

Library Songs



Sing this song to the tune of "Row, row, row your boat":

Read, read, read a book
Travel anywhere,
Worldwide, you decide,
A book will take you there.

Read, read, read a book,
Beginning to the end,
What a way to spend the day,
A book's a special friend!

This one is to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" and teaches some library terms:

The author writes the book, the author writes the book,
Hi ho librario, the author writes the book.

The illustrator draws, the illustrator draws,
Hi ho librario, the illustrator draws.

The publisher puts it together, the publisher puts it together,
Hi ho librario, the publisher puts it together.

The copyright tells us when they made the book and then,
Hi ho librario, we'll sing it once again!

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Read! Read! Read to your children! (Read with animation!)

Ask the child questions about the story.

Point out different things in the story.

Be patient while the child talks during the story.

Have all family members read aloud at different times with the child.

Explain who an author is.

Explain who an illustrator is.

Each time you read a book to your child, tell them the name of the author as well as the name of the illustrator. Have the child repeat their names aloud. Discuss whether you've read other books by the same author/illustrator.

Make or purchase a special "library book bag" for his/her own use.

Visit the library on a regular basis. Make it a special event! If there is a relaxing spot in the library for coffee and a snack, visit it occasionally to make the trip extra fun!

Introduce your child to the librarians.

Obtain a library card for your child. Allow them to keep it in their pocket and hand it to the librarian when checking out books.

Help your child feel comfortable with the librarians by talking with them at each visit.

Make sure your child knows they can ask the librarian questions. Accompany them the first time they ask.

Teach your child how to take good care of books.

Attend story times with your child.

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Since the books are arranged alphabetically by author, teach them to find the section where a particular author is located (i.e., help find the Patricia Polacco books in the P section). This helps reinforce their letter identification skills.

Check out resources other than books for your child (audiobooks, DVDs, puzzles, videos, toys, CD-Roms, magazines) so they begin to notice there are many resources in the library!

Ask your child to help you check out books.

Help your child become familiar with the many library resources. If you make a copy at the library, ask your child to help you.

Encourage your child to write a note or draw a picture for the librarians, thanking them for their help.

Take a picture of your child with the librarian for their scrapbook.

Teach your child to keep their library books in a special place at home.

Let your child see you read! Talk with your child a bit about what you are reading—show your excitement!

Play "Library" at home, checking out books and reading them!

Watch "Reading Rainbow!"

Make a special "Cozy Corner" for your child to look at books by themselves.

Encourage your child to write his/her own story—they can dictate, and you type it! They could draw pictures to go with the story or you may want to print out coloring pages from the internet to go along with their story.

Encourage your child to choose books themselves.

Make cookies for the librarians.

Have your child make their own bookmarks--maybe, even making them for gifts.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Politely introduce yourself to one or both of our library staff members. List both their names.
- How do you obtain a library card?
- In the Reference area, locate the set of books with the Dewey number 780 CON. List one artist you like and the volume number in which he or she appears.
- How much does it cost to make a copy in our library?
- List two of our magazine titles. Which magazine goes back the furthest? How far back does it run?

Library Laughs

When a librarian goes fishing, what goes on her hook?

A bookworm, of course.

What do planets like to read?

Comet books.

What does the mummy do when he goes to the library?

He gets all wrapped up in a good book.

What do you do if a dragon bites your library book?

Take the words right out of his mouth.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Ask the librarian how many days you are allowed to keep a book. Write down the number of days.
- Browse through the fiction section and find the books with authors who share your last initial. List one title by that author.
- Go to the encyclopedia and determine which volume you would use to find information about Saturn. Write down the volume number or the letter range from the spine of the encyclopedia.
- Go to the children's department and find a Caldecott award-winning book and write down the title and author.
- Using the cataloging system, find a book about hot air balloons. Write down the title and Dewey Decimal number for the book.

Library Laughs

What building has the most stories?

The library, of course!

How do you make a library float? Get a million gallons of root beer, two scoops of ice cream and add one library!

Where does a librarian sleep? Between the covers.

When a knight read a book, who was always at his side?

His page.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Ask the librarian how many days you are allowed to keep a video. Write down the number of days.
- Using the cataloging system, find the book The Story About Ping. Write down the Dewey Decimal number for the book.
- Locate the National Geographic magazines and find an issue that has an article about Africa and write down the issue date of the magazine.
- Find the newspapers and write down the names of two of the newspapers.
- Does your library have a special holiday section? How are the books cataloged?

