FY 16 Family Place Libraries™ Project
Progress Report for November and December 2015
Training Institute Participants

Photographs of Texas Family Place Libraries ™

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission Family Place Libraries™ Project is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (2015).

Family Place Libraries™ is a network of children's Librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. Family Place Libraries™ promotes a national model for Transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents, and caregivers. Based on research about the importance of early brain development, Family Place Libraries™ supports the essential role of parents as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health and educational services providers, the Family Place model positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community.

What does it take to be designated a Family Place Library™?

Among the essential components are a specially designed space within the children's area; a collection of books, music, toys, multimedia materials for children, as well as parents and caregivers; offering a five-week parent-child workshop for families; conducting outreach to new library users; and having library staff trained in family support.

Furthermore, at least one staff member and one administrator from any potential Family Place library must attend a three-day Family Place Training Institute session and must complete additional online training.

www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/trade-shows-events/article/67126-ala-2015-all-in-the-family.html

The Texas State Library Family Place Libraries™ Project provides funding for two staff members from participating Texas libraries to travel to the Middle Country Public Library in New York for the Family Place Libraries™ Training Institute on the core elements of the program, and 3 years of follow-up and support by MCPL staff.

Tuition is funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (2015, 2016, 2017). After attending the Institute, participating Texas libraries are eligible for a grant of $6000 from State funds to develop their Family Place Libraries™ program.

Staff from 12 Texas libraries attended the Training Institute in FY 15 and staff from twenty-four Texas Libraries attended in FY 2016. Staff from 24 additional Texas libraries will attend in FY 17.

This Progress Report is for the libraries that attended the November 2015 and December 2015 Family Place Libraries ™ Training Institutes as participants in the Texas State Library Family Place Libraries™ Project. The ten libraries are:

1. Arlington Public Library, Southeast Branch
2. Beaumont Public Library System, Theodore R. Johns Sr. Library
3. Bee Cave Public Library
4. Buda Public Library
5. Burleson Public Library
6. Dawson County Public Library
7. Houston Public Library, Stimley-Blue Ridge Neighborhood Library
8. Midland County Public Library System, Centennial Library
9. Round Rock Public Library
10. Wichita Falls Public Library

Arlington Public Library, Southeast Branch

Arlington, Texas

Southeast Branch Before Family Place

Southeast Branch Family Place Play Area

The children's play space is very popular, specifically the kitchen space and the dress up area. The puppets and blocks are a close second in popularity.

Many children have expressed enjoyment in playing with the toys … They run straight for the toys and tend to not want to leave when it is time to go. The parents have also complimented the space and have, many times, mentioned how great an opportunity it is for their children to interact with others.

Southeast Branch
Parent/Child Workshop Postcard

COME PLAY WITH US!

Toys are now available for free play in the Southeast Branch Children's area, whenever the Library is open.

Southeast Branch
Parent/Child Workshop Postcard

Arlington Public Library
Family Place Web Page

http://arlingtonlibrary.org/family-place-libraries/

Family Place Libraries

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Core Components

Welcoming space within the children's area for families with young children. The Southeast Branch Library's children's room has been transformed into a family-friendly play area for children ages 0-5. Developmentally appropriate toys are available for free play whenever the library is open.

Parent/Child Workshop is a five-week program that involves toddlers and their parents and caregivers; features local professionals who serve as resources for parents; emphasizes the role of parents as the first teachers of their children; facilitates early intervention; and teaches strategies for healthy child development and early literacy.Join the **Family, Learn, and Play Group:**

Fall 2016

Spring 2017

Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, parents and service providers.

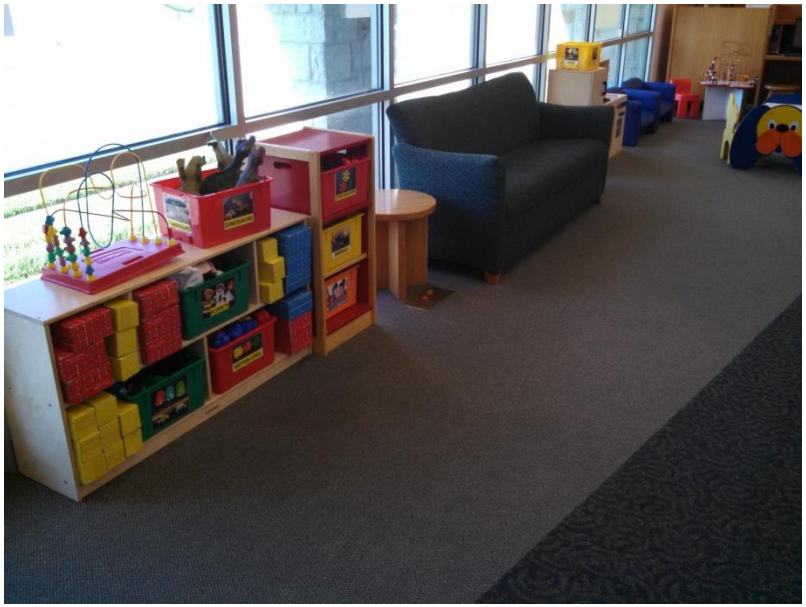
Arlington Public Library
Community Partners

