

# STORYTIME TO GO

A EVPL EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE



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**The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library  
is delighted to share **STORYTIME TO GO**  
kits with families in our community!**

Our kits - each complete with songs and storytime tools - are perfect for storytimes with your child! Reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing are the five early literacy skills needed for children to learn how to read on their own. Using your Storytime To Go kit, have fun with your little one as you sing, dance, and make music while they learn new words and how to create other words by combining sounds - an excellent way to build the early literacy skills needed for learning to read!

Don't forget to find us on Facebook and YouTube at @evplibrary for our virtual storytimes with content for all ages. Please feel welcome to share your Storytime To Go experiences by tagging us on social media with #MyEVPL or by emailing us at [programming@evpl.org](mailto:programming@evpl.org).

# INSIDE YOUR KIT

**Beanbags** are a great way to engage your child and practice moving our bodies! Balancing the beanbag on your child's head while they try to work or passing the beanbag from hand to hand teaches body awareness and skills that help when learning to write.

**Shakers** are a simple way to make dancing to music even more fun! Shaking high and low, loud and soft, or quick and slow helps with learning our opposites and our action words.

**Scarves** are a colorful way to encourage dancing and movement! Playing peekaboo and creating different shapes with the scarf are great opportunities for learning shape and directional words.

**Bubbles** are an exciting way for you to help your child grow! Chasing after bubbles or teaching your little one to blow bubbles helps build muscles needed for play and language development.

Bubbles can also be used as a centering activity if your child is overstimulated. Listen to some quiet, relaxing music and focus on play with a five minute bubble break.

# SHAKERS

Try to shake with the beat of the music, or shake with each syllable of a word. Take turns shaking your shaker on different body parts (head, arm, toes).

## **SHAKE TO MY LOU**

Tune: Skip to My Lou  
(You can use this for scarves too!)

Shake, shake, shake to my Lou,  
Shake, shake, shake to my Lou,  
Shake, shake, shake to my Lou,  
Shake to my Lou, my darling!

Shake up high, shake down low,  
Shake up high, shake down low,  
Shake up high, shake down low,  
Shake to my Lou my darling!

Shake it fast, shake it slow,  
Shake it fast, shake it slow,  
Shake it fast, shake it slow,  
Shake to my Lou my darling!

Shake it out and shake it in,  
Shake it out and shake it in,  
Shake it out and shake it in,  
Shake to my Lou, my darling!



## **SHAKE YOUR SHAKERS**

Tune: London Bridge

Shake your shaker in the air,  
Shake it here, shake it there.  
Shake your shaker in the air,  
Shake your shaker.

Shake it high and shake it low,  
Shake it yes, shake it no.  
Shake it high and shake it low,  
Shake your shaker.

Shake it up and shake it down,  
Rub your shaker on the ground.  
Shake it up and shake it down,  
Shake your shakers  
Shake it near and shake it far,  
Drive your shaker like a car.  
Shake it near and shake it far,  
Shake your shaker.

Shake it fast and shake it slow,  
Shake it stop, shake it go.  
Shake it fast and shake it slow,  
Shake your shaker.

## IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT GIVE A SHAKE

Tune: If You're Happy and you Know It

If you're happy and you know it give a shake  
If you're happy and you know it give a shake  
If you're happy and you know it  
And you really want to show it  
If you're happy and you know it give a shake!

If you're happy and you know it give a tap  
If you're happy and you know it give a tap  
If you're happy and you know it  
And you really want to show it  
If you're happy and you know it give a tap!

If you're happy and you know it give a clap  
If you're happy and you know it give a clap  
If you're happy and you know it  
And you really want to show it  
If you're happy and you know it  
Give a clap!

If you're happy and you know it do all three!  
(shake, tap, clap)  
If you're happy and you know it do all three  
(shake, tap, clap)  
If you're happy and you know it  
And you really want to show it  
If you're happy and you know it do all three  
(shake, tap, clap)

Shakers are a simple way to make dancing  
to music even more fun!

