

# Press Play!

## Injecting Play into Library Programs for Kids



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# Playing at the Library

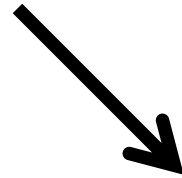
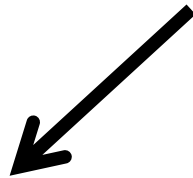
## The Case

- 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

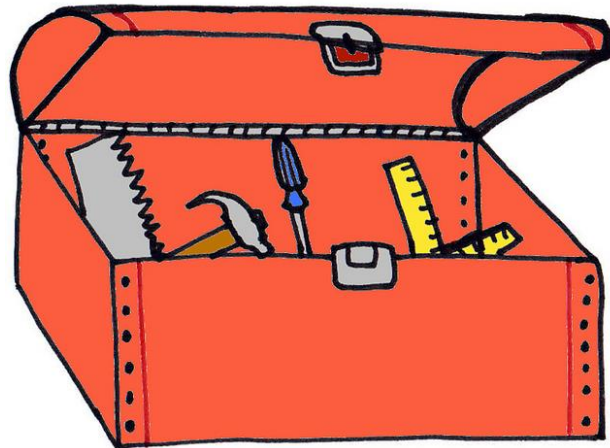


Questions

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

<b>Infants</b>	<b>Toddlers and Up</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tummy time</li><li>• Reaching &amp; grasping</li><li>• Rolling on the floor</li><li>• Crawling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climbing</li><li>• Exploring outside</li><li>• Running, Dancing, Jumping</li><li>• Sports Activities</li></ul>

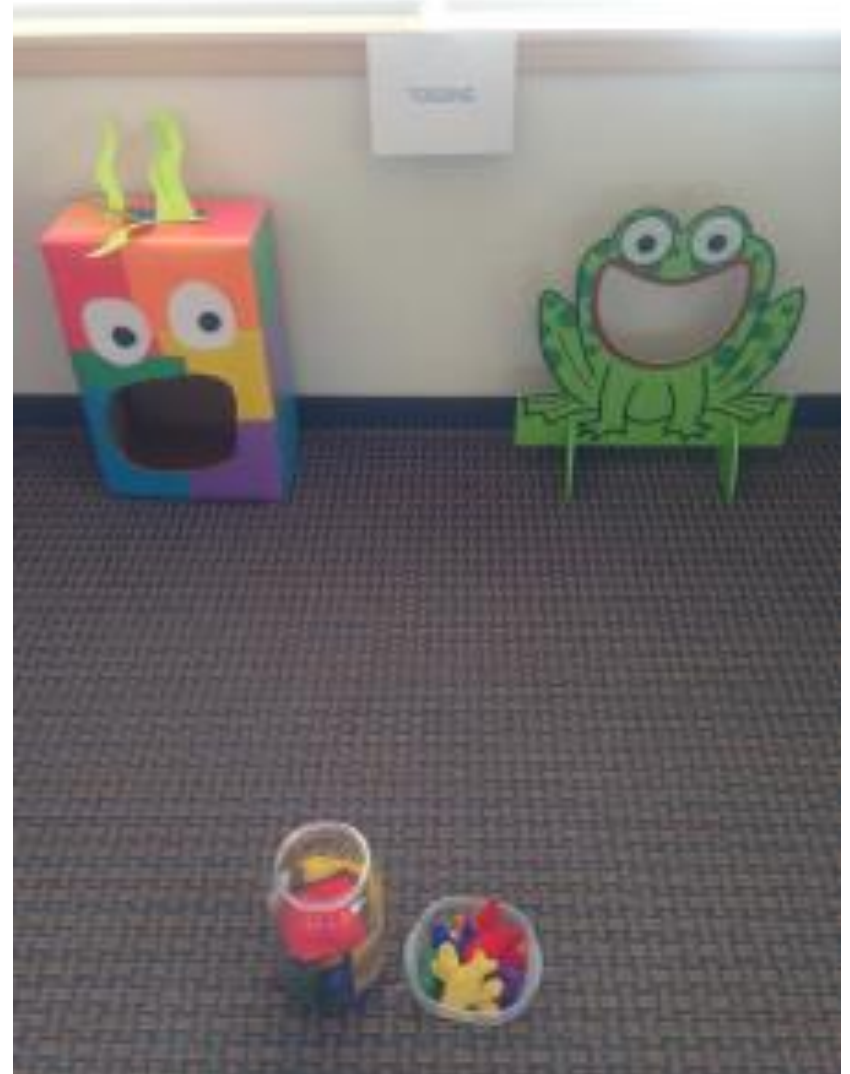
# Obstacle Courses

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





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## Incorporating Print Awareness

