

# Opening the Gift

## I've Got Rhythm



Listen to the Rain by Bill Martin Jr & John Archambault

The Wheels on the Bus by Jane Cabrera

Be Quiet, Mike! by Leslie Patricelli

Violet's Music by Angela Johnson

Drum City by Thea Guidone

Dancing Feet! by Lindsey Craig

Bee-bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park

Dance! Dance! Dance! by Ethan Long

Dance With Me by Charles R. Smith Jr.

I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Knick Knack Paddy Whack with Singalong CD sung by SteveSongs



### Nursery Rhyme: Rain On the Green Grass

## Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Rock and Roll Freeze Dance" from *So Big* by Hap Palmer

### Wiggles and Giggles

(tune: *The Farmer in the Dell*)

There are ants in my pants!  
There are ants in my pants!  
Oh no, what should I do?  
There are ants in my pants!

Perhaps I should [dance].  
Perhaps I should [dance].  
Oh no, what should I do?  
Perhaps I should [dance].

### Continue with the following:

*jump, march, crawl, twist, stretch, jog*  
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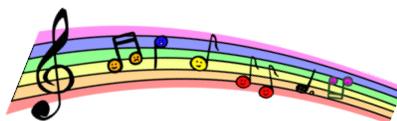
### Shaker Moves

Shake those shakers up high!  
Shake those shakers down low!  
Shake those shakers in a circle just so.  
Shake them up and down.  
Shake them all around.  
Now shake them down to touch the ground.  
Shake them left and right.  
Now shake them out of sight.  
Now shake those shakers with all your might!  
*adapted from A Box Full of Tales by Kathy MacMillan*



### Spring Shower

Rain is falling from the sky  
(*flutter fingers down*)  
Lightning flashes! Hide your eyes!  
(*cover eyes with hands*)  
Thunder rumbles in the clouds.  
(*drum hands on thighs*)  
Sometimes it is very loud!  
(*cover ears with hands*)  
When the storm is over, and puddles remain,  
(*shape arms into a circle*)  
It's time to take off my shoes again.  
(*pretend to take shoes off*)  
<http://www.kindergartentreehouse.com/spring.html>



### Five Little Senses

Five little senses are what I need,  
To use when things are near.  
I use my eyes to look and see.  
I use my ears to hear.  
I use my nose to smell things.  
I use my hands to touch.  
I use my mouth to taste  
The things I love to eat so much.  
Five little senses standing in a row,  
To see, hear, smell, touch and taste  
The things I need to know.

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### Wiggle Them

(*wiggle fingers as directed in the poem*)

Wiggle them, wiggle them,  
Wiggle them so.  
Wiggle them high,  
Wiggle them low.  
Wiggle to the left.  
Wiggle to the right.  
Wiggle them, wiggle them  
Out of sight.  
Clap them... (*clap hands*)  
Roll them... (*roll hands around*)  
Snap them... (*snap fingers*)  
HOORAY!

## More Books to Share:

*Duck Sock Hop* by Jane Kohuth

*I Love to Dance* by Anna Walker

*This Jazz Man* by Karen Ehrhardt

*Bugtown Boogie* by Warren Hansen

*Punk Farm* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

*Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss

*Elephants Cannot Dance!* by Mo Willems

*Fritz Danced the Fandango* by Alicia Potter

*Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!* by Wynton Marsalis

*One Love* based on the song by Bob Marley adapted by Cedella Marley



## Activity Ideas:

**Wiggles With Numbers Fun!** Numbered shape cutouts and a beanbag are all you need for this energetic activity. Scatter the cutouts on the floor. Next, invite a child to toss a beanbag, aiming it at any cutout. If the beanbag lands on a cutout, name the number and have him lead the group in counting up to that number while doing an exercise of his choice. Continue until each child has had a turn tossing the beanbag.

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**Close Your Eyes:** Touching different part of their bodies with their eyes closed is a challenge for toddlers. This is a game that can be practiced anywhere, even in the car when your child is getting restless. "Close your eyes and touch your knee. Open your eyes to see if you found it!"

*Storytimes for Two Year Olds* by Judy Nichols J027.6251N



**Coffee Can Drums:** Drums are an important part of life and ceremony in many cultures. Here is a simple method for your children to get the beat! For each child, you will need: a clean, empty coffee can with a plastic lid, construction paper, glue, scissors, markers or crayons, string, leather, fabric, beads (or any age appropriate scraps you have), wooden dowels or chopsticks. Help the children glue paper to cover the outside of their cans. Let them decorate with markers or crayons, and glue on any scrap materials to embellish. Use the dowels or chopsticks to beat out a rhythm on the drum head.

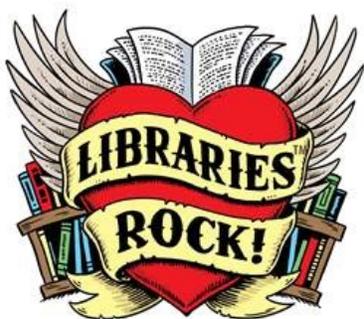


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## Book of the Month:

*Surprising Experiments with Sound* by Paul Navarro & Angels Jiménez

Fascinating scientific concepts are simplified and explored in ways that kids will enjoy in the Magic Science series. Each book presents 16 simple experiments that can be performed with common objects found around the house. *Surprising Experiments with Sound* uses rhythm, voice, water and more to reveal what sound is and how it travels. Each experiment includes illustrated, step-by-step instructions and a simple scientific explanation of what is happening during the experiment. Full-color illustrations on each page.



## Road to Reading Tip:

It has been a fun-filled year sharing story time with the children in daycare! We hope to see you in the library this summer as you continue to nurture your child's love of books ~ our Summer Reading Challenge is popular with all ages! For pre-readers, we offer *Read to Me, Please!*. Parents grandparents, siblings and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child is awarded a certificate and other surprises! Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library beginning June 18 for fun programs and to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.



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