

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Building Vocabulary

Vocabulary is knowing words and knowing word meanings. When we use oral language and speak to our children, we expose them to different words and sounds. The more words and definitions a child knows, the easier it will be for them to start learning to read and write.

When a child has a large vocabulary to call upon, the more effectively they can communicate and understand conversation. Vocabulary supports recognizing words in print and expands their ability to understand the words we read aloud. Look at the activities below to help work on vocabulary!

BOOK CORNER

Click on the title to view in our catalog or visit our website to find out more!

[Hey, Water!](#) By Antoinette Portis



Picture books are a great source of unusual words that we don't hear every day. While reading together, talk about the illustrations they see and what they know about them.

To find more books, [CLICK HERE](#) for a list!

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Build vocabulary by asking open-ended questions and expand on a child's response.

Example: "That's right this is a duck. A duck has webbed feet for swimming. Why do you think the duck swims in the pond?"



Bring vocabulary to playtime! When playing or doing an activity, naming objects and actions can highlight new words. Go further by talking about their characteristics.

Example: You jumped on the grass! How did that feel? The grass looks green and smooth. What does it feel like to you?



PROGRAM FOR CAREGIVERS

Make and Take

Come see how to make learning fun at this adult crafting workshop. Create some tools to help the little ones in your life grow their early literacy skills. Take home literacy tips, activities, book suggestions and more to set the stage for reading and discovery! For parents and caregivers of kids ages 0-5. Please register every adult attending online. Drop-ins welcome as space allows.



[Koelbel Library, October 11, 6-8 pm](#)

5955 S. Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121

[Smoky Hill Library, October 18, 6-8 pm](#)

5430 S. Biscay Cir, Centennial, CO 80015

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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FAMILY PLACE PLAY & LEARN WORKSHOP

Parents and caregivers: Bring your little ones to play and learn together in this four-part program. While your child explores toys, crafts and more, you can chat with local experts. During each program professionals like speech therapists, child behavior specialists, music teachers and nutritionists are on hand and happy to answer your questions in this fun and informal setting.

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



Kelver Library

585 S. Main St, Byers, CO 80103

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 10-11 am

Koelbel Library

5955 S. Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10-11 am

Register at arapahoelibraries.org

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!

Storytimes are offered at all Arapahoe Libraries' locations for families with children ages 0-5. Provided by the Child and Family Library Services department, storytimes focuses on supporting early literacy skills.

These skills will be useful when a child enters school and begins to learn how to read and write.



Register for your spot in storytime at:

arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/#storytimes

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