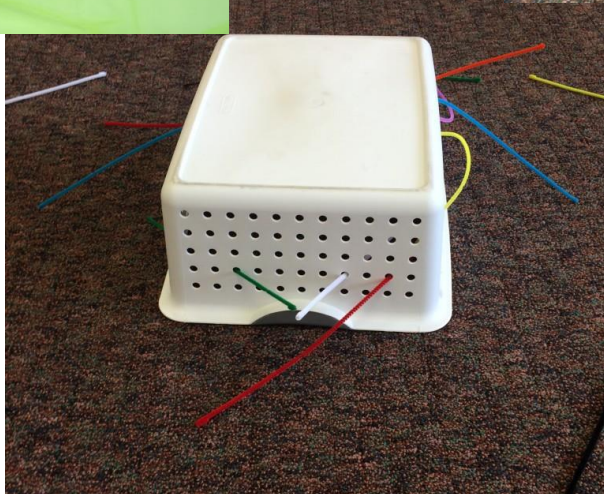
- Signs with instructions
- Signs with directions
- Visual cues for kids and ESL families



**In Short, I'm Busy**

<http://inshortbusy.blogspot.ca/2015/11/winter-wigglers-obstacle-course.html>

# Adapt for Babies and Toddlers



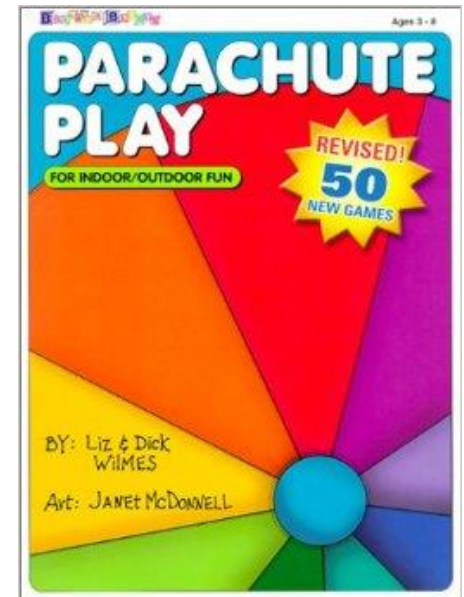
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## Supplies

- 12' – 24' Parachute
- Beach balls
- Foam letters or shapes
- Puppets
- Recorded music



# Parachute Play



**Photos from:** <http://www.ecdevelopment.org/playing-with-your-baby-promoting-development-at-4-months/>  
<http://burlington.momstown.ca/baby-toddlers-preschooler/baby-book-club-i-am-train>



# 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



You say **box**...



...we say **play**!

# Family Fort Nights



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**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://tinytipsforlibraryfun.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



# Digital Storytelling



# Press Here!



- Go Beyond the App
- Joint Media Engagement



**Press Here Program by Angela Reynolds**

<http://littleelit.com/2014/04/04/press-here-first-session-of-tablet-time-by-angela-reynolds/>

# 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

<https://erinisinire.wordpress.com/2015/03/27/pool-noodles-and-mats-and-duct-tape-and-bean-bags/>

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 Jrary

<https://www.pinterest.com/jbrary/parachute-songs-and-rhymes/>

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

<http://lisaslibraryland.blogspot.ca/2013/07/parachute-games-2013-edition.html>

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://laughterandliteracy.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/>



# Resources

## **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

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/lego-movie-maker/id516001587?mt=8>

ChatterPix Kids App

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/chatterpix-kids-by-duck-duck/id734046126?mt=8>

Sock Puppets App

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/sock-puppets/id394504903?mt=8>

Press Here! App

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/press-here-the-app/id512806026?mt=8>

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

<http://littleelit.com/2014/04/04/press-here-first-session-of-tablet-time-by-angela-reynolds/>

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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