South Irving Library
A Family Place Library

The Discovery Zone - Before

The new South Irving Library opened in March, 2015. The Discovery Zone was planned for in the beginning – offering a place for parents, caregivers and children to discover play and literacy.

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The Discovery Zone after receiving the grant.

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CHILDCRAFT

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BUILDING BLOCKS

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WHEN A TOY GETS A LITTLE ICKY, MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE STICKY, OR HAS HAD A GOOD CHEW
THERE'S NO NEED TO CHUCK IT
JUST PUT IT IN THE YUCKY BUCKET
AND WE'LL RETURN IT AS GOOD AS NEW!
Baby Gym
Touch & Tickle
SNAP
Child's Play

The Workshop – Discover With Me

PRETEND
PLAY

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PLAY
Teen Services

MAXIMUM
OCCUPANCY
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BOOKS
My Car
Busy Barnyard
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Publicity

DISCOVER WITH ME!
INTERACTIVE PLAY SERIES
Thursdays - 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Starting Feb. 11
South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Drive
Parents, caregivers and children ages 1 to 3 years of age are invited to a stimulating and educational play program with toys, books and art activities, and an opportunity to talk with early childhood and family support specialists.
Weekly topics include literacy and play, language development, nutrition, safety, health and child development.
Register to participate in this free five week program by calling 972-721-2458 by Feb. 10.
IRVING TEXAS
Family Place
TEXAS STATE LIBRARY ARCHIVES COMMISSION
INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Kids' Calendar

Hours & Locations

Classes & Events

Support the Library

Your Library Account

Each of our four library locations have programs, books and resources for parents of young children to learn, laugh and explore.

Storytime programs are offered throughout the week to introduce babies, toddlers and preschoolers to stories, songs and activities that enrich through language and movement. The program schedule is below.

Reading to a young child every day will grow their minds and vocabularies, preparing them for school. Our reading program **1KB4K** (1,000 Books Before Kindergarten) encourages families to read at home every day and easily track your children's achievements with a 1KB4K reading log.

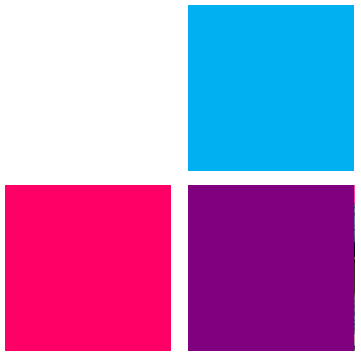
The Discovery Zone

Young children and parents have a special space built just for them at the South Irving Library. The **Discovery Zone**, found inside the second floor Kid's Zone, is for exploring, with learning centers that include construction toys, puzzles, a kitchenette, and a writing center. Caregivers will find a wealth of information about local family agencies, parenting books, and the library's collection of picture and board books.

The South Irving Library offers **Discover with Me**, a five week caregiver-child interactive play program with hands-on activities and opportunities to informally meet with local child experts in the areas of literacy and play, nutrition, language development, safety and child development. Call (972) 721-2458 for more information about the next series.

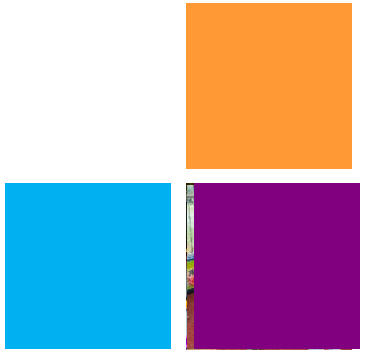
What are the objectives for children?

1. Increase social and verbal interaction
2. Support bonding and attachment with families
3. Promote early literacy
4. Provide access to developmentally appropriate toys & materials
5. Begin the process of lifelong learning



What are the objectives for families?

1. Increase awareness of library services
2. Increase awareness of community agencies
3. Lesson isolation
4. Educate about child development, early literacy & learning
5. Promote interactions with their children
6. Support parent as a teach role
7. Encourage and empower families



What are the objectives for the library?

1. Increase library usage and circulation
2. Create a welcoming & comfortable space
3. Broaden the range of children's services
4. Partner with community agencies
5. Reach out to new and underserved audiences

Family Centered principles we have adopted

Respect the integrity of the family

Collaborate with families

Provide unbiased and complete information to families

Facilitate parent-to-parent support

Develop family-friendly policies

Build on family strengths and respect differences

Partner with agencies that serve children and families