

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Sing

Songs help children develop listening skills and pay attention to rhymes and rhythms. Singing also slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps children when they begin to read.



Print Awareness

A foundational early literacy skill is understanding that print has meaning. To help children make this connection, print out lyrics to favorite songs or read books that can be sung.

For more information, visit clel.org

LEARNING ON THE GO

Stories and More for ages 0-5

Enjoy storytime, songs and play with your little one. Leave with books and fun activities to keep the learning going at home! Everyone is welcome, from grandparents to caregivers.

The program, activities and materials are geared to ages 18 months to 5 years, but younger children are welcome to attend.

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

- Saturday, November 2, from 10-11am at Eloise May Library
- Wednesday, November 6, from 10:30-11:30am at Kelter Library
- Tuesday, November 5, from 10-11am at Sheridan Library
- Wednesday, November 13, from 10-11am at Castlewood Library
- Thursday, November 14, from 10-11am at Smoky Hill Library

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Sing

Sing songs while on the go, repeat your child's favorite songs again and again, and don't forget to dance and add instruments when possible!



Print Awareness

- Read the mail. When the mail is delivered each day, have your child help you sort it according to which family member's name is on the label. If interesting cards, ads, or magazines arrive, read parts of them aloud.

BOOK CORNER

We Belong to the Drum

By Sandra Lamouche



"We Belong to the Drum" is a story about an indigenous child finding comfort through music. And it models singing between child and caregiver beautifully.

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EVENT AND PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



The Imagination Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. The program partners with local communities to provide a hand-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to participating children from birth to age five. We're excited to put great books into the hands of children in our community to provide even more opportunities to read together.

Find out if this program is available in your area by visiting:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>

PARENTING COLLECTION

Did you know that all Arapahoe Libraries locations include a dedicated parenting collection?



Located near the children's area, our parenting collection includes books and materials that cover topics such as early childhood development, social emotional growth, reading readiness, mental health, nutrition, speech and language development, and so much more!

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!

To get started, visit:

arapahoelibraries.org/educator-and-parent-support/