

# PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

#### Write

The first step that children take towards writing is making scribbles and lines. Encourage your little one to play with crayons and markers and to create. Writing utilizes fine motor skills. Play with things like play doh to help develop these skills.



## Vocabulary

When your little

one is writing, you can also write. Make a to do list or write out a grocery list. Talk to your little one about what you have added to your lists.

For more information, visit clel.org

#### LITTLE EXPLORERS

## Program for ages 2-5

Discover new concepts of science, engineering, math and art with your Little



Explorer. Children ages 2-5 will investigate a monthly theme that combines learning and literacy. Bring your curiosity and get ready to discover, play and learn!

- Friday, November 8, from 10-11am at Koelbel Library
- Saturday, November 16, from 10-11am at Eloise May Library
- Thursday, November 21, from 10-11am at Castlewood Library
- Thursday, November 21, from 10-11am at Davies Library
- Saturday, November 23, from 10-11am at Smoky Hill Library

## **ACTIVITIES AT HOME**

#### Write:

When you read stories to your little one, point out the letters that you see on the page. If there are larger letters, encourage your little one to trace the letter. This will help them learn how letters are formed when writing.

#### Letter Awareness

 When you write with your child, practice writing out their name. Talk to them about how the different letters in their name look and point out that letter when you see it on items in your day-to-day life, like on signs, books, or anything else with writing on it!

## **BOOK CORNER**

#### Scroll

By Hui Li



"Scroll" is a story that shows the adventures of a young girl and her dog after she begins practicing Chinese Calligraphy.

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 Alexa: abynumsoto@ald.lib.co.us For more resources, visit arapahoelibraries.org/children-0-5/ or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

## ARAPAHOE LIBRARIES

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#### **ASK A LIBRARIAN**

## Need help?

Arapahoe Libraries provides an Ask a Librarian service, where our Librarians can help you with a variety of Library-related services. You can get assistance with: The website, showcasing your art, your account, educator support, and one on-one help. Our librarians can respond to you digitally or through a one-on-one appointment!



## Looking for your next great read?

Did you love the last book you read? Or are you looking for something completely different? Our librarians are ready to help you find your next great read, watch, or listen! This service is available for all ages, and we can assist with creating a reading list for you or your little one. On the Ask a Librarian page, select "what to read/watch/listen to next", and fill in the information.

Ask a Librarian:

https://arapahoelibraries.org/ask-a-librarian/

## **BRAIN BOXES**

Did you know that Arapahoe Libraries have Brain Boxes that can help your little ones brain development?



There is no better time to help stimulate healthy brain development than

the first 5 years of life! Brain Boxes are specially designed for infants, babies, toddlers and preschoolers and are filled with fun, age-specific activities for caregivers to do with young children. Each play-based box comes with directions describing the "what" and "why" for each activity. What we do with kids early on translates to later success. Brain Boxes are excellent support!

# EDUCATOR AND PARENT SUPPORT

Do you have any 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:

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