- Arlington Independent School District
- Head Start
- Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts

Beaumont Public Library System, Theodore R. Johns Sr. Library

Beaumont, Texas

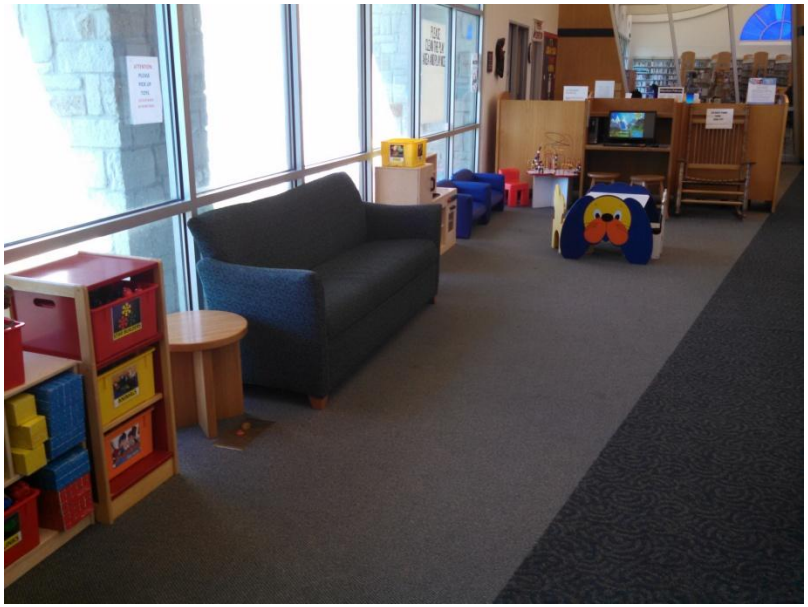
Theodore R. Johns Sr. Library
Family Place Area



"The toys in the Children's play area are very popular."

Theodore R. Johns Sr. Library

Family Place Area



Theodore R. Johns Sr. Library

Community Partners

- Buckner Children and Family Services
- Beaumont Health Department
- Legacy Community Health

Bee Cave Public Library

Bee Cave, Texas

Bee Cave Public Library Newsletter

www.beecavetexas.com/home/showdocument?id=2595

Bee Cave Public Library

Bee Cave Book Buzz February 2016

BCPL TO BECOME A FAMILY PLACE LIBRARY™

Bee Cave Public Library is excited to announce that we are one of 36 libraries in Texas selected to receive a grant to become a Family Place Library™. Expanding on traditional children's library services, Family Place transforms public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children and their parents. Family Place builds on research showing that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities all play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

Look for changes in the coming months to the layout of the children's area in the library as we incorporate elements of Family Place into our space, and begin offering a twice-yearly series of parent-child workshops called "1-2-3 PlaySmart." Designed to support the essential role of parents as first teachers, the 5-week series invites parents to play one-on-one with their toddler in a specially-designed environment and offers them the opportunity to meet other parents and learn best practices in nutrition, health, literacy, and child development from community experts while interacting with their child. The series is designed for children age 18 months to 3 years. Space is limited. Sessions will take place each Wednesday from 10:30-11:45 a.m. beginning March 30 through April 27. The series will repeat again in the fall.

If your child is between the ages of 18 months and 3 years, and you can commit to attending at least 4 of the 5 sessions, please fill out an interest card at the library by March 16, or contact Public Services Manager Cate Sweeney at csweeney@beecavetexas.gov.

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Bee Cave Public Library Newsletter

www.beecavetexas.com/home/showdocument?id=2940

Bee Cave Public Library

Bee Cave Book Buzz September 2016

1★2★3 PlaySmart
a family place program

FAMILY PLACE LIBRARY WORKSHOP RETURNS

Interest cards are available now for the fall session of **"1-2-3 PlaySmart,"** our semi-annual series of parent-child workshops offered as part of the Family Place Libraries™ program. Designed to support the essential role of parents as first teachers, the 5-week series invites parents to play one-on-one with their toddler in a specially-designed environment that offers them the opportunity to meet other parents and learn best practices in nutrition, health, literacy, and child development from community experts while interacting with their child. The series is designed for children age 18 months to 3 years.

Unlike storytime, **"1-2-3 PlaySmart"** is not a drop-in program. Families who wish to participate must **fill out an interest card at the library by September 7** for the series that begins Sept. 21. Those selected to participate will be notified by Sept. 9, and are asked to commit to attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions on consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 21 - October 19 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

For more information please contact Public Services Manager Cate Sweeney, csweeney@beecavetexas.gov.

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Bee Cave Public Library
Community Partners

- Dell Children's Hospital
- Registered Dietician

"All around great and positive feedback. Many felt a bit disappointed that there wasn't a better opportunity to speak with resource specialists than just during the workshop as they found it difficult to keep up with their toddler and also ask questions to the RS."

Buda Public Library

Buda, Texas

Buda Public Library
Before Family Place

Buda Public Library
After Family Place

Buda Public Library
After Family Place

The most popular items thus far are definitely the toys! Especially the blocks (wooden and cardboard), Duplos, and the play kitchen and play food.

