Press Play!
Injecting Play into Library Programs for Kids

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Playing at the Library

The Case

• Children learn through play
• Connecting back to the collection
• Play demands participation
Session Outline

- Obstacle Courses
- Parachute Play
  - Box Parties
- Family Fort Nights
  - Digital Play

Questions

Resources
Session Objectives

• New and ready-to-implement play-based program ideas
• Strategies for connecting with families
• An understanding of resources available to children’s library staff
• Refreshed knowledge of early literacy practices
Obstacle Courses
# Physical Literacy

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Obstacle Courses

- Large, open space
- Stations with different activities
- Great program for the winter
- Capitalize on existing supplies

Obstacle Courses

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Incorporating Print Awareness

• Signs with instructions
• Signs with directions
• Visual cues for kids and ESL families

In Short, I’m Busy
http://inshortbusy.blogspot.ca/2015/11/winter-wigglers-obstacle-course.html
Adapt for Babies and Toddlers

Parachute Play
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**Supplies**
- 12’ – 24’ Parachute
- Beach balls
- Foam letters or shapes
- Puppets
- Recorded music
Parachute Play

Parachute Play

Content

• Basic rules
• Familiar songs and rhymes
• Recorded music with simple directions
• Games!
Box Parties
Making and Playing

Getting Giggles
https://gettinggiggles.wordpress.com/2014/02/17/drive-in-movie/
https://gettinggiggles.wordpress.com/2014/03/17/wild-about-trains/
Making and Playing

Program Ideas

• Toddler Box Party
• Car Rally
• Drive In Movies
• Life Sized Train Set

Tiny Tips for Library Fun
http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.ca/2012/08/toddler-drive-in-movie.html
You say box...

...we say play!
Family Fort Nights
Family Fort Night

Library Lalaland  Family Fort Night
http://lalalalibrary.blogspot.ca/2015/03/family-fort-night.html
Forts Galore!

- Intergenerational participation
- Combines STEAM and physical literacy skills

Left: The Show Me Librarian Family Forts After Hours
http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.ca/2014/01/family-forts-after-hours.html

Right: Tiny Tips for Library Fun
http://tinylitipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.ca/2012/06/spooky-camp-out.html
Fort Building is in Their DNA

The Show Me Librarian Family Forts After Hours
http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.ca/2014/01/family-forts-after-hours.html
Digital Play
LEGO Movie Maker

- The Power of Pop Culture
- Story Mapping
- Sharing Creations
Press Here!

- Go Beyond the App
- Joint Media Engagement
Resources

Obstacle Courses

Winter Wigglers Obstacle Course by In Short, I’m Busy
http://inshortbusy.blogspot.ca/2015/11/winter-wigglers-obstacle-course.html

Preschool/Toddler Obstacle Course by The Show Me Librarian
http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.ca/2014/02/preschooltoddler-obstacle-course.html

Pool Noodles and Mats and Duct Tape and Bean Bags! by erinisinire

Baby Explorers #2: Fine Motor Activities by Mallory Tells Stories
http://www.malloryinman.com/baby-explorers-2-fine-motor-activities/
Resources

Parachute Play

Baby Storytime: Using a Parachute by Jbrary
http://jbrary.com/baby-storytime-using-a-parachute/

Parachute Songs and Rhymes by Jbrary

Toddler Storytime with Parachutes by Read, Sing, Play
https://klmpeace.wordpress.com/2012/08/15/toddler-storytime-parachute/

Parachute Playtime! by Narrating Tales of Preschool Storytime
https://nikarella.wordpress.com/2013/09/10/parachute-playtime/

Parachute Games by Libraryland

Parachute Playtime by So Tomorrow
http://www.sotomorrowblog.com/2013/08/program-idea-parachute-playtime.html

Parachute Play with Babies by Laughter and Literacy
https://laughteraliteracy.wordpress.com/2013/06/26/parachute-play-with-babies/

Baby Storytime with Parachute by Jbrary
http://jbrary.com/changing-landscape-babytime/

Discovery!: Parachute! By Storytime Katie
http://storytimekatie.com/2015/04/06/discovery-parachute/
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Box Parties

Drive-In Movie and Wild About Trains by Getting Giggles
https://gettinggiggles.wordpress.com/2014/03/17/wild-about-trains/
https://gettinggiggles.wordpress.com/2014/02/17/drive-in-movie/

Toddler Drive In Movie by So Tomorrow
http://www.sotomorrowblog.com/2013/12/toddler-drive-in-movie.html

Toddler Drive-in Move by Tiny Tips for Library Fun
http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.ca/2012/08/toddler-drive-in-movie.html

Play Boxes: Mini Playspaces in Your Library by Kiera on ALSC Blog
http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2013/03/play-boxes-mini-playspaces-in-your-library/
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Family Fort Night

Family Fort Night by Library Lalaland
http://lalalalibrary.blogspot.ca/2015/03/family-fort-night.html

Family Fort Night FTW! By erinisinire
https://erinisinire.wordpress.com/2015/01/19/family-fort-night-ftw/

Family Forts After Hours by The Show Me Librarian
http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.ca/2014/01/family-forts-after-hours.html

Spooky Camp-Out by Tiny Tips for Library Fun
http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.ca/2012/06/spooky-camp-out.html
Resources

Digital Play

LEGO Movie Maker App

ChatterPix Kids App

Sock Puppets App
https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/sock-puppets/id394504903?mt=8

Press Here! App

Press Here: First Session of Tablet Time by Angela Reynolds on Little eLit

Three Great Creation Apps for Kids by Kiera Parrott on ALSC Blog
http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2012/05/three-great-creation-apps-for-kids/

Take 5: Stop Motion Animation Hacks for a MakerSpace by Teen Librarian Toolbox
http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2015/12/take-5-stop-motion-animation-hacks-for-a-makerspace/
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