

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Print Awareness & Print Conventions

Print Awareness is the skill of noticing and understanding that print is all around us. This includes knowing that print can be written down and has meaning.

Print Conventions are all about understanding how print works. Examples of this are knowing how to follow words on a page, knowing how to handle a book, and the ability to grasp the idea that printed words represent spoken language.

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!

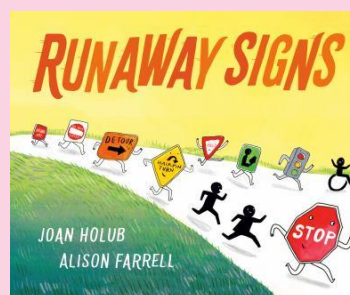
imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/



ACTIVITIES AT HOME

- Next time you are at the grocery store, point out the words on the products you buy as a family. This will show young children that text is everywhere and by tying it to items they are familiar with they are more likely to remember those words.
- When reading stories to your little ones, run your finger along the text as you read. This will show little ones that we read words from left to right and help connect spoken words to written words.

BOOK CORNER



Runaway Signs By Joan Holub

What happens when all the road signs decide to take a vacation? Chaos!

Learning about road signs is a great way to introduce young children to environmental print and learn that words are everywhere, and they have meaning. This fun story is sure to spark conversation about the importance of signs, how they work, and what they mean.

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 Abigail: asewall@ald.lib.co.us

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

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EVENT AND PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Music and Movement



Join us for a fun program that will get kids singing, dancing, and exploring musical instruments while also helping them develop motor skills and listening skills.

Thursday May 23rd, 10:00-11:15am at Southglenn Library and Wednesday May 29th, 2:00-3:15pm at Smoky Hill Library.

Please register *everyone* attending (all adults and children).

Visit arapahoelibraries.org for more events!

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Bright By Text

The early literacy librarians at Arapahoe Libraries want you...to sign up for Bright by Text! Arapahoe Libraries is a proud partner of Bright by Text, a Colorado-based non-profit with a national reach.

If you are a parent or caregiver spending time at home with little ones, now is a good time to sign up. Join more than 100,000 people across the country (including some early literacy librarians you know) who have registered.

To sign up, text BRIGHT to 274448 and choose Spanish or English. For more information, visit:

www.brightbytext.org

EDUCATOR AND PARENT SUPPORT

Do you have 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!

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