

# **STORYTIME... AND BEYOND!**

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# WHY GO BEYOND?

- **Keeps us creatively recharged.**
- **Allows us to test out new initiatives.**
- **Helps us reach a variety of patrons' needs.**
  - Interests
  - Scheduling
  - Ages
- **Because we do it for every other age group!**

# WHAT FIRST?

- **Evaluate current programming.**
- **Identify areas for change.**
- **Brainstorm ideas.**

# **EVALUATE CURRENT PROGRAMMING**

- **Staff evaluations**
  - **Write-ups of current programs**
  - **Youth room observations**
- **Patron evaluations**
  - **Storytime evaluations**
  - **Web-based surveys**
  - **Face-to-face conversations**
  - **Suggestion boxes**

## Preschool Storytime Evaluation

Thank you for attending today's storytime!

Please take a moment to let us know what you think, and help us in planning future storytimes.

**Date of Storytime: \***

Month  Day  Year  

**Branch: \***

- Select -

**Child 1s Age: \***

- Select -

**Child 2s Age:**

- None -

**Child 3s Age:**

- None -

Available [Ask Us](#)

### Chat is Unavailable

**Regular Hours:**

- M 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- T 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- W 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- T 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- F 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- S 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- S 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Type here to chat. Press ENTER to send.

[Contact Us](#)  
Text us: 780-667-INFO (4636)

**Your Branch**

**Stanley A. Milner Library**

# **CONSIDER THIS!**

## **Internal Factors**

- **Days and times to offer programs**
- **Staff availability**
- **Drop-in vs. registration**

## **External Factors**

- **Local preschool and daycare schedules**
- **Conflicting community activities**
- **Local weather/seasons**

# **BRAINSTORM PROGRAM IDEAS**

- **Storytimes/  
Lapsits with a  
Twist**
- **Movement  
Programs**
- **Concept  
Programming**
- **Book Based  
Programs**
- **Summer  
Reading Tie-Ins**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Gaming  
Programs**
- **Seasonal  
Programs**
- **Family Events**

**STORYTIME  
WITH A  
TWIST**



# AFTERNOON STORYTIME

- Audience:  
Preschool &  
Older Siblings  
(Ages 3-5/5-7)
- Once a month;  
Tuesday from  
4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Average Cost:  
\$20 per  
program (craft)



# STARRY NIGHT STORIES



- **Audience:** Preschoolers and Working Parents (Ages 0-5)
- **Trial last summer;** twice monthly this summer.
- **Average Cost: \$0** (Paper, crayons, and glue in general materials budget)

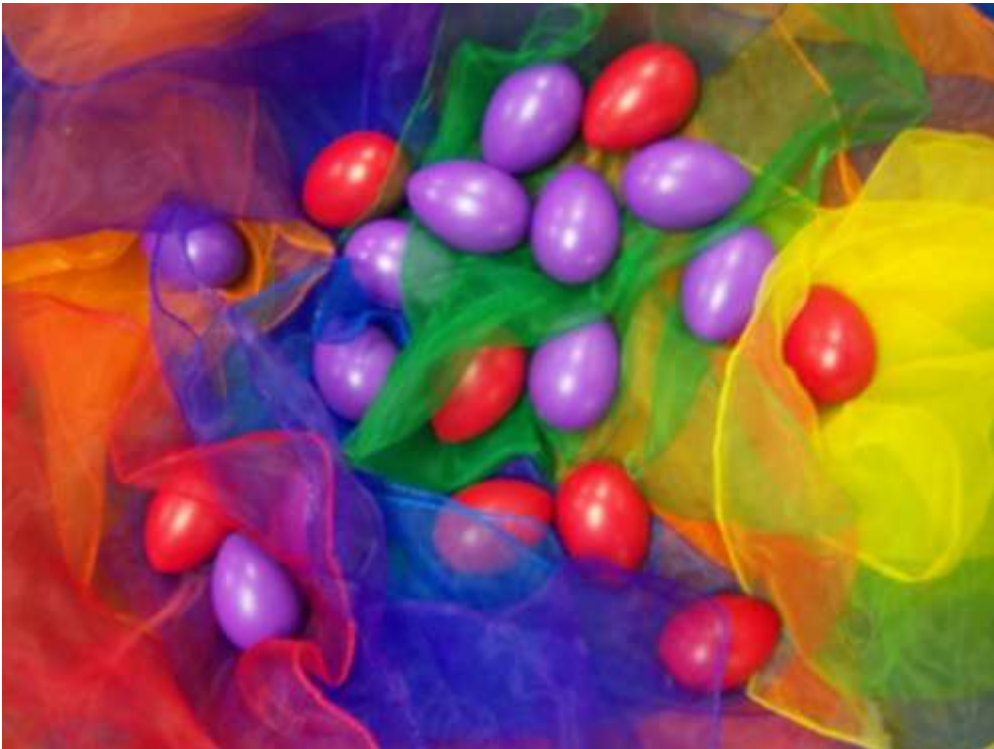
# STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