Buda Public Library
After Family Place

"My daughter loves playing with the new toys. It is a well organized family play center for the community.“

"Love, Love, Love the addition to the children's area! So fun! Just a great time for my little one! May need and maintain a "slobber" protocol?“

Staff note: We have tried to point out our yucky bucket to more families.

Buda Public Library
After Family Place

"Thank you so much for the new kids area! It is great for my son to have toys to explore and a special space to make the library fun!"

Verbally, we have received a number of compliments and thanks for the new area. Several mothers commented that they were finally able to go find a book for themselves since their children were happily occupied in the play area. We have also received complaints that the children and their parents are too loud back there. We're just trying to balance people's needs and expectations until we can move into a new building (hopefully about a year and a half).

Buda Public Library Brochure

WHAT IS EARLY LITERACY?

Children are born ready to learn, and you provide the opportunities for learning through everyday enjoyable experiences, like talking, reading, singing and playing with your child. The knowledge gained through these fun interactions provides the necessary foundation for becoming successful learners once children enter Kindergarten. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually know how to read and write.

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BUDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The **Buda Public Library** is currently working through the process of becoming a certified Family Place Library™ building foundations for early learning.

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.
Buda Public Library | Your Family Place Library
512-295-5899 | 303 Main Street, Buda, TX 78610
budalibrary.org

Buda Public Library
Parent/Child Workshop Flyer

Play • Learn • Grow

A Parent/Child Workshop Series
at the Buda Public Library
For children ages 1-3 and their parents/caregivers

THURSDAYS
10:30-11:30 am
Pre-register Today!
Call Melinda at 512-295-5899 or
email librarian@budalibrary.org

Family Place Parent/Child Workshop Series

Join us for this playful workshop series where parents/caregivers learn and grow with their children through play. Once a week for 5 weeks the library's meeting room will transform into a fun playroom where parents and their children can play, make friends, visit one-on-one with specialists, and have a great time!

September 22: **Child Development**
Megan Campbell, Home Visitor with Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas

September 29: **Nutrition**
Mylinda Zapata, Nutrition & Health Services

October 6: **Speech**
Amy Grant, Speech Pathologist & Autism Specialist

October 13: **Music & Movement**
Tania van Bree, Certified Music Together Instructor

October 20: **Early Literacy**
Martha Sanders, Children's Librarian

Buda Public Library
303 Main Street

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Buda Public Library
Community Partners

- Community Action
- Head Start
- Therapy Center of Buda
- Music Together

Burleson Public Library

Burleson, Texas

Burleson Public Library

The toys and toddler-sized furniture in our Early Childhood Area are constantly in use and thoroughly enjoyed by families in the Library.

Burleson Public Library

"It is a fun spot for the children to play and spend time with other children."

Burleson Public Library Brochure

One Family's Story

A mom brought her two-year-old son, John to a Parent-Child Workshop at their local library. In addition to the chance to meet other parents and children, she knew that resource professionals would be on-hand to answer questions and observe the children at play.

One of the five workshop sessions featured an expert in early childhood development. John's mom had some concerns regarding his speech and social interactions. After observing John in the program and speaking with the mom, the specialist asked if the mom would like her to arrange a home visit.

After a further assessment during the home visit, John was diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Within two weeks, he was registered for a full early intervention program, expenses covered by the state Title 19 and Access programs. "I would not have all the services I have now, had she [the child development professional] not been there to meet John, see his condition, and recognize the severity of it," said John's mom. "If I hadn't gone to a Parent-Child Workshop with John-John, I don't know how much longer it would have been to diagnose his autism, and I don't know how much farther delayed he would have been.

The specialist pushed like crazy to get us all the services we have. As it is right now, at four, he's reading, he's speaking, and he's learning how to interpret other people's emotions by their body language, which is incredibly difficult for an autistic person.

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

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Family Place Libraries

Play and Learn Together

at your Family Place Library

What is Family Place?

Our staff is here to support you and your little one.

We hope you will enjoy our many programs and services.

Family Place Libraries

Burleson Public Library
248 S.W. Johnson Ave.
Burleson, TX 76028
www.burlesonlibrary.com

Burleson Public Library

Thank You Card

Burleson Public Library

Family Place Libraries™

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Burleson Public Library
Bookmark

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Burleson Public Library
Press Release

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May 4, 2016

The Burleson Public Library launched the first of its Family Place Parent/Child workshops on May 3. The class is full, but you can sign up now for the September workshop.

Family Place Libraries™ is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth, and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. The Family Place Libraries network currently includes more than 400 sites in 27 states (Texas has 38 sites).

Michele Wilson is the Burleson Public Library's children's librarian.

"I had been in Burleson for a year and I had been asked a lot about various things related to literacy issues," Wilson said. "The Texas Library Association in Austin had a program about The Family Place that was making itself known across the country. I said I was interested in contacting the state library for more information. Two weeks later I got an email saying that we were approved for a $16,000 grant and the training in New York."

Wilson and Amanda Cadenhead, community engagement librarian, made the trip to New York where they learned about the core components of a Family Place Library:

- Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, parents and service providers;
- A specially designed, welcoming space within the children's area for families with young children;
- The Parent/Child Workshop;
- Developmentally appropriate programming for very young children and their parents;
- And, Library staff trained in family support, child development, parent education and best practices.

