

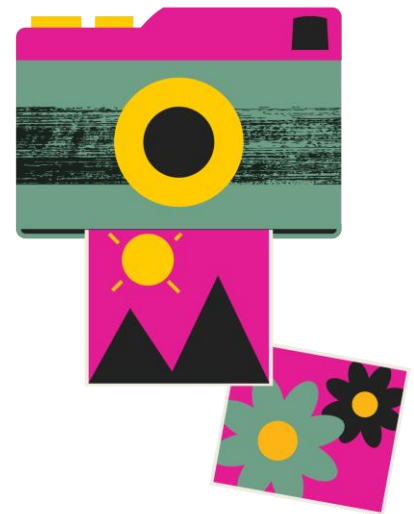
toddler studio:

Meet the Art Librarians

Today we met the Carter's archivists! Like librarians, archivists save pictures, papers, and other items important to the museum. Do you have special toys, clothes, or books at your home? What do your belongings say about you and your family? Let's play, sort, and create our own at-home archives together!

PLAYING:

Turn a space in your home into an archive or library and have fun with some dramatic play. Collect toys, blocks, books, birthday cards, baby shoes, or other household items to fill your archive or library. Take turns investigating each object with your toddler. Scribble notes, draw illustrations, make labels, or take pictures of your special items. Don't forget to play dress-up! What might an archivist wear or use while they work? Think about gloves, aprons, pencils, tongs, magnifying glasses, or other important tools of the trade.



SORTING:

Build early math and literacy skills by playing sorting and matching games with your toddler. Work together to group toys by color, shape, size, or function. Looking for a bigger challenge? Spend an afternoon reorganizing your toy bins or kitchen cabinets together. Check out the National Association for the Education of Young Children's suggestions for [sorting activities](#) for more fun ideas!

books

Baby Goes to Market by
Atinuke, illustrated by
Angela Brooksbank

*My Heart Fills with
Happiness* by Monique
Gray Smith, illustrated
by Julie Flett

A Squiggly Story by
Andrew Larsen,
illustrated by Mike
Lowery

City Shapes by Diana
Murray, illustrated by
Bryan Collier

*Do Not Bring Your
Dragon to the Library*
by Julie Gassman and
Andy Elkerton