

PARENT-CAREGIVER LIBRARY CONNECTION

EARLY LITERACY TIP

Phonological Awareness

Children who can hear how words “come apart” into separate sounds will be more successful at “sounding out” words when they start to read. Knowing when two words rhyme, recognizing words that have the same beginning or ending sounds, and identifying syllables are all examples of phonological awareness.

Activities at home

Singing helps break down the sounds in words. The more you sing together the more your little one is learning. Try playing rhyming games! Encourage your little one to rhyme words.

SCRIBBLE AND GIGGLE

Join us to strengthen prewriting skills through a variety of play-based activities. If your child is starting to scribble, then this will be a great time for them! Gather ideas for prewriting activities to do at home Drop in no registration required.

- Monday, March 16, 10:30-11:30 at Davies Library
- Tuesday, March 17, 10:30-11:30, at Sheridan Library
- Wednesday, March 18, 6-7, at Eloise May Library
- Thursday, March 19, 2-3 at Koelbel Library



JUST RIGHT BOARD BOOKS

Check out our Just Right Board Books

Reading to your baby is an excellent way to enjoy each other, build critical brain connections, and give your baby a love of books. These “Just Right Board Books” sets show what types of books are good to share - and why - each step of the way. “Just Right Board Books” kits are grouped by age. Kits are designed for ages 3 to 24 months. There are also Spanish Just Right Board



Books.

To place a hold on these search “Just Right Board Books” in our catalog.

LIBRARY BABIES



Register to receive a Library Babies kit by mail! It includes one librarian-selected board

book, an “I’m a Library Baby!” tote bag, and a booklet of rhymes, songs and bounces perfect for helping your little one begin their journey to becoming a reader. For babies aged 0–18 months. One bag per baby, please, and **open to Arapahoe county residents only.**

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SAFECARE COLORADO

SafeCare® Colorado gives parents and caregivers tools, information and a trusted partner that help to make parenting easier, less stressful, and more fun.

SafeCare® Colorado providers work side-by-side with families once a week in their home or through virtual visits. The goal of SafeCare® Colorado is to help parents and caregivers build on the skills they already have and make sure they have what they need to keep children safe, healthy, and thriving.

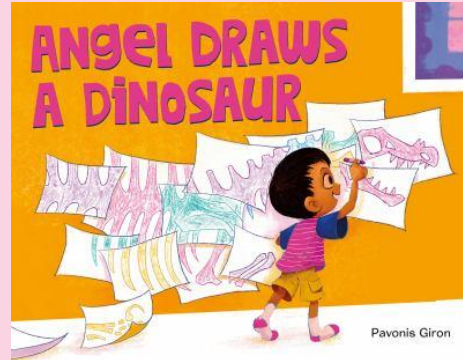
SafeCare Colorado has three topics focused on different parenting skills

- Home Safety: Learn about and remove common household hazards
- Child Health: What to do when a child is sick or injured.
- Parent-Child Relationship: How to increase positive behaviors and decrease difficult behaviors.

SafeCare® Colorado is a voluntary program for parents of children aged five and under who could use some extra support to keep children safe and healthy.

BOOK CORNER

Angel Draws a Dinosaur-Pavonis Giron



Angel Draws A Dinosaur highlights the importance of scribbling and drawing! Angel visits the museum and is inspired to draw a dinosaur. However, Angel's drawings don't initially come out as planned. A great story of trying again.

ASK A LIBRARIAN

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:

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

Questions about reading readiness at your childcare center? Email Clair: clautsen@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).