According to the Family Place Libraries website, the initiative "promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents and caregivers. The Family Place Library supports the essential role of parents as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health and educational services providers, the Family Place model aims to ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn and positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community."

Since the New York training, the Burleson Public Library staff rearranged the children's area to include an Early Childhood Area with a toddler-sized table and chairs, couch, and toys.

"We have moved some of the parenting books to that area, and made sure to leave a few adult-sized chairs in the area for parents and caregivers," Cadenhead said.

May's 75-minute workshops are on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m., in the library's meeting room. Parent-Child Play and Learn is a 5-week workshop that provides an environment rich with toys, books, and art activities and an opportunity for families to spend time together, make friends, and talk one-on-one with resource professionals concerning various aspects of child development, parenting, and early literacy. Each workshop has different experts and different themes.

If you are interested in the September Parent-Child Play and Learn workshop, call Michele Wilson at 817-426-9204 or email her at mwilson@burlesonlibrary.com.

Burleson Public Library
Community Partners

- Green Apple Therapy
- Cooks Childrens
- Texas Health
- Arts Unlimited Southwest

The speech therapist helped one of our young patrons and his mom realize that he has a speech delay. She was given some information to help and she was grateful.

The pediatrician loved helping and plans to be back for the next Parent-Child Workshop

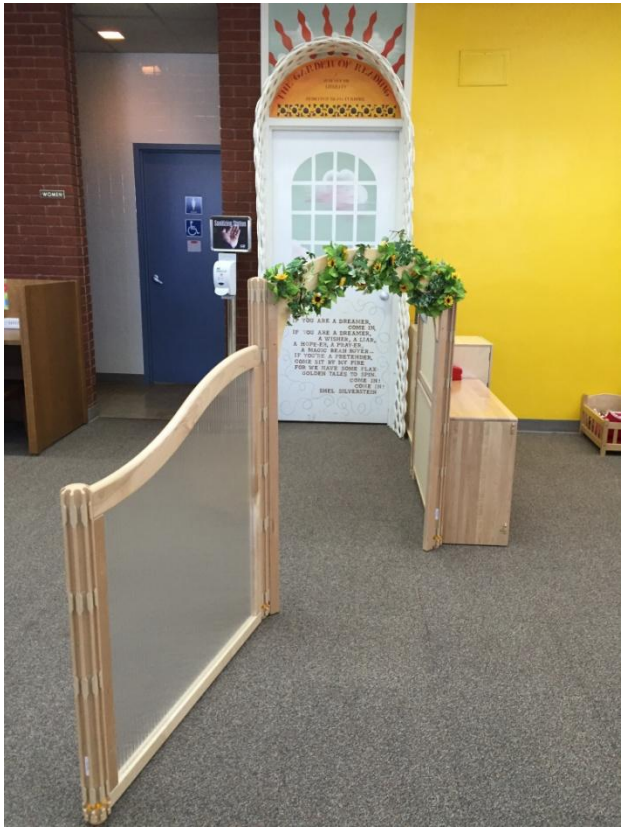
All the feedback has been positive, parents and caregivers were glad they had attended.

Dawson County Public Library

Lamesa, Texas

Dawson County Public Library

Family Place Entrance Archway



The play area is very popular!

Dawson County Public Library

Imaginary Play: Kitchen Area and Dress Up Closet

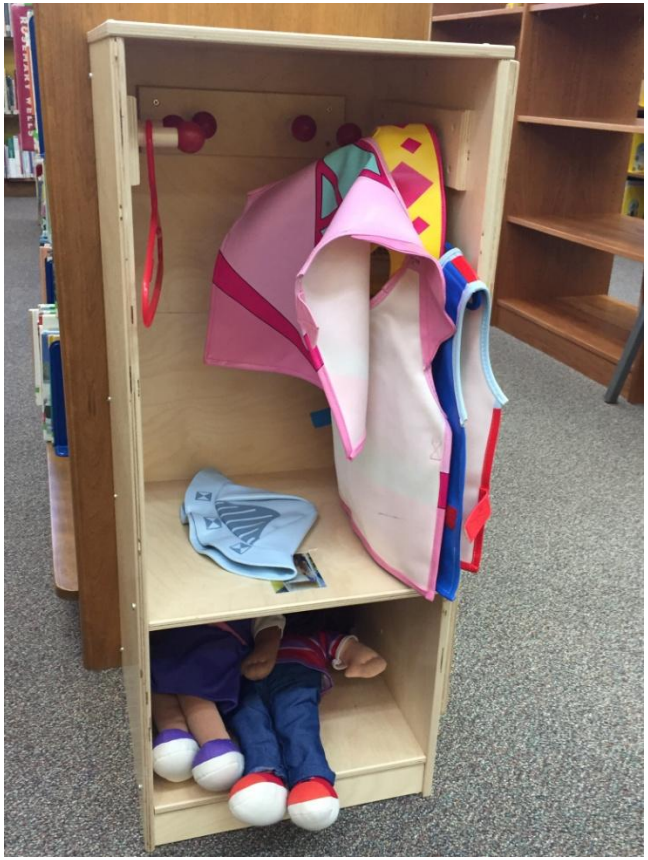
The kids especially seem to like the phones and cooking in the kitchen.

