Thinking Outside the Storytime Box: Building Your Preschool Programming Repertoire

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Programs discussed:

Book Parties - Celebrate favorite book characters through reading & activities.

http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.com/2014/04/elephant-and-piggie-party.html

Dance Parties - Get moving, sing, & highlight musical collections.

http://www.catchthepossibilities.com/2012/09/preschool-dance-party.html

Preschool Obstacle Course - Facilitate gross and fine motor play for families.

http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/2014/02/preschooltoddler-obstacle-course.html

Preschool Players - Simple, interactive live theater for preschoolers.

http://tinytipsforlibraryfun.blogspot.com/2010/03/books-plus-theater-literacy-excitement.html

Library Dramatic Play @ Outreach - Give outreach kids the full library experience.

http://www.catchthepossibilities.com/2013/12/preschool-outreach-dramatic-play.html

Preschool Science - Use stories, talk, & hands-on activities to build basic knowledge.

http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2013/02/color-science-a-stem-program-for-preschoolers/

Baby Book Bees - A stealth program to get parents reading to kids from birth.

http://readingwithred.blogspot.com/2013/11/baby-book-bees.html

Parachute Play - Structure an entire event around various parachute activities.

http://www.catchthepossibilities.com/2013/10/parachute-play.html

"Meet a Real…" - Invite community figures to visit & skill-share with kids.

http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/2014/02/thinking-outside-book-ballet-storytime.html

Mel's Research Links: http://goo.gl/hOVj4H

Pinterest Resource Board, packed full of program write-ups: http://goo.gl/6EUs1c

Our Slide Deck: http://www.slideshare.net/amykoester35/thinking-outside-the-storytime-box