

Dance and More Chapter 6 Resources

Books

There are many terrific books about dance and movement. Check your shelves for other favorite titles. The following books were all in print when this manual went to press unless marked by “OP.”

Ackerman, Karen. ***Song and Dance Man***. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2003. 32 p. (978-0394893303) Pre, Pri.

Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer. Caldecott Medal, 1989.

Ancona, George. ***Capoeira: Game! Dance! Martial Art!*** Lee & Low Books, 2007. 48 p. (978-1584302681) Pri, Int.

Introduces Capoeira, a combination of play, martial arts and dance, as practiced in the United States and Brazil, as well as its colorful roots in the African slave culture of Brazil.

Ancona, George. ***Powwow***. Harcourt, 1993. 48 p. (978-0152632694) Pri.

A photo essay on the pan-Indian celebration called a powwow, this particular one being held on the Crow Reservation in Montana.

Arnold, Marsha Diane. ***Prancing Dancing Lily***. Dial, 2004. 32 p. (978-0803728233) Pre, Pri.

Lily will someday be the “bell cow,” leading her herd, but because her prancing and dancing only disrupts their order, she travels the world looking for the right place and dance for her.

Auch, Mary Jane. ***Peeping Beauty***. Holiday House, 1993. 32 p. (978-0823410019) Pre, Pri.

Poulette the dancing hen falls into the clutches of a hungry fox, who exploits her desire to become a great ballerina.

Beaumont, Karen. ***Baby Danced the Polka***. Dial, 2004. 32 p. (978-0803725874) Pre.

It’s naptime at the farm, but one un-sleepy baby has a different plan—baby wants to dance.

Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***Trading Places with Tank Talbott***. Albert Whitman, 2005. 136 p. (978-0807580608, pap.) Pri, Int.

Jason, who would rather work on his horror movie screenplay than learn to swim, finds an unlikely ally in Tank, the class bully, who is being forced to take ballroom dance lessons.

Campbell, Bebe Moore. ***Stompin’ at the Savoy***. Philomel Books, 2006. 40 p. (978-0399241970) Pri.

On the night of her jazz dance recital Mindy feels too nervous to go, until a magical drum whisks her away to the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem where she finds her “happy feet.”

Cauley, Lorinda Bryan. ***Clap Your Hands***. Putnam Juvenile, 1997. 32 p. (978-0698114289) Pre.

Rhyming text instructs the listener to find something yellow, roar like a lion, give a kiss, tell a secret, spin in a circle, and perform other playful activities along with the human and animal characters pictured.

Cohen, Alene. ***Stories on the Move: Integrating Literature and Movement with Children, from Infants to Age 14.*** Libraries Unlimited, 2007. 248 p. (978-1591584186) Adult.

Infuse your storytimes with the power of movement. Involve babies in bathtub ballet, take children on story trips to Mexico and Africa, and have older learners participate in moving stories and fables. Simple enough to be used by any educator, even if you have little or no dance experience.

Cooper, Elisha. ***Dance!*** Greenwillow Books, 2001. 32 p. (978-0060294182) Pre, Pri.
Come join the dance company. Stretch. Think. Learn. Together. Rehearse. Rehearse. Rehearse. Music. Lights. Costumes. Now it's "opening night" ... Dance!

Cronin, Doreen. ***Wiggle.*** Atheneum, 2005. 40 p. (978-0689863752) Pre.
For energetic toddlers, here's a book that invites them to wiggle along with the story. Told in rollicky, wiggly rhyme that begs to be read again and again. Also available in Spanish as A Tu Ritmo.

Dillon, Leo, and Diane Dillon. ***Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles Think of That!*** Blue Sky Press, 2002. 32 p. (978-0590478830) Pre, Pri.
In illustrations and rhyme describes the dancing of Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, one of the most famous tap dancers of all time.

Ehrhardt, Karen. ***This Jazz Man.*** Harcourt Children's Books, 2006. 32 p. (978-0152053079) Pri, Int.
An introduction to Jazz music and nine well-known jazz musicians, set to the rhythm of the traditional song, "This Old Man." Includes brief facts about each musician.

Gray, Libba Moore. ***My Mama Had a Dancing Heart.*** Scholastic, 1999. 32 p. (978-0531071427, pap.) Pre, Pri.
A ballet dancer recalls how she and her mother would welcome each season with a dance outdoors.

Hager, Sarah. ***Dancing Matilda.*** HarperCollins, 2005. 32 p. (978-0060514525) Pre.
Matilda dances through every part of her day.

Harter, Debbie. ***Cha Cha Cha en la selva/Animal Boogie.*** Barefoot Books, 2003. 32 p. (978-1841482651, pap.) Pre.
In the jungle, the animals' toes are twitching, their bodies are wiggling, and their wings are flapping—as they teach children how to do the Animal Boogie. Includes CD.

