

# 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.

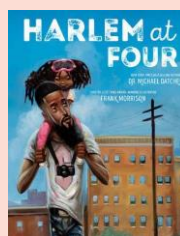
## BOOK CORNER

### Books for Young Children by Black Authors

Mama's Sleeping Scarf  
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



*Chino loves to play with her Mama's sleeping scarf! This is a sweet story about family, culture, and the things that bring us together.*



Harlem at Four  
by Michael Datcher

*Join 4-year-old Harlem and her father as they explore their neighborhood and its rich history. Stunning illustrations by award winning*

*illustrator Frank Morrison.*

## 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.

## IMAGINATION LIBRARY

### Free Books for Children Ages 0-5!

Arapahoe Libraries is partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to send free books to children in our community. The program provides a high-quality book to participating children every month from birth to age five.



Visit the link below to find out if the program is available in your area and to start receiving a new book each month for each child in your household at no cost to you!

[imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/](https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/)

Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Laurie Anne: [larmstrong@ald.lib.co.us](mailto:larmstrong@ald.lib.co.us)

Questions about Begin with Books storytime for in-home childcare? Email Abigail: [asewall@ald.lib.co.us](mailto:asewall@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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## FAMILY PLACE WORKSHOPS

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.



### Koelbel Library

5955 S. Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121  
Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from  
10-11 am

More dates and locations to be announced soon!

Register at [arapahoelibraries.org](https://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](https://arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/#storytimes)

## REQUEST A BROWSE BUNDLE

Do you take home lots of board books and emergent readers for your children who are just beginning to read?



We've assembled bundles of these books for you to check out and enjoy at home with your child.

Board book Browse Bundles have 5 randomly selected titles.

Emergent reader Browse Bundles have 10 randomly selected titles at a specific reading level.

Use the link below to request a bundle, then when it's ready, pick it up like any other hold.

<https://arapahoelibraries.org/browse-bundles/>

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