Music is an integral part of today’s world. While there are a variety of forms of music, studies imply that music is particularly beneficial to the development of young children. Though it is helpful to be able to hear different combinations of music to increase listening skills, cognitive function, and memory, there is evidence to suggest that music also has a positive effect on physical, emotional, and mental development.

Music in early childhood can impact brain development, mood and emotions, and it can also lead to lifelong learning. By providing a variety of musical experiences, you can support the development of children in various areas, including language, math, and science.

For instance, music can enhance children’s understanding of rhythm and patterns, which can be transferred to other areas of learning, such as math and language. Moreover, music can help children develop fine motor skills and coordination, as they learn to play musical instruments.

In addition, music supports and encourages learning in math, language arts, science, art, and all other subjects by showing patterns, using different sounds, repeating phrases, and utilizing rhythms. Music may be used to teach history, geography, and math concepts that are often difficult to remember by just using a flashcard approach.

Finally, music for pure enjoyment, the development of empathy, and use of imagination are considered fringe benefits, but create the whole person and an overall positive human experience. Pikes Peak Library District has many resources for educators and parents including thousands of music CDs. Parents may expand their knowledge and provide wonderful daily-music opportunities for their families.

by listening to the local radio station KCME and checking out several resources in the PPLD collection. Here are a few to get families started:

- Exploring the Science of Sounds: 100 Musical Activities for Young Children (Parenting 534.074 CONN)
- Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Rhythm Instruments and More for Active Learning (Parenting 372.87 CONN) both by Abigail Flesch Connors, MD
- Using Movement to Teach Academics by Sandra Montin (Nonfiction 372.88 M057U)
- Wiggle, Giggle, and Shake: 200 Ways to Move and Learn by Rae Pica (Nonfiction 372.86 PICA)
- Great Games for Young Children by Rae Pica (Nonfiction 793.0922 PICA)
- Jump into Literacy: Active Learning for Preschool Children by Rae Pica (Nonfiction 372.6 PICA)
- Early Elementary Children Moving and Learning by Rae Pica (Nonfiction 372.88 PICA)

All Together Singing in the Kitchen: Creative Ways to Make and Listen to Music as a Family by Nerissa Nielsen and Katyna Niels.

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Summer Adventure for Ages 0 - 18

An amazing lineup of events and the chance to earn prizes through reading and activities! Register and enroll for Summer Adventure at your favorite location OR online at ppld.beanstack.org. Then pick up your game card and begin your adventure!

Summer Fun events replaces our regular Storytime programs. Your younger children can still enjoy Baby Time (birth to 12 months) and Toddler Time (ages 12 - 36 months), which continue throughout the summer.

All Old Colorado City Library (OL) Summer Fun programs will be held at the Westside Community Center (WCC) at 1628 W. Bijou St. Interpretation for the deaf is available upon request. Call 531-6333, x2405.

Homeschool Game Day
Fri., Aug. 24 • 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • EA (George Fellows Park, behind EA)
Come and play together with other homeschool families at our Game Day. We’ll provide balls, jump ropes, chalk, bubbles, and ideas for some fun games, but you are welcome to bring your own games as well. All ages are welcome, and teen volunteers are needed to help direct the play. In case of bad weather, the event will be cancelled. Contact Joy at jfleishhacker@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1407 with any questions. Come and have some fun!