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New Twists on Storytime
An Infopeople Webinar

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Four Handouts

- Template for Planning a Special Storytime Program
- List of Apps Appropriate for Storytime
- List of Musical Recordings Appropriate for Storytime
- Useful Websites for Planning Storytime Special Events
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Setup for Special Storytimes

- Each library is different
- Meeting room area
- Holding event before the library is open

Publicity

- Flyers to daycares, preschools, recreation, pediatricians
- Social media (website, Facebook)
- Bulletin board and flyers in the library
- Press releases

Any other publicity venues?

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Deciding what to offer, how often

- Scientific method – try just one new thing at a time
- Test day of the week and time of the day to see what works
- Cultural influences can help determine good choices

Stay and Play Storytimes

- What is a Stay and Play Storytime?
- Begin with a “regular” storytime
- Add 20-30 minutes of playtime
- Why we do this
- Parents involved
- Use of volunteers

Value of Age-Mixed Play

- Allows younger children to try out play a little too complex for their age group.
- Allows older children to serve as models of social behavior for the younger children.
- Provides younger children care and emotional support in their play.
- Allows older children a chance to be a leader and a teacher.
- Provides opportunities for more creativity in play.
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Toys

- Wooden toys and puzzles
- Manipulatives
- Melissa and Doug
- Lakeshore Learning
- Fat Brain Toys
- Cleaning toys

Stay and Play Easy to Add

- Add play to your already scheduled toddler and/or family storytime
- Purchase toys
- Grant money or Friends of the Library donation

Yoga Storytime

- All yoga storytime, or
- Add a few yoga poses to a regular storytime
- Welcome and warm up, then first book
- Two poses between each book, or
- Do a pose during the story if it fits
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Yoga Picture Books
- I Am Yoga by Susan Verde
- You Are a Lion by Tae-Eun Yoo
- Little Yoga by Rebecca Whitford
- Books by Mariam Gates and Sarah Jane Hinder
- Kira Willey’s CD “Dance for the Sun”
- “Storyland Yoga” video from Dreamscape.

Yoga Books
- Little Yoga
- Good Morning Yoga

Tips for Yoga and Preschoolers
- Use a balloon to demonstrate the concept of full belly breathing.
- Keep poses and games brief (approx. 30 seconds for poses).
- Read a story between every other pose.
- Preschoolers appreciate and learn from repetition; offer some of the same poses each time.
- Be safe; no headstands or other advanced poses.
- Allow for quiet time with simple guided relaxation.
- Involve the parents/caregivers.
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Yoga Websites

- Yoga in My School: http://yogainmyschool.com/yoga-classroom/yoga-games/
- Promote Yoga with a Learning Storytime: www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/06/yoga-storytime/
- BayViews Yoga Storytime: www.bayviews.org/storytime/styoga.html

Dance Party Storytimes

- Very Popular
- Once a month
- Needs a leader
- Meeting room

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Format of a Dance Party

- Welcome song
- Dance/movement (first) song
- Second dance, fingerplay
- Book break
- Beanbag or scarf activity (third) song
- Fourth song, fingerplay
- Book break
- Free dance
- Cool down and concluding song

What you need

- Playlist and recordings
- Sound equipment
- Props: scarves, beanbags, shakers
- Crowd control (parents or volunteers)
- Hydration
- Quiet area
- Books

Make it fun

- Movement songs most kids know
- Free dance
- Dances using props
- Short books
- Songs
- Fingerplays
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Dance Party Books

- See Template handout

Tips from Katie Salo

- Popular recording artists
- Parents must dance along
- Mix old and new
- Props are important
- Staff support
- Handouts for parents
- Marketing/publicity
- Take photos and/or video
- Quality sound equipment
- Have fun!

Anyone offered Stay and Play, Yoga, or Dance party storytimes? What type of events might appeal to your community?
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Technology Storytime
- Adding an app or ebook to a regular storytime
- Or, offer a storytime with just technology
- Get okay from supervisor
  Littleelit.com

Media Mentorship
- Choosing educational and book-based apps
- Conscious use of technology, side by side with the young child
- Walk around with an iPad, or show the app or ebook on a large screen

Online book resources
- Tumblebooks
- Book Flix
- Storyline Online
- Fred Rogers Center
- Handout with Apps Appropriate for Storytime

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Intentional Use of Media

- Parent should use media alongside the child with an intentional purpose
- Joint media engagement
- Shared media interaction
- Apps or ebooks at storytime demonstrate this concept and show librarians as Media mentors

Would adding an app or ebook like Tumblebooks be supported by your library and your parents?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

- Reading log
- Incentives every 100 books
- Outreach
- Repeat books
- Word gap

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Time for questions?

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