- Audience: Preschoolers (Ages 2-6) and their families
- Cost: \$40 (refreshments)



# **MOVEMENT PROGRAMS**

# MUSIC & MOVEMENT



- **Audience: New Walkers and Preschoolers (Ages 1-5)**
- **Monthly**
- **Start-Up Cost: \$200 (Bubble machine, egg shakers, and scarves)**

# SHAKE YOUR SILLIES OUT

- **Audience:  
Older  
Preschool  
(Ages 3-5)**
- **Start-Up Cost:  
\$50  
(Parachute)**



# **CONCEPT PROGRAMS**

# OVER THE RAINBOW



- **Audience:  
Older  
Preschoolers  
(Ages 3-5)**
- **Cost: \$20  
(craft)**



**BOOK**

**PROGRAMS**

# MAISY AND FRIENDS

- Audience:  
Preschool  
(Ages 2-5)
- Cost: \$0 (Paper  
and markers  
included in  
general  
materials  
budget)



# MAX AND RUBY



- Audience: Preschool (Ages 2-5)
- Cost: \$0 (Paper and markers included in general materials budget)

**SUMMER  
READING  
TIE-INS**

# BUBBLE PARTY

- **Audience:**  
**Preschool**  
**(Ages 0-5)**
- **Cost: \$20**  
**(bubbles and**  
**bubble wands/**  
**attachments)**



# CHALK DAY



- **Audience:  
Families**
- **Cost: \$40  
(chalk and  
chalk kits)**

# **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

# KIDS ART

- Audience: Older Preschoolers (Ages 2-5)
- Monthly; early afternoon time slot of 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Average Cost: \$20 (paint/craft)





# PUPPET MAKING



- **Audience:  
Older  
Preschoolers &  
Siblings (Ages  
3-5/5-7)**
- **Cost: \$0 (used  
left-over craft  
supplies)**

# **GAMING PROGRAMS**

# I SPY!

- Audience: Families
- Monthly
- Cost: \$0



# CANDYLAND



- Audience: Families
- Once a Year
- Cost: \$10-20 for decorations

**SEASONAL/  
HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMS**

# WELCOME SPRING!

- Audience:  
Preschool (2-5)
- Cost: \$15  
for craft



# SUMMER CARNIVAL



- **Audience:  
Families**
- **Cost: \$50 for  
face paint  
(yearly); \$150  
for games  
(start-up)**

# **FINAL THOUGHTS, PART ONE**

- **Preschool programming should be equal to what you give other age groups. If you have gaming programs for teens, have some for preschool!**
- **Preschool programming should be well-thought out and tailored to your community's needs. But it doesn't have to be complicated!**



# **FINAL THOUGHTS, PART TWO**

- **Preschool programming can be educational and fun at the same time. It doesn't have to be one or the other.**
- **Above all, make sure that you are creating a positive experience for preschoolers and their care-givers at the library!**

# RESOURCES AND LINKS TO LOOK AT

- Resource Handout
- Pinterest Page (<http://pinterest.com/storytimekatie>)
- Specific Blog Posts at...
  - Hi Miss Julie!
  - Storytiming
  - Tiny Tips for Library Fun

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