

Metropolitan Library System  
**FAMILY PLACE**



**Family Place  
features include:**

Developmentally appropriate programming for young children & their families.

Early childhood literacy training.

A specially designed space for young children & their families.

Collections of books, toys and other materials for babies, toddlers, parents and family service professionals.

For more information call: 405.231.8650.

**Developed** in 1979 at a public library in Centereach, New York, the Family Place concept holds that a library should “convey a welcoming feeling to young children and those who care for them.”

## Family Place

# LIBRARIES

Today, the Family Place concept is being implemented at the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County.



Workshop—a key component of the concept—is a five-week program for children ages 1-3 and their families. The workshop features developmentally appropriate toys, books and art activities for children as well as professionals from community agencies who can answer caregivers’ questions about their children.



**How does Family Place impact library service?** It provides parents and caregivers of very young children a welcoming and supportive environment that promotes healthy child development, family literacy and access to community services.

**How does Family Place impact literacy?** By encouraging parents and caregivers to read to children for at least 15 minutes each day and providing age-appropriate reading materials, the Metropolitan Library System can help strengthen literacy throughout Oklahoma County.

# Family Place Libraries

A project of the Metropolitan Library System  
of Oklahoma County.

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