New Twists on Storytime
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Template for Planning a Special Storytime Program

Name of Event: Dance Party Storytime

Date of Event: Saturday, October 15, 2106, 10:30am.

Intended age group: Toddlers through age seven

Theme (optional): Animals.

Introduction – simple stretches and warm up: Jumping Jacks.

First movement song (not sung to any music) - “Shake Your Sillies Out”
(Examples: “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes,” “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” “Ring Around the Rosie”).

Song on CD or MP3 - From Miss Carole’s Polka Dots! by Carole Stephens: “Whoops, Johnny!” using each child’s name in the song.

Song on CD or MP3 - From Miss Carole’s Polka Dots! by Carole Stephens: “(Down on) Grandpa’s Farm” with animal noises.

Book break – Felix Stands Tall by Rosemary Wells. Fiona tells her best friend Felix that they will dance for the school talent show.

Beanbag Song on CD or MP3 – From Bean Bag and Ball Play by Michael Plunkett: “Pass and Clap” activity with beanbags.

Song on CD or MP3 – From Dancin’ In the Kitchen: Songs for All Families by Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer: “Dancin’ in the Kitchen.”

Scarf Song on CD or MP3 – From Miss Carole’s Dancing Feet by Carole Stephens: “Dancing Scarf Blues” activity with scarves.

Song on CD or MP3 - Dancin’ In the Kitchen: Songs for All Families by Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer: “Home” (calm down song).

Book break – I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison. Mother and daughter hear rhythm all around them on their walk to the park.

Finale Song – “Sally Goes Round the Sun” (circle dance)
Extra Stations set up:
Sibling Coloring Corner (two tables and chairs)
Quiet Reading Corner (carpet squares and pillows)
Hydration Station with water and orange wedges

Ribbon Dance Craft (one table and chairs): [http://partycraftsecrets.blogspot.com/2012/05/parent-submission-ballet-party-craft.html](http://partycraftsecrets.blogspot.com/2012/05/parent-submission-ballet-party-craft.html)

Other books that are fun for a Dance Party Storytime:

Andreae, Giles. *Giraffes Can’t Dance.*
Asch, Frank. *Moondance.*
Carle, Eric. *From Head to Toe.*
Craig, Lindsey. *Dancing Feet.*
Cronin, Doreen. *Wiggle.*
Donovan, Mary Lee. “Won’t You Come and Play with Me?”
Durango, Julia. *Cha Cha Chimps.*
Hanson, Warren. *Bugtown Boogie.*
Isadora, Rachel. *Max.*
Mitton, Tony. *Down by the Cool of the Pool.*
Ray, Mary Lyn. *Deer Dancer.*
Rueda, Claudia. *Let’s Play in the Forest While the Wolf Is Not Around.*
Schaefer, Carole Lexa. *Full Moon Barnyard Dance.*
Tricarico, Christine. *Cock-a-Doodle Dance!*
Walton, Rick. *How Can You Dance?*
Wilson, Karma. *Hilda Must Be Dancing.*
Winthrop, Elizabeth. *Dumpy LaRue.*