



# Welcome To A Family Place

## What is a Family Place Library?

A Family Place Library is a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization and family support. Expanding the traditional role of children's services, the Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parent involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development. Family Place library staff, trained in developmentally appropriate and family support practice, leverage the resources of the library to effectively serve young children and families.

The Parent/Child Workshop is the core program at each Family Place Library. This five-week series brings together toddlers and their parents in an informal, interactive setting with professionals from local agencies such as childcare centers, hospitals, speech clinics, universities, public schools and health departments. It emphasizes and supports the role of parents as first teachers, facilitates early intervention, and teaches strategies that promote healthy child development. Workshops promote early literacy through modeling and offer referrals to information and community resources.



## Key Features of A Family Place Library

- Developmentally appropriate programming for children and their parents/caregivers
- A specially designed space for young children and their parents/caregivers
- Collections of books, toys, audiovisuals and other materials for babies, toddlers, parents and family service professionals
- Access to electronic resources that emphasize emergent literacy, reading readiness and parent education

## Upcoming Family Place Workshops:



### Lancaster Public Library

Mondays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2 at 6:00 pm OR

Tuesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3 at 10:15 am

Please register at [www.lancaster.lib.pa.us](http://www.lancaster.lib.pa.us) or call 717-394-2651, ext. 124



### Ephrata Public Library

Tuesdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 & 10 at 6:30 pm OR

Wednesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 & 11 at 9:30 am

Please register at [www.ephrapubliclibrary.org](http://www.ephrapubliclibrary.org) or call 717-738-9291



### Quarryville Library

Tuesdays: March 20, 27 and April 3, 10 & 17 at 6:30 pm OR

Wednesdays: March 21, 28, April 4, 11 & 18 at 10:30 am

Please call 717-786-1336 or stop by library to register

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