

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play

Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play are the five early literacy practices. These simple, powerful practices help to establish a strong foundation for early literacy in young children. Every experience is a chance for learning and remembering to do these practices with young



children helps to get them ready to read. These practices are demonstrated at our storytimes, programs for ages 0-5, and they are supported in our Family Place Children's Spaces. Build early literacy with us!

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JOURNEY BY SEA: NAUTICAL ADVENTURES

Ahoy, mateys! Prepare to embark on a thrilling nautical-themed experience where you will encounter pirates, mermaids, and even stare down the fearsome giant kraken! Craft stations, a photo booth, and refreshments are sure to put the wind in your sails. So, gather your sea legs and join us for some seafaring fun perfect for sailors of all ages!

Geared toward ages 5-12 but the whole family is welcome!

Sunday June 9th from 10:00am-12:00pm at Smoky Hill Library

Saturday July 13th from 10:00am-12:00pm at Koelbel Library

TICKET TO ADVENTURE!

Plane ride to the beach!



Hop on a plane and take a trip to the beach with your friends at the library! Present your ticket, take your seat, and relax. Enjoy a snack,

and before you know it, you've arrived! Enjoy beach-themed books and activities and leave with a book and memories of your adventure. For ages 0 – 5 and their parents or caregivers. Drop in. No registration required.

Visit arapahoelibraries.org/events for dates and times!

TICKET TO ADVENTURE!

Train ride to the Alps!



Hop on a train and take a trip to the Alps with your friends at the library! Present your ticket, take your

seat, and relax. Enjoy a snack and before you know it you've arrived! Enjoy mountain-themed books and activities and leave with a book and memories of your adventure.

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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 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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EARLY LITERACY TIP: BUILD A HOME LIBRARY!



Creating a print rich environment in your home is one of many ways to get your young children ready

to start reading. Research shows that children who live in an environment where print materials are easily accessible and celebrated are more motivated to learn to read. One way to make your home a print rich environment is to build a home library with books that you and your children love to read together.

Books can be expensive but building your home library does not have to be, here are a few ways you can add books to your collection at little to no cost:

- Come to the library for our Summer Reading Program and pick up a free book for any child 0-18 years old.
- Enroll your 0-5 year old in the Imagination Library to receive a free high-quality book in the mail once a month.
- Come to one of the library's Used Book Sales and take home some previously loved books for a fraction of the cost of new ones.
- Check the Little Free Libraries in your neighborhood for children's books.
- Plan a Book Swap with friends and neighbors to exchange reading materials.

START THE SUMMER WITH A BOOK

Summer Reading begins June 1st 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.

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/

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