Havill, Juanita. ***Brianna, Jamaica and the Dance of Spring.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2002. 32 p. (978-0618077007) Pre, Pri.
When her sister Nikki gets sick, Brianna hopes to play her part as the butterfly queen in the Dance of Spring, but then another disaster strikes.

Heidbreder, Robert. ***Drumheller Dinosaur Dance***. Kids Can Press, 2004. 32 p. (978-1553373933) Pre, Pri.

Imagine what the dinosaur skeletons of world-famous Drumheller, Alberta, get up to when everyone's asleep. Kids will want to thumpity-thump along with these dynamic dinos as they dance across the dark, dusty Badlands.

Helldorfer, Mary-Claire. ***Got to Dance***. Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2004. 32 p. (978-0385908658, lib. bdg.) Pre.

A young city girl dances away the summertime blues with her grandfather.

Holabird, Katharine. ***Angelina Ballerina***. Penguin Young Readers Group, 2006. 32 p. (9780670060269) Pre.

Angelina loves to dance and wants to become a ballerina more than anything else in the world.

King, Stephen Michael. ***Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat***. Philomel Books, 2004. 32 p. (978-0399242403) Pre, Pri.

Two wandering minstrels, Jack and the Dancing Cat, help Milli the shoemaker gain the self-confidence she needs to express her many creative talents. Also available in Spanish as Milli, Jack y el Gato Bailarin.

MacDonald, Margaret Read. ***Conejito: A Folktale from Panama***. August House Little Folk, 2006. 32 p. (978-0874837797) Pri.

A little rabbit and his Tia Monica outwit a fox, a tiger, and a lion, all of whom want to eat him for lunch. Spanish words sprinkled in the story.

Martin, Bill, and John Archambault. ***Barn Dance!*** Henry Holt & Company, 1986. 32 p. (978-0805000894) Pre, Pri.

Unable to sleep on the night of a full moon, a young boy follows the sound of music across the fields and finds an unusual barn dance in progress.

Mitton, Tony. ***Dinosaurumpus***. Orchard Books, 2003. 32 p. (978-0439395144) Pre, Pri.

A rhyming tale of Triceratops, Brontosaurus, and even Tyrannosaurus gathering at the swamp to dance.

Parkinson, Siobhan. ***Kathleen, the Celtic Knot***. American Girl, 2003. 166 p. (978-1584857488) Pri, Int.

Twelve-year-old Dubliner Kathleen Delaney is given the chance to take Irish dancing lessons in 1937 and discovers she has a talent for it.

Peters, Craig. ***Chants, Cheers and Jumps*** (Let's Go Team). Mason Crest Publishers, 2003. 64 p. (978-1590845356, lib. bdg.) Int.

Good beginning overview of cheerleading basics.

Pinkwater, Daniel. ***Dancing Larry***. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books, 2006. 24 p. (978-0761452201) Pri.

Larry the polar bear follows in the footsteps of little Mildred Frobisher's ballet class to overcome strict Madame Swoboda's admonition that "bears have no place in ballet."

Roberts, Brenda C. ***Jazzy Miz Mozetta***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. 32 p. (978-

0374336745) Pre, Pri.

On a beautiful evening, Miz Mozetta puts on her red dress and blue shoes and dances the jitterbug just like she did many years before.

Ryder, Joanne. ***Dance by the Light of the Moon***. Hyperion, 2007. 36 p. (978-0786818204) Pri.

Based on the chorus of the 1844 song "Buffalo Gals," this features bouncy rhymes, energetic art, and a barn full of delightful animal characters—buffalo and more. Invitations are out for the big farm dance, and around the countryside, the gals are gussyng up.

Schaefer, Carole Lexa. ***Full Moon Barnyard Dance***. Candlewick Press, 2002. 32 p. (978-0763618780) Pre.

A beautiful night and a full moon inspire the barnyard animals to hold a dance by the pond, where the arrival of some clouds provides them with an unexpected experience.

Schneider, Christine M. ***Saxophone Sam and His Snazzy Jazz Band***. Walker & Co., 2002. 32 p. (978-0802788092) Pre, Pri.

The sound of toe-tapping dance band music from the radio leads Drew and his sister throughout their house. Pair this with one of Chris Raschka's picture books about jazz greats for a swingin' storytime.

Seuling, Barbara. ***Robert and the Practical Jokes***. Cricket Books, 2006. 150 p. (978-0812627411) Pri.

As a boys-versus-girls war of practical jokes escalates in his third-grade classroom, Robert finds it difficult to ask a girl's help in learning to dance in time for a family wedding reception.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. ***Shiva's Fire***. HarperTrophy, 2001. 266 p. (978-0064409797, pap.) YA.

In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art.

Stevenson, James. ***Flying Feet, a Mud Flat Story***. Greenwillow Books, 2004. 48 p. (978-0060519759) Pri.

Stanley and the other animals of Mud Flat take dance lessons from some touring tap dancers and prepare for a big show.

Walton, Rick. ***How Can You Dance?*** Putnam, 2001. 32 p. (978-0399232299) Pre.