Library Laughs

When a goose goes to the library, what books does she look for?

Peoplebumps books!

If you travel to Eastern Europe, why won't you find any books in Prague's public library?

They're all "Czech"ed out!

What part of a computer does an astronaut like best?

The space bar.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Using the cataloging system, find a book about caring for dogs. Write down the title and Dewey Decimal number for the book.
- Go to the children's department and find a Newberry award-winning book and write down the title and author.
- Ask the librarian how many days you are allowed to keep a book. Write down the number of days.
- Locate the National Geographic magazines and find an issue that has an article about snakes and write down the issue date of the magazine.
- Find and list a movie title or audiobook you'd enjoy.

Library Laughs

Do you know how many librarians it takes to change a light bulb?

No, but I know where you can look it up!

What king of medieval England was famous because he spent so many nights at his Round Table writing books?

King Author!

What do you call a campground for spiders?

A Web site.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Using the cataloging system, find a book by the author Bruce Degen. Write down the title and Dewey Decimal number for the book.
- Ask the librarian how much the fine is for overdue books. Write down the amount.
- What are your options if your branch does not have a title that you want?
- What are the hours of operation of your library?
- How many items can you check out?

Library Laughs

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Rita.

Rita who?

Rita lot of good books!

When the squirrels sneak into the library to use the computers, where do they go?

On the Inter-nut.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Is there a penalty for overdue books? If so, please describe.
- Where are the audio books? How are they cataloged?
- Can you find a local newspaper from the year you were born?
- How do you request a title that your library system does not have? Is there a fee for reserving it? Is there a fee for not picking up the book in a specified time period?
- Locate and browse through the biography section and list one title you'd like to read.

Library Laughs

Why is that library book you're trying to find always in the last place you look?

Because once you find it, you stop looking.

Why does the ghost come back to the library every day for more books?

Because she goes through them too quickly.

Why didn't the skeleton come back to the library with an overdue book?

He was too gutless.

When the cold wind blows, what does a book do?

It puts on a book jacket.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Select any book for the following questions:

- Does it have a dedication page?
- Who is the publisher?
- If you want to correspond with the publisher, how would you do it? Where would you send a letter to the publisher?
- What year was it published?
- Is the author a recipient of a reward? If so, please name & describe.
- Is the illustrator a recipient of a reward? If so, please name & describe.

Library Laughs

Librarian: Knock knock.

Student: Who's there?

Librarian: Winnie.

Student: Winnie who?

Librarian: Winnie you going to bring back that overdue book?

What does a library book wear whenever it leaves the building?

A pager.

What did the spider do inside the library computer?

It made a Web page.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Please write the title and call number of a book for each of the following categories:

Poetry

Crafts

Trains

Cooking

Games

Math

Library Laughs

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Snow.

Snow who?

Snow better place to hang out during the winter than the library!

How do librarians file melted marshmallows?

According to the Gooey (Dewey) Decimal System.

Where do computers take their pets when they get sick?

To the Intervet.

Library Scavenger Hunt

- Where are the juvenile picture books? How are they organized?
- Where are the juvenile titles sorted by the Dewey Decimal system?
- Where are the reference materials? Please list 5 reference books. Are you able to check them out?
- Where are the magazines? Do you have access to back issues? If so, please describe.
- Can you find a world atlas? Where is it located?

Library Laughs

When spiders go on the Internet, what do they visit first?

Charlotte's Web Site.

Why did the librarian slip and fall on the library floor?

Because she was in the non-friction section.

Why did the computer sneeze?

It had a virus.

WEBSITES ON LIBRARY SKILLS

Library Skills by grade level

http://www.asdk12.org/staff/daw_elaine/pages/skillstaught.html

<http://www.howard.k12.md.us/met/media/newbie/skills.htm>

<http://www.sfds.net/Academics/Library/pages/K.html>

Learning About Books and Libraries: A Gold Mine of Games by Carol K. Lee, Janet Langford,

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/157950051X/ref=ase_categoricalgeome/102-5212016-9973719?v=glance&s=books

Five Lessons to teach Library Skills (Mapping the library, meet Dewey, Alphabetize for a reason)

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson261.shtml

<http://www.big6.com/showarticle.php?id=128>

Lots of Library Skill Resources ranging from k-University level. Scroll down and find even a few Scavenger hunts: <http://www.librarysupportstaff.com/teachlib.html>

Online Class for teaching Library Skills

<http://search.universalclass.com/i/search/2999.htm>