



## Elvis is in the Library

### Description of Program:

Celebrate Elvis Presley's 75th birthday with this program full of stories, songs, and activities fit for a king. For ages 6 & up.

### Program Plans:

Put up a book display about Elvis and play his songs as people are arriving for the program. Start the program off by playing, *False or True*, where the guests try and guess which statements are true about the King. Demonstrate and teach the kids some of the popular dance moves from his time, then show a video of him dancing. After the video play *Elvis Statues*. End the program with a craft and snack.

### True Elvis Facts:

- Elvis was a black belt in karate.
- Elvis recorded more than 600 songs in his music career, but didn't write a single one.
- Elvis ate nothing but meatloaf, tomatoes, and mashed potatoes for two years.
- Elvis had a chimpanzee named Scatter.
- Elvis's favorite soda was Pepsi.
- Elvis's first guitar cost \$12.95.
- Elvis's natural hair color was blond, but he dyed it black.
- Some of Elvis's bejeweled jumpsuits weighed more than 25 pounds.

### Stories:

*Shake Rag: From the Life of Elvis Presley* by Amy Littlesugar

A story about a period in the childhood of Elvis Presley when his family was dirt poor and he was introduced to the soulful music of the Sanctified Church that traveled to his town.

*Ten Little Elvi* by Laura Henson

Ten children dress up as Elvis impersonators in a celebration of the life and songs of "The King."

*Graceland: an Interactive Pop-Up Tour* by Chuck Murphy

Visit Graceland without ever leaving the library with this interactive pop-up book. Go behind the velvet ropes for an all-access tour of the Elvis Presley Estate.

### Songs/Fingerplays:

Elvis' Greatest Hits

Jailhouse Rock video available on YouTube at

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpzV\\_0I5LI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpzV_0I5LI)

## **Craft Ideas:**

### *Poodle Shirts*

Instead of creating poodle skirts, why not have the kids bring their own white t-shirts to create poodle shirts. Supplies: Iron, poodle iron-ons, fabric markers, sequins, thread and needles.

### *Taking Care of Business (TCB) Magnets*

Buy inkjet magnet paper and print out the TCB logo on them. Then cut them out and let the kids decorate them with glitter and sequins.

## **Activities or Games:**

### *Shake, Rattle and Bowl*

Set up 10 empty two-liter bottles in a bowling pin formation. Let kids take turns trying to knock down the pins. But instead of the normal bowling approach, the person must do a wacky dance before they release the ball.

### *Old Dances Made New*

Demonstrate and teach some of the dances that were popular during the fifties and sixties, such as: the twist, mash potato, or the monkey.

### *Elvis Statues*

As a rule, Elvis games should allow guests to show off their best dance moves. This is a classic Elvis party game that does just that. Someone has to be in charge of the music, with everyone else on the dance floor. Music is played, and then stopped intermittently; when the music stops, players must stop dancing immediately. Anyone who cannot stop in time or hold their balance has to leave the game. The last dancer standing is the winner of this energetic Elvis game.

### *Elvis Pictionary*

Play this popular game but instead of using the cards provided, make your own using words that relate to Elvis. Divide the kids into two teams and let them take turns drawing and guessing.

## **Snacks:**

Peanut Butter and Banana Sandwiches

Pepsi Cola Floats

Elvis Presley Pound Cake - <http://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/Elvis-Presleys-Favorite-Pound-Cake-232642>