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Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy



Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy are passionately committed to strengthening children's literacy through library services, parent connections, and community advocacy. CLEL provides early literacy services to children, parents, childcare providers, and library staff, because all children need to experience the joy of reading and the skills in life that literacy brings.

Visit the newly launched CLEL website for resources and information: www.CLEL.org

We in Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy believe:

- ✓ Libraries play a vital role in the lives of babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents.
- ✓ Libraries support early literacy efforts of childhood educators and service providers.
- ✓ An important way to reach the 45% of young children who do NOT attend licensed childcare, along with their parents and caregivers, is through public library programs, collections, and services.
- ✓ Public libraries increasingly are using proven brain research based methods like the PLA/ALSC program *Every Child Ready to Read @your library* (ECRR) to enhance their early literacy services.

CLEL and the CLEL website support these efforts.

