Let's Go to the Library!

There's so much to see and do at your library! The library is a place the whole family can enjoy. In addition to reading and storytimes, many libraries offer game nights, arts and crafts, workshops, kid's clubs, teen programs, adult clubs, computer access, video games, movies, music, and more.

Here are some ideas to get the most from your library experiences:

- Make your library visits a special day or night of the week, and make a big deal about them.
- Let children choose the books that they want to read or have read to them. The librarians can help you find certain types of books that you may be looking for.
- Get a schedule of activities that will be happening at your library each month. They can be found on your library's website, or at the library.
- Apply for a library card for your child. It will help them feel more responsible about taking care of their books.

If your child has positive library experiences now, it increases the possibility that they will be library users throughout their lives.

Featured Book

**Lola at the Library, by Anna McQuinn**

Lola loves Tuesdays because that is the day she and her mother go to the library. Everything about the trip is an exciting adventure, but the best time of all is when Mommy reads her a story at bedtime. Simple text and large, bright pictures make this book just right for sharing with your child.

More great books to read with your child:

- *Maybe a Bear Ate It!* by Robie Harris
- *Library Lion,* by Michelle Knudsen
- *The Library's Secret,* by Ana Galan
- *Beatrice Doesn't Want To,* by Laura Numeroff
- *Library Mouse,* by Daniel Kirk
- *Curious George Visits the Library,* by Margaret and H.A. Rey
- *Wild About Books,* by Judy Sierra
- *Tomas and the Library Lady,* by Pat Mora

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More fun with *Lola at the Library*...

Let's talk about it...Talk about some objects in the story and ask your child to find them on the page. “Where is the book? Here it is! Lola is going to put it in her backpack. See her backpack? It has little stars on it.” It is important for children to hear words repeated often, in order for them to use them in their vocabularies.

Word play... Have your child name a thing he likes, such as cats. Ask your child what sound the word starts with. He may need some help. Think of other words that start with the same sound (car, coat, comb, cap). Help your child make a sentence with some of those words—cats comb their coats with care.

Taking it home... Create a space at home for your child to keep library books safe. It should be low enough to get the books when he or she wants to look at them.

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**Poem**

*Read to Me*

by Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes.
Read to me stories of magical times.
Read to me tales about castles and kings.
Read to me stories of fabulous things.
Read to me pirates and read to me knights.
Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights.
Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then
When you are finished, please read them again!

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**Song to Sing...**

The Librarian in the Town
(to the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The librarian in the town says,
The librarian in the town says,
Read a book
All around the town.

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**What your library can do for you...**

Your library offers many free resources to help you build your child’s early literacy skills: age-appropriate books, music CDs, storytimes, parent workshops, booklists, take-home information, and events for the whole family!

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