Dawson County Public Library

Soft Blocks and Vehicles

Our soft blocks and "big" vehicles are also very popular.

Dawson County Public Library
Costume Closet



“My kids just love coming here!"

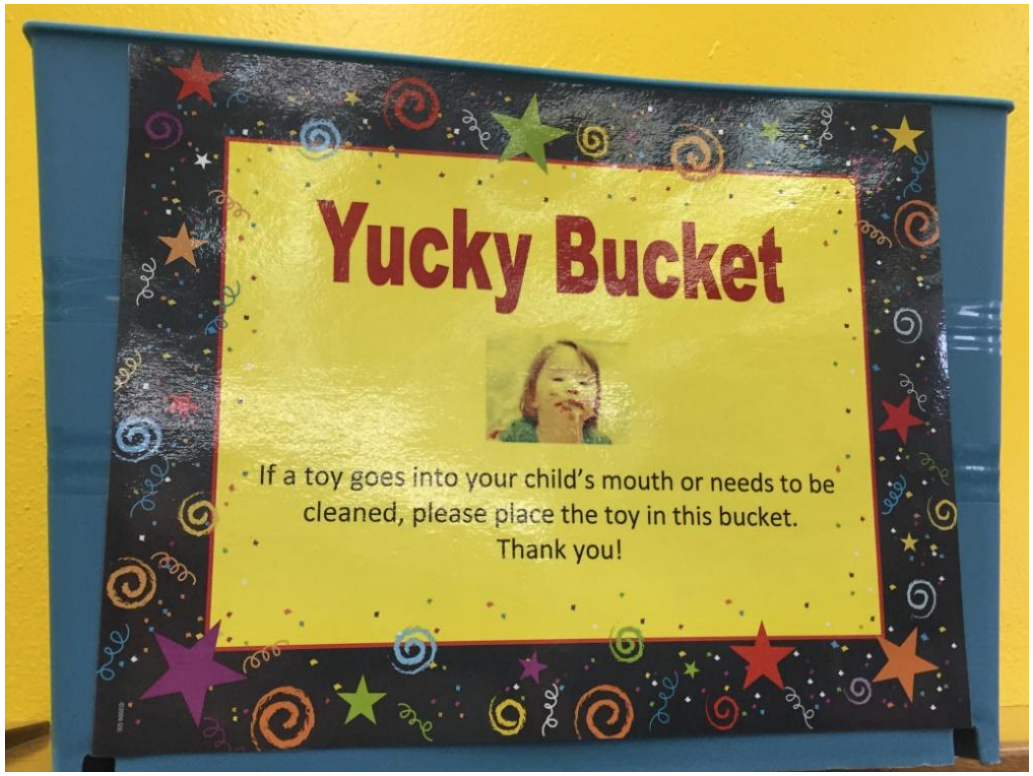
"My kids don't want to leave."

"A fun place to visit." "It's so bright and cheery."

"What a great thing for the library to have!“

Dawson County Public Library

Yucky Bucket Sign



Dawson County Public Library
Community Partners

- WIC
- South Plains Health District
- County Extension Office
- Medical Arts Hospital

Houston Public Library
Stimley-Blue Ridge Neighborhood Library

Houston, Texas

The Stimley-Blue Ridge Branch,

Houston Public Library,

is expected to open in December 2016.

Midland County Public Library System, Centennial Library

Midland , Texas

Midland County Public Library

Before Family Place

Midland County Public Library
After Family Place

"we really like the downtown library better!! More toys and the kids area is more secluded from the rest of the library, so I'm not so stressed if they are a little louder than they should be at a library" - Facebook comment from library user

Midland County Public Library

Family Place Brochure

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Registration for the Parent/Child Workshop is required and can be done by stopping by or calling the Youth Services Department of Midland County Public Library. **Space is limited.**

WHY FAMILY PLACE?

Transforming library spaces and services to be more welcoming and appropriate for very young children, beginning at birth, and their parents/caregivers.

Creating a center for early childhood information, parent eduction, emergent literacy, socializing, and family support.

Building strong communities through Early Childhood Development, Parent Education and Family Support.

Early Education = Economic Investment.

Investing money in early childhood development programs is perhaps the best form of economic development there is.

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DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
301 W. Missouri Ave
Midland, TX 79701
Youth Services Dept.
(432) 688-4323

AT THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

FAMILY PLACE

AT MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Midland County Public Library Family Place Flyer

Parent-Child Workshop Dates

DAY & TIME: Saturdays, 10:00am-11:30am
OCTOBER 1: Program Introduction & Early Literacy
OCTOBER 8: Nutrition
OCTOBER 15: Child Development
OCTOBER 22: Speech, Hearing, & Language Development
OCTOBER 29: Music, Play, & Health

- Features local professionals who serve as resources for parents
- Emphasizes the role of parents as the first teachers of their children
- Facilitates early intervention
- Teaches strategies for healthy child development and early literacy
- Gives parents/caretakers and their children a fun, safe, welcoming place to play in the community!

The Downtown Library is now a Family Plaoe Library!

