

Getting to Know Your Library

What is your favorite thing to do at the library?
Draw or write about it below.



Explore Your Library



A library is a place where you can explore your interests, learn amazing things, and spark your imagination.

Let's find out how well you know your library. Be a library detective. See how many clues on the list you can solve.

1. What is your librarian's name?

2. Find a book by an author whose last name starts with *P*. Write the title and author.

3. Use the catalog. Write the title of a book about whales.

4. What is the title of a chapter book you'd like to read?

5. What is the title of a picture book that looks interesting?

Types of Books at the Library

You have spent some time exploring your library. Now let's talk about the types of books you can find there.



- ▶ **Fiction books** are made-up stories about all different topics.
- ▶ **Nonfiction books** are based on facts. They are about real people, places, things, and events.
- ▶ A **biography** is a story about a real person's life. It is written by an author, not by the person it is about.
- ▶ An **autobiography** is a story a person has written about their own life.
- ▶ **Poetry** is written in verses that may or may not rhyme. Poetry can be funny, sad, silly, and even scary!

Write the title of one book from each category. If you have trouble, ask your librarian for help.

Fiction: _____

Nonfiction: _____

Biography: _____

Autobiography: _____

Poetry: _____

What is your favorite type of book to read?

Finding Books at the Library

When you need to find a book in the library, follow these steps:



1. **Check the catalog.** The catalog is an online list of every book in the library. You can search it by title, author, or topic.
2. **Find the call number.** Each book has a call number in the catalog—this is the group of letters and/or numbers printed on the book’s spine. Books are organized by call number.
3. **Find your book.** The signs on each shelf tell you which call numbers are in that section. Use them to find your book.

Try it for yourself! Use the catalog to find the following:

A book with the word “dinosaur” in the title

Title _____

Author _____

Call number _____

A book by an author with the last name Jones

Title _____

Author _____

Call number _____

A book about weather

Title _____

Author _____

Call number _____

Doing Research at the Library

Do you have a report to do? The library is a great place to find information on any topic!



To find the information you need:

1. **Use the catalog.** If you know your topic, search for books here.
2. **Look for books.** Use the call numbers in the catalog to find the books you need.
3. **Use the internet.** If you need more information, search the internet. A librarian can help you find safe and reliable websites.

Have a topic you'd like to learn more about? If you do, use that topic for this activity. If not, choose one of these topics.

earthquakes dolphins Civil War Thomas Edison Africa

Once you have your topic, use the catalog to find a book and a website on that topic. Complete the following information.

Your topic _____

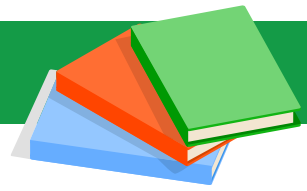
Book title _____

Author _____

Type of book _____

Website _____

Library Manners



It's important to use manners wherever you go. For example, you need to be quiet at the movie theater and take turns on the playground. There are also manners you should use at the library.

All libraries have rules. Here are some common library rules.

- ▶ Treat books and materials with respect.
- ▶ Use an inside voice.
- ▶ Put books back where they belong.
- ▶ Return books on time.

Complete each sentence to tell about the rules at your library.

I can borrow a book for _____ days/weeks.

During story time, I have to _____

When I am done with a book, it goes _____

How Librarians Can Help You

Librarians are trained library experts!

They can help you:

- ▶ find a good book.
- ▶ use the catalog and the internet.
- ▶ borrow and return items.
- ▶ start your research.



Think about the ways your librarian has helped you or how they might help you. Write your ideas in the empty ovals.



Why Do You Love the Library?

A library is an amazing place! Here are a few reasons why libraries are great!

- ▶ It's a great place to do your homework.
- ▶ You can find some peace and quiet.
- ▶ Faraway places are a book or a click away.
- ▶ You can read all the books you want for free.



Why do YOU love the library? Draw or write your answers in the squares below.

The best book I have ever checked out from the library is...

My favorite place to read at the library is...

I like my librarian because...

One thing I like to do at the library besides read is...