

141 W. Renfro
Burleson, TX 76028-4261
817-426-9622
www.burlesontx.com

September 9, 2016

Burleson Public Library joins national network

Family Place Libraries™ nurture children's development

The Burleson Public Library has joined the Family Place Libraries™ national network, which provides a welcoming community environment with resources to help families nurture their children's development and early learning during the critical first years of life. To help ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn, our new Family Place offers:

- A specially designed space in the children's area for families with young children to relax, play, share books and meet other families.
- Parent-Child Play and Learn - a five week series of fun, play-based activities for toddlers and their parents and caregivers. Rich with toys, books and art activities, the workshops provide an opportunity for families to spend time together, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on various aspects of child development and early literacy. The next series will begin in the spring. Registration is required.
- Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers.
- Librarians specially trained in child development and family support.

As a Family Place Library, the Burleson Public Library will partner with local family-serving agencies and professionals to help parents of young children build foundations for early learning. Research has proven that the way adults respond to and interact with children from birth-to-five years have dramatic effects on the brain, stimulating a child's social, emotional, and intellectual development. Parents and caregivers are their children's first teachers and the Library is here to help them in that role.

The Family Place Libraries™ model is now in over 400 libraries in 29 states serving thousands of young children and their parents/caregivers. Burleson Public Library is proud to be among them. This expanded public library role was made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (2016).

The Burleson Public Library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

For more information and to join the programs, www.burlesonlibrary.com, visit the library or call (817) 426-9210

DeAnna Phillips
Marketing & Communications Director
dphillips@burlesontx.com
(817) 426-9622