

Workshop: Baby Storytime

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About Me

- 14 years as a Youth Services Librarian
- Early childhood teaching experience
- Baby Storytime is my favorite library program!



Why a Baby Storytime Workshop?

- It's best learned by seeing it in action!
- There is a need for programming for babies and caregivers
- It can be a very efficient and impactful addition to your programming!



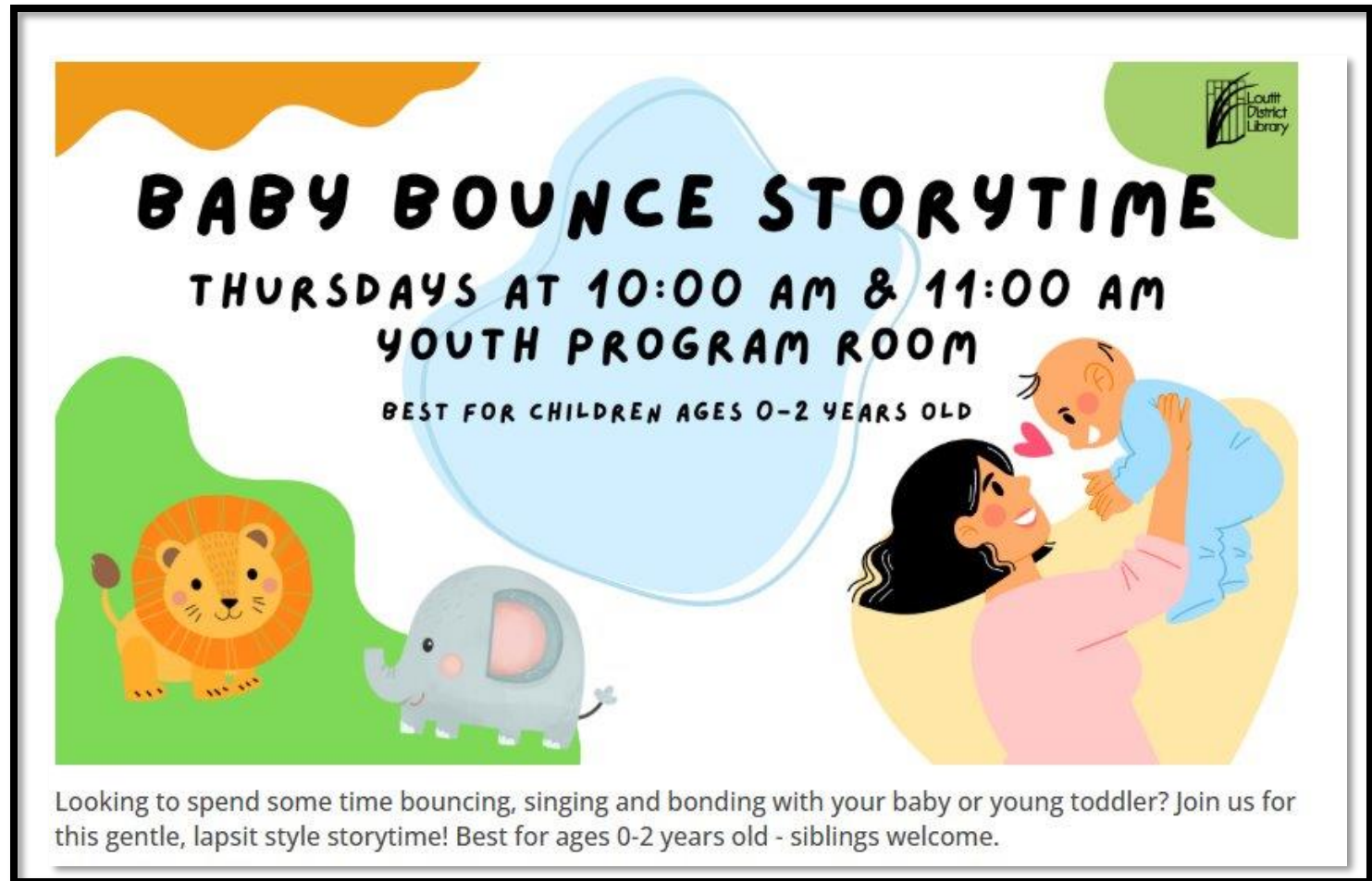
Today's Plan

- Context: What Baby Storytime looks like at LDL
- Bounce along! Baby Storytime demonstration
- Resources
 - Template
 - Greatest hits
- Questions and discussion



Baby Storytime at LDL

- One of many weekly storytime offerings
- Advertise the vibe rather than only focusing on age
- 30 min of storytime, playtime after
- Offer two back-to-back times
 - Manage demand
 - Accommodate baby schedules
 - Able to guide people toward a bigger or smaller group
 - May as well!