Rhyming text explores the many ways one can dance, like the leader of a marching band, like a crab on a sunny day, like a tree as it waves in the breeze.

Waters, Rosa. ***Hip-hop: A Short History***. Mason Crest Publishers, 2007. 64 p. (978-1422202616) Int.

Examines how slavery and the civil rights movement helped lead to the birth of hip-hop and how the genre extends far beyond the music.

Wheeler, Lisa. ***Hokey Pokey, Another Prickly Love Story***. Little, Brown and Company, 2006. 32 p. (978-0316000901) Pre.

After a series of discouraging dance teachers, Cushion the porcupine finds his rhythm with his true love Barb.

Wilson, Karma. ***Hilda Must Be Dancing***. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2004. 32 p. (978-0689847882) Pre.

Hilda Hippo tries other, quieter, activities when her dancing disturbs her jungle friends, but nothing else makes her happy until Water Buffalo suggests swimming and she finds a new way to express herself.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. ***Dancing Granny***. Marshall Cavendish, 2003. 32 p. (978-0761451419) Pre, Pri.

Granny and her grandchild take a nighttime trip to the zoo, where the animals have prepared a fabulous party and Granny dances the night away.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. ***Dumpy La Rue***. Henry Holt & Company, 2001. 40 p. (978-0805063851) Pre, Pri.

A rhyming story about a pig whose passion for dancing becomes contagious.

Young, Amy. ***Belinda and the Glass Slipper***. Viking, 2006. 32 p. (978-0670060825) Pre, Pri.

Belinda competes with a very ambitious new dancer for the title role in the ballet "Cinderella."

Audio

The Bangles: Greatest Hits. Sony, 1990. CD. (B00000273M).

Includes "Walk Like an Egyptian."

Big Fun by Greg and Steve. Youngheart, 2000. CD (B00000AG60).

Includes "The Mack Chicken Dance."

Follow the Dream by Jack Hartmann. CD. Available through Songs for Teaching at

www.songsforteaching.com/jackhartmann/dinosaurstomp.htm.

Includes the song "Dinosaur Stomp."

Hampsterdance Hits by Hampton the Hampster. Koch Records, 2004. CD. (B0001L3LHW).

Includes "Hampsterdance" and other tunes.

Kids in Motion by Greg and Steve. Youngheart, 1997. CD (B00000AG63)

Includes "Beanbag Boogie," two versions, and other movement songs.

Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition; Night on Bald Mountain by Modest Mussorgsky, conducted by Leonard Bernstein, New York Philharmonic. Sony, 2004. CD. (B0002J58QA)

Video

Cats Don't Dance. Warner Brothers, 1997. (75 min.) Rated G.

Set in the 1930s, this is the animated tale of a song-and-dance cat from Indiana who comes to Hollywood to be a star only to discover that animals are only allowed to be animals in the movies.

Happy Feet. Warner Brothers, 2006. (86 min.) Rated PG.

In Antarctica, the Emperor Penguin must attract his mate with his own distinctive heart song. Mumble is a penguin who is born without the ability to sing ... however he is the best tap dancer at the South Pole! Toe tapping may ensue in this sweet animated comedy.

Hip-hop for Kids. Giddyup Films, 2002. (30 min) Video and DVD. For kids ages 6–12. This DVD/CD entertainment set introduces kids to hip-hop dance. For more information visit www.hiphop4kids.net/index.html.

Mad Hot Ballroom. Paramount Films, 2005.(105 min.) Rated PG.

There is a program in many New York City schools that requires students to take ten weeks of ballroom dancing. This inspiring documentary follows eleven-year-olds from three schools in the toughest and most culturally diverse neighborhoods in NYC. These kids must overcome awkwardness with the opposite sex, a lack of self-confidence, and their tempting surroundings to create a new path for themselves. Recommended for older tweens.

Web sites

Ambassadors DJ Service. www.ambassdj.com/page25.html.

Instructions for doing the Macarena.

Cheer Wiz. <http://cheerwiz.com/cheerleading3.htm>.

Look for a variety of cheers and chants.

EHow. www.ehow.com/how_2055959_make-cheerleading-pom-poms.html.

Directions on making pom-poms using colored plastic bags and duct tape.

Enchanted Learning. www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/puppets/twofinger.

Dinosaur templates for Jurassic Jiggle program.

Family Fun. <http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10630>.

Find instructions for making cute ballerina finger puppets.

Hampton and the Hampsters. www.hampsterdance.com.

Home page of the Internet phenomenon. Listen to the music and watch the Hampsters dance.

Kiddyhouse. www.kiddyhouse.com/Farm/Chicken.

Click on “Chicken Dance Song” under Songs, Poems for original lyrics and the music.

Music for Little People. www.musicforlittlepeople.com.

Has a variety of musical audio recordings, music and dance videos, toys, and more for young children.

Songs for Teaching. www.songsforteaching.com/jackhartmann/dinosaurstomp.htm.

Instructions for doing the “dinosaur stomp.”