# SCARVES

Can you practice hand-eye coordination by throwing your scarf in the air and catching it, or tossing your scarf from one hand to the other?



## **WAVE YOUR SCARF UP & DOWN**

Tune: London Bridge

Wave your scarf up and down,  
(wave scarf up and down)

up and down, up and down.

Wave your scarf up and down,  
wave your scarf.

Verses: left and right...

(wave scarf left and right)

fast and slow...

(wave scarf fast and slow)

high and low...

(wave scarf high and low)

around and around // wave it  
goodbye

(wave scarf in a circle motion)

## **POPCORN POPPING**

Tune: Frere Jacques

Popcorn popping,  
(scrunch scarf up tight in your  
hands & hold them together)

Popcorn popping,  
(gently bounce hands)

In a pot, in a pot  
Shake them, shake them,  
shake them

(shake hands quickly)  
Shake them, shake them,  
shake them

(shake hands quickly)

'Til they POP!

'Til they POP

(throw scarf up in the air)

## **RAIN ON THE GRASS**

Rain on the grass

*(shake scarf on the ground)*

Rain on the trees

*(shake scarf in the air)*

Rain on the roof

*(hold scarf above your head)*

But not on me!

*(let your scarf fall to the ground)*

Sun on the grass

*(shake scarf on the ground)*

Sun on the trees

*(shake scarf in the air)*

Sun on the roof

*(hold scarf above your head)*

But not on me!

*(let your scarf fall to the ground)*

Leaves on the grass

*(shake scarf on the ground)*

Leaves on the trees

*(shake scarf in the air)*

Leaves on the roof

*(hold scarf above your head)*

But not on me!

*(let your scarf fall to the ground)*

Snow on the grass

*(shake scarf on the ground)*

Snow on the trees

*(shake scarf in the air)*

Snow on the roof

*(hold scarf above your head)*

But not on me!

*(let your scarf fall to the ground)*

## **WE WAVE OUR SCARVES TOGETHER**

Tune: The Bear Went Over  
the Mountain

We wave our scarves together,  
*(wave scarves)*

We wave our scarves together,

We wave our scarves together,  
Because it's fun to do

We wave them up high,  
*(wave scarves up high)*

We wave them down low,  
*(wave scarves down low)*

We wave them in the middle,  
*(wave scarves in the middle)*

Because it's fun to do

We throw our scarves together,  
*(throw scarves in the air)*

We throw our scarves together,

We throw our scarves together,  
Because it's fun to do

We throw them up high,  
*(throw scarves up high)*

We throw them down low,  
*(toss scarves down low)*

We throw them in the middle,  
*(throw scarves in the middle)*

Because it's fun to do

# BEANBAGS

Beanbags are a great way to engage your child and practice both fine and gross motor skills!



## **BUTTERFLY, BUTTERFLY**

Hold the beanbag in one hand and swing your arms above your head. Pass the beanbag to your other hand above your head while reciting the following poem.

Butterfly, butterfly  
In the sky  
Flap your wings  
And up you fly!  
Back and forth  
To and fro  
Up, up and...  
Away you go!

## **FROGGY'S HOPPING**

Have your child pretend the beanbag is a frog as they bounce the beanbag from body part to body part.

Froggy's hopping on my toes,  
on my toes, on my toes!  
Froggy's hopping on my toes....RIBBIT!

Froggy's hopping on my knee,  
on my knee, on my knee!  
Froggy's hopping on my knee... RIBBIT!

Froggy's hopping on my tummy,  
on my tummy, on my tummy!  
Froggy's hopping on my tummy...RIBBIT!

Froggy's hopping on my shoulder,  
on my shoulder, on my shoulder!  
Froggy's hopping on my shoulder...  
RIBBIT!

Froggy's hopping on my head,  
on my head, on my head!  
Froggy's hopping on my head...RIBBIT!  
He hopped away!  
(drop the beanbag onto the floor)



# RECORDED SONGS & CDS

Scarves and shakers can also be used when dancing with recorded music! Here are some of our favorite songs - many of these albums are available to borrow from EVPL!

