

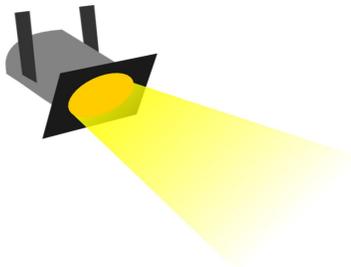


# Family Connections

## at the Cedar Rapids Public Library

### April is the Month of the Young Child.

Young children grow and learn so much their first 5 years of life. It is that growth & experiences during those 2000 days that will lay down the foundation of their own & our community's futures. Take some time to support early learning, thank child care providers & teachers who work with young children and join Family Connections in celebrating our youngest citizens by attending some of our family activities listed below!



### Family Connections Spotlight

Parenting can be awesome, but sometimes it isn't easy. Every Friday morning (9:30 am - 12 noon), connect with one of Family Connections resource partners. Each week we will spotlight a different partner who will share resources, services and information that could help your family. April's line up is:

- April 10<sup>th</sup> - **Child Care Resource & Referral** - Learn more about what quality child care & receive child care referrals.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - **Family & Community Health Alliance Dental** - Learn how to get dental insurance for the whole family & finding a dentist.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - **Parent Education Consortium** - Learn tips & tricks to dealing with those parenting challenges and available resources.

### Library & Family Connections Saturday Specials

Family Connections is partnering with the CR Public Library to bring in guests for two more of April's Saturday Specials. Saturday Specials is a fun-filled time for families.

- April 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - 11:15 am - **Exploring Nature** - Indian Creek Nature Center volunteer, Kathy, will share why nature is important for children & offer hands on activities to bring out the naturalist in your child.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am - noon - **Barnyard Meet & Greet** - We are bringing the country to you! Meet & greet all kinds of farm animals on the library plaza. Watch brief presentations of how to approach new dogs & dogs agility.



### Healthy Child Day - April 25th

Bring your infants, toddlers & preschoolers (through age 5) to the library to receive **FREE vision, hearing, dental and developmental screenings.**

Community partners will also be on hand to share resources, info & activities about child health, safety, education, child care. Co-sponsors: Lions Club, Family Community Health Alliance, CRPL, KCRG, United Way, Linn Co Early Childhood IA.

Date/Time: **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 1 pm**

Location: **CR Public Library Beems Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Registration: **Walk-ins Welcome! No pre-registration.**

Things to note:

- Screenings meet kindergarten requirements.
- A parent/guardian must be present.