



Template: Library Outreach Email

Dear [Library Director/Children's Librarian/Program Director Name],

My name is [Your Name] and I'm a [parent/community member] who is passionate about fostering independence and unstructured play for children in our community. I'm reaching out because I have an idea I believe could be a wonderful addition [OR "*enhancement*", *if they are already offering some play programming*] to the programs offered at [Library Name]: a **free-play program**.

I envision a program where children can simply gather and engage in unstructured play, using their imaginations and developing important social and problem-solving skills in a safe and supportive environment. I believe this would be a fantastic way to further enhance the library's role as a community hub and provide a much-needed outlet for our kids.

I've been inspired by organizations like [Let Grow](#), which champions child-led free play for its many developmental benefits. They offer fantastic resources, including a [free Play Club Guide](#) that outlines how to easily set up and run such a program. I've also attached Let Grow's handout on libraries and free-play programming. It includes real-life stories and free, customizable resources from other libraries. [attachment: [Supporting Free Play at Your Library](#)]

I am personally eager to **volunteer my time and support** to help get a free-play program off the ground, and I know there are **other parents and community members who are also enthusiastic about contributing**.

Would you be open to a brief meeting to discuss this idea further and explore how a free play program might fit into [Library Name]'s offerings? I'm flexible and happy to work around your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name] [Your Phone Number] [Your Email Address]