Family Place Libraries is a network of libraries nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families.
During the "Parent-Child Workshop", the library will provide a setting for the child and parent to play and interact with toys, art activities, and books while also introducing the parent to local parenting resources.

Registration information:

Registration is required and space is limited to 8 families per workshop. Families must commit to attending all 5 weekly sessions. Siblings under age 5 are welcome to join. To register, please visit the Youth Services desk at either library location to receive an application form. For more information, please call Mary Powers, Youth Services Department Head at (432) 688-4323.

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Midland County Public Library
Parent/Child Workshop

www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/lib/kids/Documents/September%202016.pdf

Family Place at the Downtown Library

Based on a model of comprehensive family-centered services, a Family Place Library is a center for early childhood information, parent education, early literacy, socialization, and parent support. Expanding on the role of children's services, Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in the growth and development of young children. Visit the **Downtown Library** for:

- New collections of books, toys, and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, parents, and service providers
- A specially designed, welcoming space within the children's area for families with young children

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Midland County Public Library Parent-Child Workshop

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Parent-Child Workshop

The Parent-Child Workshop is a free five-week program for children ages 1-3 and their parents/caregivers. This provides parents with the opportunity to informally meet with trained family resource professionals. Registration is required, and space is limited. Weekly workshop topics will include:

Saturday, Oct. 1st	Week 1: Orientation and Early Literacy
Saturday, Oct. 8th	Week 2: Nutrition
Saturday, Oct. 15th	Week 3: Child Development
Saturday, Oct. 22nd	Week 4: Speech, Hearing, and Language Development
Saturday, Oct. 29th	Week 5: Music, Play, and Health

All sessions will take place at the **Downtown Library** from 10:00am-11:30pm. To register, please visit the **Downtown Library** or call Mary Powers, Youth Services Department Head at (432) 688-4324.

Midland County Public Library Web Page

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Parent-Child Workshop Dates:

Saturdays in October from 10:00am-11:30am

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Midland County Public Library Parent-Child Workshop - Facebook

www.facebook.com/events/1660809337569675/

This workshop is now full! For information about future workshops or to be put on a waiting list, call (432) 688-4323.

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Midland County Public Library Community Partners

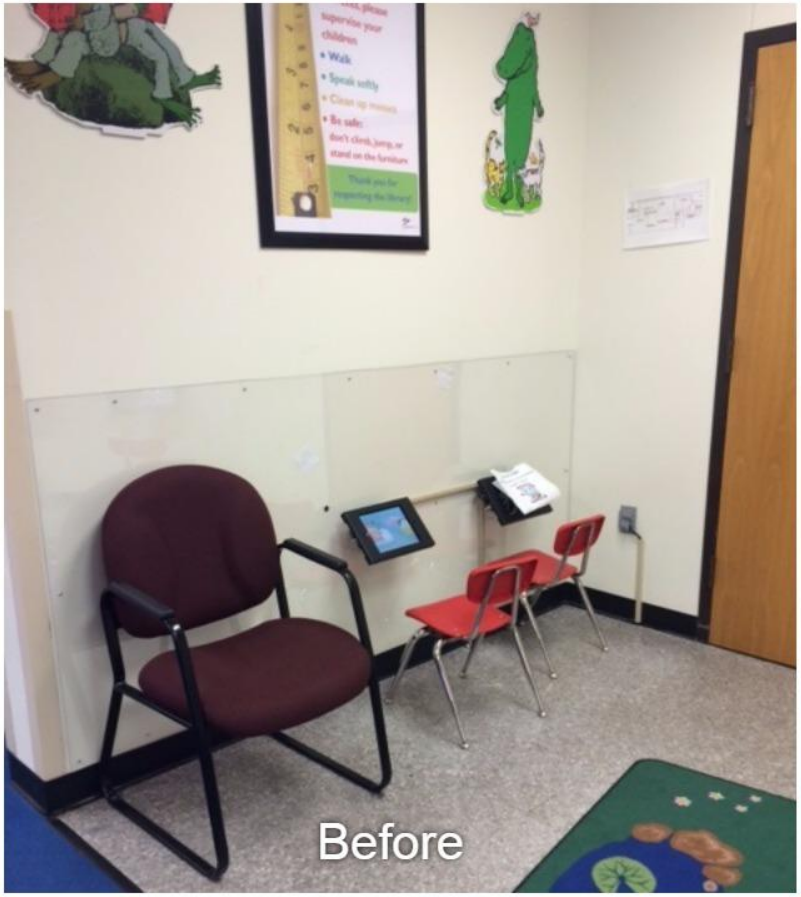
- First 5 Permian Basin – Nurse Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Permian Basin Rehab Center
- Midland Health and Senior Services
- Permian Basin Breastfeeding Coalition

Round Rock Public Library

Round Rock, Texas

Round Rock Public Library
Before and After

Our toy area has been incredibly popular, especially the kitchen, dollhouse, and Legos table. Also, our parenting collection is getting used. And the board book shelves are not new, but they have been practically empty this summer because of our new area.



Round Rock Public Library
Before and After

"My granddaughter asks to come here every day."

Becoming a Family Place library has been so beneficial for our library. We have probably tripled the use of the area of the library that now holds the toys and resources. We constantly see parents talk to their children while playing and make connections with other parents, and everyone is so appreciative.

