAKER EVENT COMING IN AUGUST!

When: Koelbel Library, August 9 from 7-8:30 pm
Smoky Hill Library, August 10 from 7-8:30 pm

Join us for the Arapahoe Libraries' 13th annual early literacy speaker event! Allison McDonald, co-author of Raising a



Rock-Star Reader, preschool teacher, and blogger at “No Time for Flash Cards”, will share how parents can harness the power of play to help children ages 0-6 build pre-reading and other early learning skills. Attendees will participate in hands-on activities that demonstrate how everyday moments can easily become fun, learning experiences for your little ones. Take home activity samples and a free book! Registration opening soon!

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