

LIBRARY KITS

Early Literacy Kits

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers

The Early Literacy Kits help prepare children for learning how to read and contain lots of great tips and ideas to expand learning through everyday activities. The Early Literacy Kits are available to check out and take home for three weeks at a time.

Grab & Go Story Kits

The Grab & Go Story Kits are theme bags. They have three books, a puppet or activity that follows the theme of the books, a DVD or music CD and a handout with information about the six early literacy skills and the importance of reading to children every day. The Grab & Go Kits are available to check out and take home for three weeks at a time.



SUCCESS STARTS EARLY

Your child loves to be close to you and hear the sound of your voice. A loving relationship develops between you and your child when you share books, sing songs and recite rhymes with him or her. The bond you create with your child through books and music will support his or her learning for a lifetime.



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



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WHAT IS EARLY LITERACY?

Children are born ready to learn, and you provide the opportunities for learning through everyday experiences— including talking, reading, singing, writing and playing. Through these interactions, children develop a knowledge about reading, writing and learning before they even know how to read or write. This knowledge is called **early literacy**.

OUR FAMILY PLACE CENTER

The Family Place Center in the Children's Library at Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library is a safe, fun environment where you and your young child can read, play and learn. This specially-designed space features materials for children and parents including board books, picture books, toys, puzzles, blocks and drawing stations, all creating opportunities for little ones to explore. As your child's first and most important teacher, these activities will help you build your child's early literacy skills.

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Play, Grow & Learn Together at your Family Place Library



Our staff is here to support you and your little one. We hope you will enjoy our many programs & services.

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library | Your Family Place Library
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PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE

Ask a librarian, check the monthly Children's Library newsletter or library website to find out dates and times for all Children's Library programs.

Summer Reading Program

Newborns through children entering 5th grade
Every year the library holds the Summer Reading Program. Children as young as newborn may join the program and listen to stories. Children start learning how to read on the laps of their parents and early experiences at the library help kids develop a love of reading.

Story Times

See separate story time information

The library offers story times throughout the week for the whole family. Each story time focuses on building early literacy skills during the program while modeling ways to read with children at home.

Family Early Literacy Time

Newborn to preschool focus (all ages welcome)
This story time includes books, fingerplays and songs focusing on an early literacy skill, followed by a craft. Families are able to practice fun activities they can use at home to build early literacy skills.

Cuddletime Concerts

Newborn to 24 months and a caregiver
Music helps babies develop language skills and movement activities strengthens fine and gross motor skills. This program involves movement, participation and laughter for babies and toddlers.

Family Place Center

Babies, toddlers & preschoolers with caregivers
Children discover and practice new skills through purposeful play, and toys are their tools. The library offers a variety of educational games and toys to promote early literacy skills, including language development, alphabet letter recognition, sorting and classification, math, eye hand coordination, small muscle development, social skills, etc. The library invites families to come to the library to play and learn.

Early Literacy Fair

Newborns to 5 years and a caregiver
Come to the library to do games and activities with caregivers to build pre-reading skills. The activities are divided into different stations, each one focusing on a different early literacy skill. The goal of this annual event is to promote the interaction between children and parents, which is when learning truly happens. Parents learn about early literacy and leave with ideas they can use in their own home to practice early literacy on a daily basis.

Parent-Child Workshop

18 to 35 months and a caregiver
Over the course of five weeks, spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development.



MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Early Literacy Website

www.broomfieldlibrary.org

Visit the library website and click on *Kid Tracks* for more information about the Children's Library. Click *Early Literacy* for information about the six early literacy skills, ways to build these skills with children and tips for reading aloud to your young ones.

Early Literacy Brochures

Early literacy brochures for babies, toddlers and preschoolers are available in the Children's Library. Take these home to learn more about the six early literacy skills and ways to build these skills with your children.

Baby Welcome Packets

If you are a Broomfield resident and have an infant age newborn to 1 year (12 months), visit the Children's Library to pick up your Baby Welcome Program gift packet. Each packet of free materials includes books, bookmark, baby T-shirt and library related informational materials. We would like to help your family have a positive beginning to a lifelong learning experience with books.

Colorado Bright Beginnings

The Children's Library partners with Colorado Bright Beginnings to hand out their free gift bags to families with children 0 - 12 months, 12 - 24 months and 24 - 36 months. Each gift bag contains a free book for your child, information about reading to your children, games and activities to promote learning and information on a wide-range of parenting topics. Every child living in Colorado between 0 - 3 years is eligible to receive these bags. Stop by the Children's Library to receive your free Colorado Bright Beginnings bag.



PROGRAMS JUST FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Every Grandchild Ready to Read

Grandparents of young children birth to preschool
A one day training for grandparents to learn about the importance of early literacy and the skills they can build with their grandchildren through reading, writing, singing, talking and playing.

Teacheread

Preschool Teachers & Childcare Providers

Teacheread is a training utilizing picture books for preschool teachers to learn ways to share books with students to make reading fun, increase comprehension and develop early literacy skills in the classroom. Each book covered in the course can be used in the classroom with extension activities provided in the training.

Confident Parenting Workshops

Parents of young children toddler to preschool

The Children's Library partners with Bal Swan Children's Center to offer a six week workshop that combines research-based practices and strategies to reduce challenging behavior in children and to share early literacy skills and activities with parents to foster a love of reading and learning in their family. Parents begin to see themselves as teachers, focusing on social and emotional skills children need to be successful as well as early literacy skills children need to become confident learners.