

A close-up photograph of a man with short dark hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt, playing a banjo. He is looking down at the instrument with a focused expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

# Jim Gill's Family Room Tour 2014

Jim Gill, an award winning musician and author, offers more than a show to watch. Each concert is an opportunity for family play. In concert, Jim strums energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, jumps, dances and even sneezes along. The concert is filled, of course, with songs from Jim's recordings and features a read-along of Jim's musical books for young children.

Jim Gill's distinctive music play creates a family room in the concert hall. Come and join in the fun!

**Saturday • September 13 • 1pm**

## Music Play With Purpose

Over the years, Jim Gill's music and books have received, among other honors, five awards from the American Library Association. Early childhood professionals and librarians, however, are most interested in the fact that Jim Gill's music play is created with a purpose, based on graduate studies in child development and 20 years of experience leading play programs for families with children with special needs.

In this energizing session, Jim Gill helps explain the purpose behind his play. His active music play provides a context for children to develop abilities, such as self-regulation, essential to school success. Jim's clever word play and rhymes in the context of active movement games also provide broad opportunities for literacy development.

Early childhood professionals and librarians will leave the session with a repertoire of music play activities that can be put to immediate –and purposeful– use in their programming. Best of all, they will leave the session understanding the power of play to inspire, in children, agility in thought and a love of learning.

**Adult Workshop** Saturday • September 13 • 10am  
pre-registration required