BABY BOUNCE STORYTIME
THURSDAYS AT 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM
YOUTH PROGRAM ROOM
BEST FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-2 YEARS OLD

Looking to spend some time bouncing, singing and bonding with your baby or young toddler? Join us for this gentle, lapsit style storytime! Best for ages 0-2 years old - siblings welcome.

Storytimes at Loutit District Library

- **Family Storytime at Robinson Township** – Mondays at 9:30 am
- **Toddler Move and Groove** - Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am
- **Play 'n Learn** – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 and 10:45 am
- **Little Learners Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays at 10:30 am
- **Baby Bounce** – Thursdays at 10 and 11 am
- **Saturday Family Storytime** – two Saturdays a month at 10:30 am



Room Set Up

- Most sit on floor, chairs available for any who prefer
- Materials and toys out of reach
- Song lyrics posted
- Props passed out and collected as we go
 - With flexibility
 - From least to most disruptive
- "C'mon in!" sign on door



Planning

- Use the same template every week
- Highlighted sections are the only ones that change
- Multiple benefits to this:
 - Babies love repetition
 - Helps caregivers know what to expect and help you manage group
 - Fast and easy planning – just plug in a few things and you're ready to go!
- Looking for ideas? See the Greatest Hits list for our favorites!

Baby Storytime Outline

Intro

Welcome song – Wake Up Feet

Name song – Hickety Pickedy Bumble Bee

Story –

Puppet bag rhyme/song– |

Bounce –

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Bounce with music – William Tell Overture

Choral board book reading –

Scarves:

- Where's the Baby?
- Popcorn

Parachute:

- Shake and Stop
- Shake Your Silies Out (with recorded music and balls)

Shakers

- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Shake to music: Twist and Shout
 - with BUBBLES!

Goodbye song – Goodbye Friends

Playtime

Welcome to Baby Bounce Storytime!

Please grab a scarf and a board book.
We'll get started soon!



Welcome Song

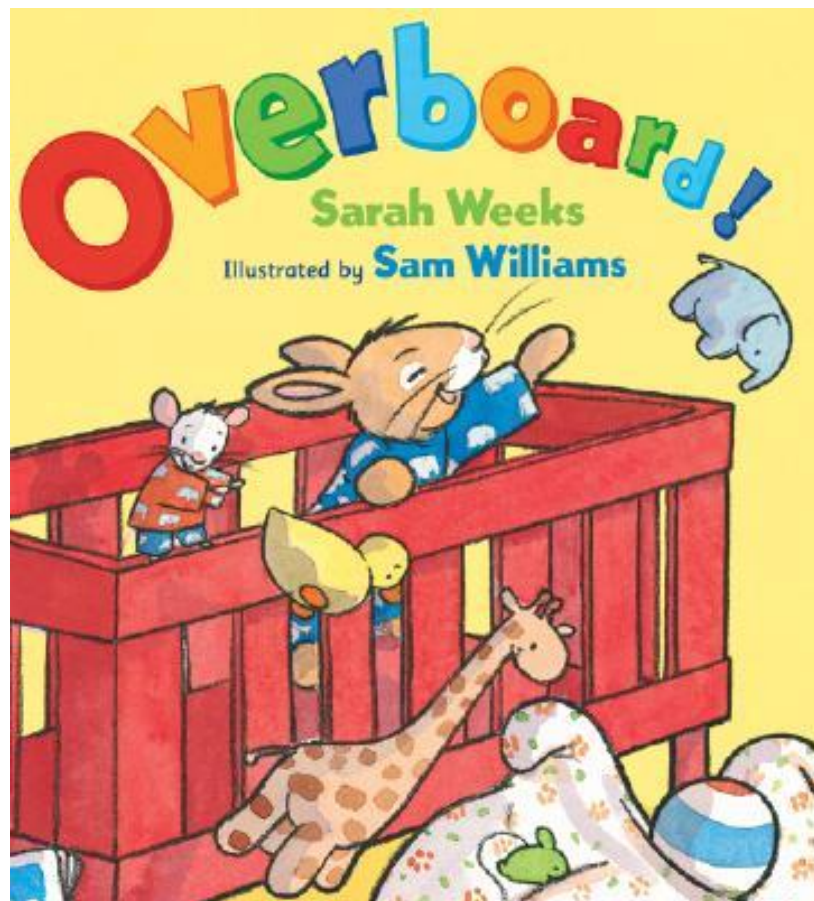
Wake up feet, wake up feet. Wake
up feet and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle!