## SHAKERS

*I Know a Chicken* by Laurie Berkner | Album: Whaddaya Think of That?

*Alabama, Mississippi* by Jim Gill | Album: Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and other Contagious Tunes

*Hip Hop Body Rock* by Mr. Eric & Mr. Michael | Album: Rockin' Red from The Learning Groove

*Rock and Roll Freeze Dance* by Hap Palmer | Album: So Big

*Stop and Go* by Greg & Steve | Album: Shake, Rattle, and Rock

## SCARVES

*Stop and Go* by Ella Jenkins | Album: Get Moving with Ella Jenkins

*Slow and Fast* by Hap Palmer | Album: Rhythms on Parade

*Dancing Scarf Blues* by Carole Peterson | Album: Dancing Feet

*Rock and Roll Freeze Dance* by Hap Palmer | Album: So Big

*Stop and Go* by Greg & Steve | album: Shake, Rattle, and Rock

*Silly Dance Contest* by Jim Gill | Album: Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and other Contagious Tunes

## BEANBAGS

*Bean Bag Shake* by Hap Palmer | Album: Rhythms on Parade

*Bean Bag Rock* by Georgiana Stewart | Album: Action Songs for Preschoolers

*Beanie Bag Dance* by Greg & Steve | Album: Kids in Action

# STORYTIME FAVORITES

## **ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM\***

Zoom, zoom, zoom

*(swipe hands together)*

We're going to the moon

Zoom, zoom, zoom

*(swipe hands together)*

We're going to the moon

If you want to take a trip,

*(climb fingers up one arm)*

Climb aboard my rocket ship,

*(climb fingers up other arm)*

Zoom, zoom, zoom

*(swipe hands together)*

We're going to the moon

In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...

*(crouch down on the ground, &*

*count with fingers)*

**Blast off!!**

*(jump up high in the air, or lift child)*

## **THIS IS BIG, BIG, BIG**

This is big, big, big

*(hold arms out to side)*

This is small, small, small

*(cup hands together)*

This is short, short, short

*(hold hands with palms facing each other)*

This is tall, tall, tall

*(reach one hand above head)*

This is fast, fast, fast

*(circle fists quickly)*

This is slow, slow, slow

*(circle fists slowly)*

This is yes, yes, yes

*(nod yes)*

This is no, no, no

*(shake head no)*

\*Song provided by Jbrary on YouTube. A partnership between two librarians, Jbrary is curated playlist collection of children's includes how to use shaker eggs, scarves, and bean bags. This is a fantastic resource for learning new songs to sing together!

## **WHEELS ON THE BUS**

The wheels on the bus go round and round  
(roll hands)

Round and round, Round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All through the town

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish  
(move hands like windshield wipers)

Swish, swish, swish, Swish, swish, swish  
The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish  
All through the town

The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep  
(pretend to beep a horn)

Beep, beep, beep, Beep, beep, beep  
The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep  
All through the town

The doors on the bus go open and shut  
(clap hands together)

Open and shut, Open and shut  
The doors on the bus go open and shut  
All through the town

The Driver on the bus says  
“Move on back (point back with thumb)  
Move on back, move on back”  
The Driver on the bus says “Move on back”  
All through the town...

The wheels on the bus go round and round  
(roll hands)

Round and round, Round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All through the town

## **This Little Piggy** (tickle rhyme)

This little piggy went  
to the market,

(start with thumb or  
big toe and wiggle)

This little piggy stayed  
home,

(move to the next  
finger or toe)

This little piggy had  
roast beef,

(move to the next  
finger or toe)

This little piggy had  
none

(move to the next  
finger or toe)

This little piggy went...

(move to pinky toe or  
finger)

Wee, wee, wee,  
(tickle up to child's  
stomach)

all the way home!  
(tickle tickle tickle!)

