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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)

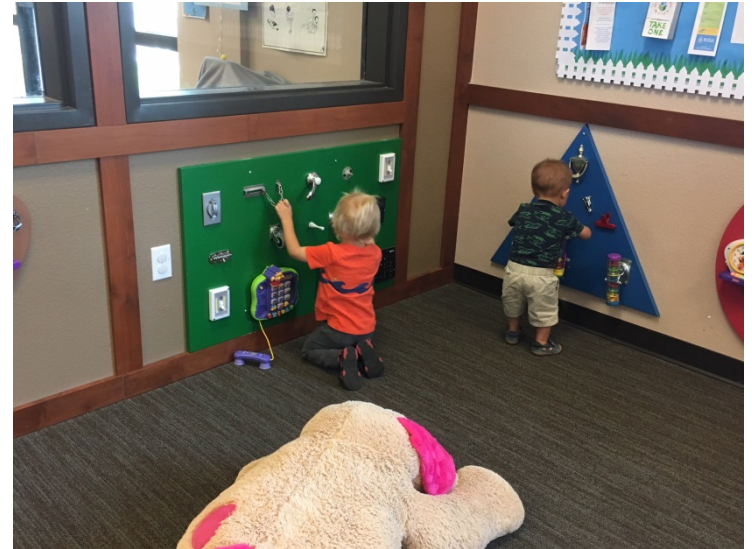


# Baby-Friendly Spaces- Creativity



# Space — wrap up

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





# Programs



# More programs!



## Community Baby Shower!

**FOR MOMS AND DADS WHO ARE EXPECTING OR HAD THEIR FIRST BABY IN THE PAST YEAR**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS  
MEET OTHER NEW MOMS AND DADS  
GAMES, GIFTS, AND RAFFLE PRIZES  
BRING NEW MOMS AND DADS TO WIN A PRIZE  
... BRING YOUR BABY!

WHERE: PASCO LIBRARY  
1320 W. HOPKINS  
PASCO, WA 99301

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 • 4:30-8PM

HOSTED BY:

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*Grow your mind!*








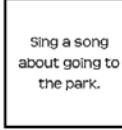

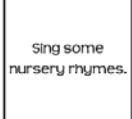


Babies can't wait!

## 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).



<b>Bronze</b>	 <p>Draw letters in the sand.</p>	 <p>Visit the Library.</p>	 <p>Read a bedtime story.</p>	 <p>Play peek a boo.</p>
<b>Silver</b>	 <p>Talk about animal noises.</p>	 <p>Share your favorite story.</p>	 <p>Play with bubbles.</p>	 <p>Sing a song about going to the park.</p>
<b>Gold</b>	 <p>Read a story as a family</p>	 <p>Sing some nursery rhymes.</p>	 <p>Dance together.</p>	 <p>Visit the Library.</p>

# 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