Round Rock Public Library
Before and After

A staff member saw a neighborhood Facebook message, "Just discovered a new favorite place to play! Round Rock Library has now added a new play area with toys! My 2 and 3 year old were so engaged..."

This grant has been exceptional with the ease of reporting and the follow-up communication. The email discussion group and webinars help to know support is within reach in our community. I can't think of any suggestions except to point out updates for good parenting books and resources as they come out.

Round Rock Public Library
Before and After

One of our public services supervisors stated, "Family Place is the best thing this library has done for customer service since putting in self check machines." Others have made comments about it being so good for the children and families of the community. We have also received concerns about the increased noise level and the ongoing cleaning and picking up toys.

Round Rock Public Library – Announcement

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RRPL joins Family Place Libraries™

New parenting materials and play space are now open downstairs

Something wonderful has finally arrived!

Weeks of planning, organizing, and construction ended with the May 3 opening of the Round Rock Public Library's Family Place.

Visit the library for some special playtime with your child, and a chance to interact casually with other local parents. In addition to fun materials such as Duplos, a furnished dollhouse, puzzles, puppets, and other creative and interactive toys, the Family Place also features a new collection of parenting books plus brochures from local family support agencies.

Programming in support of these materials will begin later this year.

RRPL is one of 36 Texas libraries to be awarded a Family Place Libraries™ grant. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission recently approved funding to address early learning priorities in library communities and ensure that all children enter school ready and able to learn through training provided by Family Place Libraries™. Expanding the traditional role of children's services, Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

Family Place Libraries™ promotes a national model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally-appropriate early learning environments for very young children, their parents, and caregivers. Based on research about the importance of early brain development, the Family Place Library supports the essential role of parents as first teachers and addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive aspects of child development to help build a foundation for learning during the critical first years of life. By partnering and working with other social, health and educational services providers, the Family Place model positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within the local community.

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Michelle Cervantes
Round Rock Library Director

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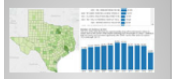

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Have you ever heard the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child?" I believe this to be true, and even more so in this day and age.

Growing up, I lived in the same house with my maternal grandparents. When we moved to our own house, it was in the same neighborhood just a few houses down the street. My grandparents and extended family all lived in the same city. Both parents worked full-time and my grandparents would watch all the grandkids while our parents were at work.

That's not the case for most families nowadays, but I do see a growing trend of more and more grandparents following their grandkids to Central Texas. With or without your extended family nearby, I hear that parenting — along with the Peace Corps — is the toughest job you will ever love.

In the April 2016 edition of Austin Family Magazine, the Center for Child Protection writes:

Round Rock Public Library Director Michelle Cervantes

"Every parent has times when they reach the end of their patience. Being a parent or caregiver is not easy, so it's important to also take care of yourself so you can provide consistency for your child. Stress can cause a parent to respond too harshly to negative behaviors or simply ignore the behaviors because they're too tired and overwhelmed to respond."

Parents: don't stress out! The Round Rock Public Library has resources for you. Not only do we have books, DVDs and magazines, but we also provide a place where you can meet and talk to other parents and caregivers going through the same experiences.

Round Rock Public Library Community Partners

- Seton Medical
- Baylor Scott & White
- Friends of RRPL is helping to pay for toys for the workshops

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Wichita Falls Public Library

Registration Form for Parent/Child Workshop

Family Place Libraries™ PLAY WITH PURPOSE Registration Form

Child's Name _____
(Please print all answers clearly)

Session Attending: Monday Evening _____ Thursday Morning _____

Today my child is _____ months old. Child's Date of Birth _____

Will you need to bring an additional child? Yes ____ No ____

(Siblings up to 5 years of age may attend with parent and registered child).

Name & age of additional child: _____

Adult's Name _____

Adult Attending Program _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You will be contacted by email & phone to confirm your registration.

- Tear off this page to hand in at the Youth Desk.
- See information inside this form about the registration process.
- Form must be returned no later than September th.
- Registration must be done in person.
- The parent, guardian, or caregiver must bring the form to the Youth Desk to register their own child for the program.
- If you have two children meeting the age requirement, you can register them both to attend Play with Purpose. Fill out a separate registration form for each child.

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The Wichita Falls Public Library joins the Family Place Libraries™ Network

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The Texas State Library and Archives Commission recently provided funding for the Wichita Falls Public Library to become part of the Family Place Libraries™ network to address early learning in our community, and to provide opportunities for children to enter school ready and able to learn. Expanding the traditional role of children's services, Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

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An early learning area will open at the beginning of September in the Youth Department at the Wichita Falls Public Library. Additionally, a five-week long, free program called Play with Purpose will begin in mid-September for children ages 3 months-36 months and their adult caregiver. Play with Purpose is designed to give parents a special time with their child for playing, reading, and spending interactive quality time together, as well as the opportunity to meet new people in an educational and fun environment. Each week, a different community professional will be on hand to discuss topics such as early literacy, speech & language, nutrition, child development, and movement & music. Two weekly programs will be held simultaneously, and will meet on either Monday evening or Thursday morning. Attendance is by registration only, and is going on now. Please contact Youth Librarian Celena Bradley at 940.767.0868 x4243 for more information.

