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Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

— Emilie Buchwald
Baby-Friendly Spaces (Burlington, CO)
Baby-Friendly Spaces (Alamosa, CO)
Baby-Friendly Spaces (Fountain, CO)
Baby-Friendly Spaces- Creativity
Space — wrap up

- Safe
- Welcoming
- Engaging for babies
- Developmentally appropriate
- Encouraging for parent/baby interactions
- Instructive with early literacy activities
- FUN!
Programs

Child Car Seat Safety Check

[Aurora Police Logo]

[Images of children and adults participating in activities]
More programs!

On your mark, get set... READ! © the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library!

A summer reading program for children birth-preschool and their families that promotes early literacy! Color in each shape as you finish it and earn a free book after completing each level (you do not have to work in order).

Bronze
- Drink water in the sand.
- Visit the library.
- Read a bedtime story.
- Play peek-a-boo.

Silver
- Talk about animal noises.
- Share your favorite story.
- Play with bubbles.
- Sing a song about going to the park.

Gold
- Read a story as a family.
- Sing some nursery rhymes.
- Dance together.
- Visit the library.
Programs — wrap up

• Engage parents
• Model for parents
• Offer gaming elements
• Schedule baby programs evenings or Saturdays
• Get older siblings involved
• Have fun for all as a goal!
Policies

• Do away with overdue fines for board and picture books

• Do away with fees for lost or damaged board books

• Have a flexible policy for lost or damaged picture books
Customer service

• Welcome parents and families with infants
• Let all patrons know you welcome infants—and why
• Train and empower all front line staff to give parents early literacy tips and model early literacy activities
Collections

- Offer board books in languages common in your community, plus wordless books
- Offer parenting and early literacy collection
- Circulate book bags with 5-10 books appropriate for specific ages
- Display, organize, and/or label books based on age level (babies, toddlers, preschool)
Outreach

- Have programs in convenient locations and times, with existing programs that serve parents with babies
- Promote and even deliver services online
- Reach out to expecting parents at prenatal programs and events
- Actively partner with organizations that already serve babies and their families