



# Why Baby Raves Belong in Libraries



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Build caregiver confidence

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Encourage joyful interaction between the community and library

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Support early literacy development

Literacy Practice	Rave Activity	Skill Development
Talk	Call & Response songs, chants, talking with caregiver	Vocabulary, listening, turn-taking
Sing	Rhythmic tunes, nursery rhymes, familiar songs	Phonological awareness, memory
Read	Lyric sheets, music books, story elements in song remixes	Print awareness and story structure
Write	Movement with scarves, glowsticks	Fine motor coordination
Play	Dancing, pretending, face painting, playing with props	Curiosity, confidence, thinking and oral language skills

## The Music!

- Lenny Pearce
  - The twin brother of the purple Wiggle, John Pearce!
- MC Grammer
- Daft Punk
- Techno versions of kid friendly songs



## My List

- Word Document of my Playlist



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## Props & Supplies

Low- cost, high-impact!

- Glow wands & light-up fidgets
- Bubble machine
- Child-sized ball pit
- Balloons/Beach Balls/Rubber Balls
- Reusable sensory items
- Disco lights
- Wall decor
- Black Light and glow materials
  - paints
  - florescent tape



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## What I Would Like to Add

- Cool down area
  - pillows, bean bags or stuffies
- Face painting area
- Refreshments area
- Headphones!



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## Inclusion & Flexibility

- All children to feel comfortable and welcome in the Baby Rave
- Neurodiverse-friendly options
- Volume, lighting & sensory choices
- Welcome family music ideas
- Participation might look like dancing, watching, resting, or wandering — and all of those are valid.



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## Let's Glow!

Play it forward with

- Joy as a service model
- Play that builds connection
- Libraries as vibrant, playful spaces



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YOU CAN



Design a Baby Rave



Model early literacy through movement



Adapt the program to your community

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## Let's Not Glow!

Other ideas for the under 6 crowd and their caregivers

- Baby Basquiat
- Story Explorers Book Club
- Block Party

What's the boldest program you've ever tried—or wanted to try?



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## Let's Rave!

Optional and judgement free!

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# THANK YOU

Contact Me!

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