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To learn more about Family Place Libraries™, visit **www.familyplacelibraries.org**. Please call Youth Librarian, Celena Bradley, at 940.767.0868 x4244 for information about Family Place Libraries™ at the Wichita Falls Public Library.

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Family Place Library takes shape

Resources offered for parents, kids

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The giggles are growing at the Wichita Falls Public Library, as children discover the first signs of the library's transformation into a Family Place Library.

Parents are still learning about the program, but young children are already making a beeline for the far corner of the Youth Department, where Youth Librarian Celena Bradley has been madly putting together play stations and climbing tunnels. From the library's entrance, young pre-readers spot volunteer artist Audra Lambert's colorful 3-D bulletin board and scurry toward the giant representations of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" and the world of Curious George.

The Resource Center will be part information clearinghouse for parents and playroom for pre-readers, Bradley said, calling the adult portion akin to "211 in physical form."

"We'll be collaborating with community partners to be a hub of information about resources," Bradley said. Everything from brochures to bus schedules are beginning to fill up racks near the parenting book shelves. Community organizations, child care providers and children's agencies have been invited to fill the center's brochure table, where they can promote their services and causes. Hundreds of new books on parenting will soon be placed on a wall of shelves installed on the back wall.

For toddlers and older youngsters, the early learning area will offer an area packed with toys meant to spark curiosity and learning while giving parents enough free time to explore the library's regular shelves or find answers to questions about community resources. When they're through with their own pursuits, parents are free to join in the play for some "stress-free, quality time," Bradley said.

The center is just one part of the Family Place Library concept being funded in Wichita Falls through grant money received by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In mid-September, the first five-week Play with Purpose Workshop will begin for children ages 3 to 36 months and their parents. While children explore specific interactive play stations set up in the library's "Room of Requirement" event space, different community professionals will visit with parents on topics like early literacy, speech, nutrition, music and play activities that promote child development. Both morning and evening sessions will be scheduled to accommodate working parents.

Family Place Library programs have been sweeping the country, Bradley said, with more than 400 already established. The concept seemed especially apt for Wichita Falls, she said, because "We have so many phenomenal resources here ... but a lot of people just don't know where to start to access them."

"Why not the library? It's a free, neutral space, and people are already here" asking the very questions the Family Place Library will contain answers to, she said. While the library will continue to have "tons of programming for all ages, this was one area we were lacking."

Youth Librarian Celena Bradley adds brochures to the Family Place Library's resource center at the Wichita Falls Public Library. While the adult portion of the center is still being stocked, children are already discovering the toys and play stations set up nearby.

Wichita Falls Public Library Web Page

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Building Foundations for Early Learning

Wichita Falls Public Library is becoming a *Family Place Library!*

This transformation will bring with it a new look for our youth department, new programming and services, a new parenting collection, and new partnerships. Read on to find out more about what being a Family Place Library will mean for our patrons and what kind of changes you can expect to see this fall.

What is a Family Place Library?

Family Place Libraries™ is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth, and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. To find out more about Family Place Libraries please visit http://www.familyplacelibraries.org/

What does this mean for *our* library?

Becoming a Family Place Library means big changes – not just to the space and programming, but in how we think about library service and our role in this community.

The Youth Department is getting a makeover!

The back of the youth department is being transformed into a family space with educational and developmentally appropriate toys and activities for children under five. This new space will allow children to build essential pre-reading skills as they engage in imaginative and explorative play. For their adults, this space will also house our new parenting collection, as well as a resource area to connect parents and caregivers with helpful programs, services, and agencies in our area.

School-aged children will, of course, continue to find plenty to do in the youth department with books, computers, board games, puzzles, coloring, and programming designed to engage, educate and entertain them.

To make room for all these fabulous changes, we had to do a bit of rearranging.

Youth Biographies have moved to the end of non-fiction by the back windows and ***Graphic Novels*** have moved to their own fixture in the middle of the youth department. All in all we're thrilled with the changes and we think you will be too. As always - if you can't find something or have any questions - stop by the youth desk and we'll be happy to lend a hand!

Play with Purpose family fun & workshop!

In addition to the awesome new space, we will also be adding an important new program for our families. ***Play with Purpose*** is a FREE five week workshop and playdate for little ones up to age three and their caregivers. This workshop will be offered twice a year – in the fall and spring – and there will be a choice of a morning or evening session.

Each week, families will meet for an hour or so in our newly remodeled multi-purpose room (affectionately referred to around here as our "room of requirement.") It's located at the front of the library - to your right as you walk in, across from the Circulation Desk. This large room will be set up with an assortment of fun and educational toys that children will be able to enjoy freely. Caregivers can enjoy some stress-free quality time playing with their little ones in a bright, clean, and safe environment. What will make these workshops so special is that each week will feature a topic of interest to parents, such as nutrition and child development, and there will be a resource professional from our community with expertise in that topic present. While grownups are playing with little ones – the resource professional will be available to chat one on one with anyone who has questions or concerns. No waiting rooms or appointments. Then, if anyone should need further assistance, these professionals will be able to direct

Wichita Falls Public Library Community Partners

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- North Texas Rehabilitation Center