Play to Learn, Learn to Play
A Select List of Brown County Library Books

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Parent/Teacher Collection

**The Art of Roughhousing: Good Old-Fashioned Horseplay and Why Every Kid Needs It** by Anthony T. DeBenedet

Nothing beats a good old-fashioned pillow fight to reconnect with your kids. This book asserts that good-natured roughhousing is a lost skill that has great value for children. In this age of video games and the Internet, enjoying physical play with a child can help build confidence, boost imagination and aid in problem solving. Try some of these playful wrestling activities with your child and see how much fun you both have!

**The Asperkid’s Game Plan: Extraordinary Minds, Purposeful Play...Ordinary Stuff** by Jennifer Cook O’Toole

**Baby Minds: Brain-Building Games your Baby will Love** by Linda P. Acredolo

**Block Play: The Complete Guide to Learning and Playing with Blocks** by Sharon MacDonald

**Catch a Fish, Throw a Ball, Fly a Kite: 21 Timeless Skills Every Child Should Know (and any Parent can Teach!)** by Jeffrey Lee

With kids connected to tech devices daily, some of the games and skills our parents and grandparents enjoyed have become lost to time. This slim volume reintroduces the joy of simple pleasures like working a yo-yo, skipping a stone, flying a kite, making paper airplanes and counting the stars. Try one activity each week for a season of fun and unplugged play.

**Child’s Play: Montessori Games and Activities for your Baby and Toddlers** by Maja Pitamic

**Encouraging your Child’s Imagination: A Guide and Stories for Play Acting** by Carol E. Bouzoukis
Everyday Play: Fun Games to Develop the Fine Motor Skills your Child Needs for School by Christy Isbell

50 Early Childhood Literacy Strategies by Janice J. Beaty

Free to Learn: Why Unleashing the Instinct to Play will Make our Children Happier, More Self-Reliant, and Better Students for Life by Peter Gray

Games Babies Play: From Birth to Twelve Months by Vicki Lansky

Games to Play with Toddlers by Jackie Silberg

Games to Play with Two Year Olds by Jackie Silberg

Imagine Childhood: Exploring the World through Nature, Imagination, and Play by Sarah Olmsted

Learning Games: Exploring the Senses through Play by Jackie Silberg

Let Them Play: An Early Learning (Un)curriculum by Jeff A. Johnson

Let’s Play and Learn Together: Fill your Baby’s Day with Creative Activities that are Fun and Enhance Development by Roni Leiderman

Let’s Play: (Un)curriculum Early Learning Adventures by Jeff A. Johnson

Literacy Play: Over 300 Dramatic Play Activities that Teach Pre-Reading Skills by Sherrie West

Made to Play!: Handmade Toys and Crafts for Growing Imaginations by Joel Henriques

Magic Capes, Amazing Powers: Transforming Superhero Play in the Classroom by Eric Hoffman

Maker Dad: Lunch Box Guitars, Antigravity Jars, and 22 other Incredibly Cool Father-Daughter DIY Projects by Mark Frauenfelder

Make your Own Preschool Games: A Personalized Play and Learn Program by Sally Goldberg

Making Toys for School-Age Children: Using Ordinary Stuff for Extraordinary Play by Linda G. Miller
Mister Rogers’ Play Time: Encourage your Child to Create, Explore, and Pretend with Dozens of Easy-to-do Activities by Fred Rogers

No Regrets Parenting: Turning Long Days and Short Years into Cherished Moments with your Kids by Harley A. Rotbart

Playborhood: Turn your Neighborhood into a Place for Play by Mike Lanza

Playful Learning: Develop your Child’s Sense of Joy and Wonder by Mariah Bruehl

Playful Parenting: A Bold New Way to Nurture Close Connections, Solve Behavior Problems, and Encourage Children’s Confidence by Lawrence J. Cohen

The Power of Play: How Spontaneous, Imaginative Activities Lead to Happier, Healthier Children by David Elkind

Prop Box Play: 50 Themes to Inspire Dramatic Play by Ann Barbour


Reading Games by Jackie Silberg

Ready to Play!: A Tale of Toys and Friends and Barely any Bickering by Stacey R. Kaye

Sand and Water Play: Simple, Creative Activities for Young Children by Sherri West

Screen Time: How Electronic Media—from Baby Videos to Educational Software—Affects your Young Child by Lisa Guernsey

The Secret of Play: How to Raise Smart, Healthy, Caring Kids from Birth to Age 12 by Ann Pleshette Murphy

Raising smart, healthy kids isn’t rocket science. But it is a full-time, hands-on job—so you might as well make it fun. Playtime is learning time; this book introduces age-appropriate educational activities, why they are important and how you can have fun with them as well.
The Socially Included Child: A Parent’s Guide to Successful Playdates, Recreation, and Family Events for Children with Autism by Laurie LeComer

Social Skills Picture Book: Teaching Communication, Play and Emotion by Jed Baker

Superbaby: 12 Ways to Give your Child a Head Start in the First 3 Years by Jenn Berman

Tag, You’re It!: 50 Easy Ways to Connect with Young People by Kathleen Kimball-Baker

365 Days of Creative play: For children 2 years & Up by Sheila Ellison

365 Games Smart Toddlers Play Creative Time to Imagine, Grow and Learn by Sheila Ellison

365 TV-free Activities you Can do with Your Child by Steven J. Bennett

Toddler Play by Wendy S. Masi

Toddlers at Play by Marilyn T. Daniels

Unplugged Play: No Batteries, No Plugs, Pure Fun by Bobbi Conner

Children’s Picture Books

The Day I Lost my Superpowers by Michael Escoffier

Dog Wants to Play by Christine McDonnell

Giddy-up, Daddy! by Troy Cummings

Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell

I am a Backhoe by Anna Grossnickle Hines

I’m Me! by Sara Sheridan

Inside Outside by Lizi Boyd

Let’s Go, Baby-o! by Janet McLean
The Line by Paula Bossio

Not a Box by Antoinette Portis
You know kids would always rather play in a cardboard box than with the toy that came inside it, right? This picture book, designed for the very young, uses simple line drawings to show a bunny and his plain old box and the very not plain things he turns it into—a robot, a race car, a rocket ship. Every child ages 2 to 5 can relate to this story about imagination.

Nothing to Do by Douglas Wood

One Busy Day by Lola M. Schaefer

Pig Kahuna Pirates! by Jennifer Gordon Sattler

Playful Little Penguins by Tony Mitton

Playground Day! by Jennifer J. Merz

Playing with Friends by Rebecca Rissman

Pots and Pans by Patricia Hubbell

Rain Play by Cynthia Cotten

Share by Sally Anne Garland

Today with Meg and Ted by Kimberly Gee

Toys Galore by Peter Stein

What Shall we Play? by Sue Heap

Children’s Beginning Readers

Biscuit and the Little Pup by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Biscuit Wants to Play by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Can I Play Too? by Mo Willems

Chick & Chickie Play all Day! by Claude Ponti

Chutes and Ladders: 1, 2, 3, Come Play with Me by Jackie Glassman
Jack and the Toddler by Sindy McKay
Max and Ruby Play School by Rosemary Wells
Rex and Lilly Playtime by Laurene Krasny Brown

http://tinyurl.com/BCLReadsKids