



**BOOKS TO READ!**

*Angelina Ballerina* by Katharine Holabird  
*Bats in the Band* by Brian Lies  
*Ben's Trumpet* by Rachel Isadora  
*Berlioz the Bear* by Jan Brett  
*Flora and the Flamingo* by Molly Idle  
*Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae  
*Meet the Orchestra* by Ann Hayes  
*Olivia Forms a Band* by Ian Falconer

*Song and Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman  
*Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs* by Alan Katz  
*Tito Puente, Mambo King* by Monica Brown  
*The Wheels on the Bus* by Paul O. Zelinsky  
*When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss

*Eternal Hide-and-Seek*

Night steals behind the trees.

Sun drops down, spins around,  
 wins the game at dawn.

—Linda Lucas Walling

**Music for All Ages**











Many local libraries have children's music that you can check out and bring home. Make sure to ask a librarian about what kind of music would be perfect for you and your child. A recommended list of children's music is also included in the back of this calendar.

# July: Music

"Music is as inherently motor as it is auditory. Many of us 'conduct' while listening to classical music, hum along with show tunes, or dance to popular music."

—Dr. Mark Jude Tramo, musician and scientist

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

<p>Go outside together and jump rope or do some jumping jacks. Sing songs as you jump.</p>	<p><b>Mother Goose Time!</b>          Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,          The sheep's in the meadow,          The cow's in the corn.          Where is that boy who looks after the sheep?          Under the haystack fast asleep.</p>	<p>Sing a patriotic song such as <i>This Land is Your Land</i> or the <i>Star Spangled Banner</i>.</p> 	<p>Talk about musical theater. If you have a favorite musical, sing or play some of the music for your child.</p>	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing and do the motions to <i>Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes</i>.</p>	<p>Count out ten dry beans or pieces of uncooked pasta. Put them between two paper plates and staple the plates together to make a rattle.</p>	<p><b>Visit Your Library!</b>          Check out some books about music and dance. If possible get <i>Flora and the Flamingo</i> and <i>Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin</i> from this month's booklist.</p> 
<p>Pretend to play instruments like the piano, violin, guitar or drum.</p> 	<p>Put on some music and find the rhythm. Practice clapping to the beat.</p>	<p>Play some quiet music and stretch along to it. Count quietly as you stretch together.</p>	<p>Create a dance to your favorite song. Talk about what makes that song your favorite.</p>	<p>Sing a lullaby together at bedtime such as <i>Rock-a-bye Baby</i>.</p> 	<p>Play some classical music and dance to it. If you have a copy, read <i>Flora and the Flamingo</i> and try to copy the flamingo like Flora tries.</p>	<p>Talk about how to sing in "a round." Try singing in a round to <i>Row, Row, Row Your Boat</i>.</p>
<p>Play musical chairs. Change the rules to fit how many players you have.</p>	<p>Make music with your body by snapping, clapping and stomping.</p>	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing and do the motions to <i>The Wheels on the Bus</i>.</p> 	<p><b>Science Day!</b>          Have your child bang on different size pots and pans with a wooden spoon. Talk about the variety of sounds high and low that he makes.</p>	<p>Sing a song to your child in the morning to wake them up.</p> 	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing and do the motions to <i>Five Little Speckled Frogs</i>.</p>	<p>Read a book and stop halfway through. Have your child guess what will happen before you read the rest of the book.</p>
<p>Talk a walk outside and listen to nature's music. Try to identify who or what is making each sound.</p>	<p>Have your child make up their own song and help them write down the lyrics.</p>	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing and act out <i>The Noble Duke of York</i>.</p>	<p>Get out your favorite book and point out the parts of the book using this song:          Front of the book, back of the book!          Front of the book, back of the book!          Title page! Title Page!          Author and illustrator, author and illustrator!          Spine of the book!          Spine of the book!</p>	<p><b>Mother Goose Time!</b>          Sing, sing, what shall I sing?          The cat's run away with the pudding string!          Do, do, what shall I do?          The cat's run away with the pudding too!</p> 	<p>What in your house can become a musical instrument? Look around and make some music.</p>	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing and dance to <i>The Hokey Pokey</i>.</p> 
<p>Put on some music while you bake something together.</p> 	<p>Read a book together and point out any unusual words. Talk about what they mean.</p>	<p>Dance to some beach music. Dance the Shag if you know how. The Shag is South Carolina's official dance.</p>	<p><b>Song Day!</b>          Sing <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> together.</p> 	<p>Talk about what sounds different animals make. Draw a picture of animals that sing.</p>	<p><b>Bath Time!</b>          Sing and do the motions to <i>Where is Thumbkin?</i> Have the finger family run away under the water.</p>	<p>Make rhythm sticks by filling paper towel rolls or toilet paper rolls with dry beans or uncooked pasta. Tape the ends closed and shake.</p> 