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Braille Babies!

Strategies to Promote Pre-Reading Skills in Infants and Children with Visual Impairments

Do you have a child who is blind or visually impaired? Would you like to learn ways to help your child develop pre-reading skills to promote future literacy? Are you searching for fun and exciting methods to stimulate your child that are convenient, affordable and fit into your daily routine? If so, the Braille Babies seminar was designed for you!

Braille Babies is an exciting, hands-on workshop created to educate and empower parents and caregivers who have children with visual impairments. Participants will learn methods to promote tactile learning for children with visual impairments, the basics of braille and simple methods and toys that enhance pre-braille literacy. Not sure if your child may be a future braille reader? This seminar is useful for helping you decide if braille is appropriate for your child and how to prepare him/her for life-long literacy. Developmental support, understanding your child's unique learning perspective, and methods for working with a child who is visually impaired are added features woven into the structure of this seminar.

Preemies Today invites parents, guardians, and caregivers who have children with all types of visual impairments to take part in this seminar, including those whose children were not premature.

Date/Time: Sunday, May 31, 2009, 1:00-3:00 pm

Location:

Fairfax City Regional Library
City of Fairfax Meeting Room A/B
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Fairfax, VA 22030-2514
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Please RSVP by Friday, May 29: events@premiestoday.org
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Presenter: Kimberly Avila, M.A., COMS

Kimberly Avila is a mother, experienced teacher of students with visual impairments, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, published author, researcher and curriculum developer. She has extensive experience working with persons who have visual impairments -- from extremely premature infants to senior citizens and every age in between.

Preemies Today is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide outreach and support programs to families affected by prematurity starting at birth and throughout childhood.

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