



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

FAMILY

Pikes Peak Library District is a member of Parenting Matters of El Paso County, which provides community parenting class schedules. www.parentingmatters-epc.com

211 Information and Referral is a free, confidential information and referral hotline connecting people in need with the health and human services they require.

Early literacy presentations and trainings for parents are available upon request.

Family Place Libraries™ is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth, and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. The Family Place Libraries network currently includes more than 300 sites in 23 states and continues to grow.

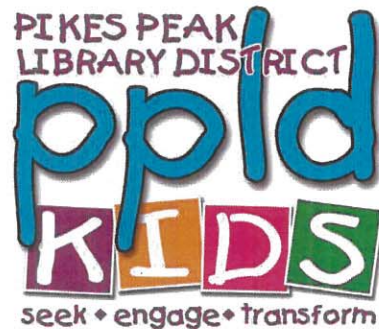


Your local library is part of the network of Family Place Libraries™; Building Foundations for Early Learning



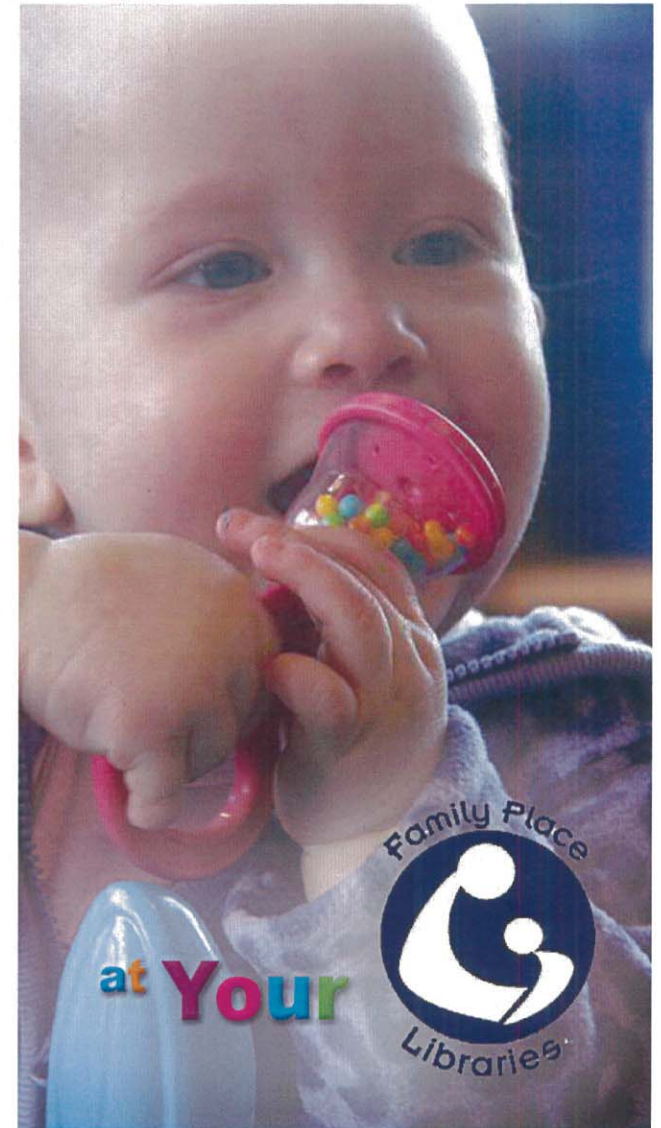
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BRIGHT FROM THE START





The Family Place play areas in Fountain Library and Library 21c are fun environments where you and your young child can read, play, and learn. These specially-designed spaces feature board books, picture books, toys, puzzles, blocks, and drawing stations. These activities will help build your child's early literacy skills.

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Parenting Collections

Chosen especially for parents of young children, these collections cover every aspect of parenting. Resources include books, DVDs, magazines and newsletters, brochures, online resources, and current events for parents.

Grow a Reader kits

Forty-eight themed kits are available for checkout to provide fun ways to encourage early literacy. Each thematic kit includes:

- Activity Booklet
- 5 - 6 picture books with presentation ideas
- Music CD
- Materials for activities
- Caregiver Surprise

Literacy kits

Early literacy matching and shapes games, puzzles, and other activities are available for use in the library. (Library 21c)

Bookmarks

Monthly early literacy activities bookmarks give ideas for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.



PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS,

Parent/Child Workshop

Play with your child while making friends and talking one-on-one with child development specialists. Early literacy, nutrition, speech, child development, and music are featured in an informal play setting with lots of toys.

Baby Time

Babies from birth to 12 months, with a favorite adult, enjoy songs, bouncing action rhymes, and sharing a book together. Babies will hear lots of language and play with other babies.

Toddler Time

One and two-year-old children, with a favorite adult, participate in nursery rhymes, music and movement, and listen to a few short books.

Storytime

Children ages 3 and up, with a favorite adult, experience stories through books, flannelboards, puppets, songs and activities.

Stay & Play

Children ages 2 to 5 and their favorite adults enjoy stories and songs. After storytime, we'll have fun toys, games, and activities to enhance your child's early literacy learning. (Fountain Library)

Tots & Blocks

Stay and play with us after Toddler Time or drop in to build, balance, stack and crash with a variety of different blocks. (Fountain Library)

Summer Reading Program for Babies and Toddlers

A special summer game card for babies and toddlers allows them to earn prizes for reading and doing other early literacy activities.