**Family Reading Week:**
**November 16—22**

**ARRRREE You Reading?**

Many parents become library users when their children are toddlers and preschoolers. Many also know how important it is to read aloud to children in order to support their reading development. However, as their children get older and become readers themselves, parents often depend more on teachers for reading support, and become less aware of how libraries can continue to support their children and themselves as they grow older.

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, kids’ clubs, adult clubs, teen programs, computer access, video games, movies, music, and more.

Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is “ARRRREE You Reading?” Libraries across the state are planning exciting pirate-themed events. Whether you plan to set sail for your local library or batten down the hatches at home, we hope your crew enjoys time reading books together!

**Book of the Month**

1001 Pirate Things to Spot, written by Rob Lloyd Jones

Shiver me timbers! From swabbing the deck to digging for buried treasure, each scene in this book has all kinds of exciting pirate things for children to find and count. There are 1001 things to spot altogether. Just look out for the sea monsters!

If your child enjoyed this book, check out other 1001 Things books in the Usborne series, such as:

- How I Became a Pirate, Melinda Long
- Pirate School series, Brian James
- Pirate Pete, Kim Kennedy
- Don’t Mention Pirates, Sarah McConnell
- The Pirate’s Eye, Robert Priest
- Roger, the Jolly Pirate, Brett Helquist
- Night Pirates, Peter Harris

Here are some other good pirate books to look for at your library:
More fun with 1001 Pirate Things to Spot...

Math connection... After your child has found the number of items on the page, challenge them by asking, “How many (mops) and (telescopes) altogether?” “Which are there more of, (mops) or (telescopes)?” “How many more (mops) are there than (telescopes)?”

Out and about... Look for things to “spot,” with your child, such as things that are square, red, begin with the letter B; or capital letters, lowercase letters, signs. Play rhyming games with things you spot, such as, “I spot something that rhymes with line.”

Talk about it... A good way for children (especially budding young writers) to practice their language skills and put their vocabulary into action is by describing a scene that includes a lot of detail and activity. Let your child choose a scene from the book and ask them to talk about what is happening.

Puppet Poem

Five Mean Pirates
Five mean pirates standing on the ship
One leaned too far over and gave them all the slip.

Four mean pirates standing by the door
One stamped her foot and broke right through the floor.

Three mean pirates leaning by the sail
One slipped into the water and started to wail.

Two mean pirates standing by the rope
One caught his foot and didn’t stand a hope.

One mean pirate felt a big hard bump
A whale had hit the starboard
and make her start to jump.

No pirates left, but I don’t mind.
I don’t like bullies. They really aren’t kind!

(from “1999 Treasure Your Library,” Collaborative Summer Library Program manual)

What your library can do for you...
No computer or internet access at home? Most area libraries offer free internet and/or wireless services. Visit your local library today and check out these fun pirate sites!

Technology Connection
Websites with more pirate activities:
www.britishcouncil.org/kids-topics-pirates.htm
www.harcourtboks.com/pirates/
www.sillybooks.net/books/PirateSong/I_sail_the_sea.html
www.davidrovics.com/kids/songChest.php

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