Wake up feet, wake up feet. Wake
up and wiggle in the morning!

Name Song

Hickety pickety bumblebee,
Won't you say your name for me?
We're so glad that you came!

Story



Puppet Rhyme

Hickory dickory dare

A dog jumped up in the air!

Farmer Brown soon brought her down

Hickory dickory dare

Bounce

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream.

Rock, rock, rock your boat,
Rock it to and fro
If you tip it far enough... overboard you go!

Bounce

Oh, what shall we do with a tiny baby...
Early in the morning?

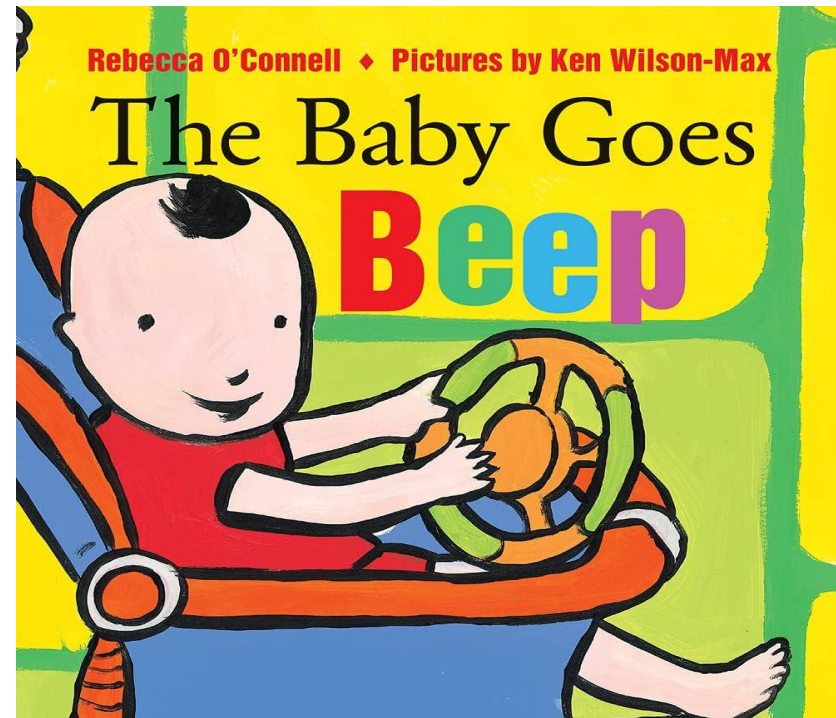
Roll him around and tickle all over...
Early in the morning!

Way hay! Up she rises...
Early in the morning!

Bounce!



Read Together



Scarves!



Where's the Baby?

Where's the baby? Peek a boo!

Where's the baby? Peek a boo!

Where's the baby? Peek a boo!

Peek a boo — I see you!

Popcorn

Popcorn, popcorn
sitting in the pot.
Shake it, shake it...
Pop, pop, POP!

Parachute



Shake and Stop

Shake and shake and shake and **stop!**

Shake and shake and shake and **stop!**

Shake and shake and shake and **stop!**

Then lift that parachute right to the
top!

Shake Your Sillies Out



Shaker Eggs



If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it

Shake your egg

Shake, shake!

...tap your egg

...shout "Hooray!"

Bubbles! (And Shakers)



Goodbye Friends

Goodbye, friends

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I'm glad you came to play!



Play Time!



Questions? Ideas?

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