

# National Library Week Storytime

**Prep:** 5-10 mins.

## **Items:**

- Books:
  - “If you ever want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don’t!” by Elise Parsley ([Book](#))
  - “Madeline Finn and the Library Dog” by Lisa Papp ([Book](#))
  - “Lola at the Library” by Anna McQuinn ([Book](#))
  - “A Library Book for Bear” by Bonny Becker ([Book](#))
  - “The Library Book” by Tom Chapin ([Book](#))
- Items for Craft: **Felt Library Card Holder**
  - Felt – Any color will do
  - Yarn
  - Tape
    - Optional:
      - Glitter Glue (for writing name)
      - Other felt shapes
      - Adhesive foam shapes

**Full Length:** 30-35 mins.

## **Beginning:**

- We started out with our usual song “I Wake up my Hands” by Jbrary. The great part about this song is that you can have the kids choose the body part. This allows the kids to learn the body parts while making it fun!
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZzvSxwQ8mM>
- “A Library Book for Bear” was our first book. This book is mainly about getting out of your comfort zone and trying something new. With this book, you want to make sure that you portray the different emotions that the bear is having. I did a quiet scream when the bear started to lose its temper. However, you want to make that it doesn’t scare the kids.

## **Middle:**

- We sang a song for our next activity. This is a song that I wrote but I used the tune “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”. The lyrics are down at the bottom. I wanted something that went with National Library Week but I couldn’t find a lot of songs.

- The next book we read was “The Library book”. This book is actually a song but I did not sing it. Sadly, I didn’t know it was a song until I looked it up later (I also didn’t notice the sheet music on the front and back inside cover).

**End:**

- The last book for this story time was “If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, DON’T!” This is a very funny book. It has to be one of my favorite books about the library. I mean who wouldn’t want to bring a circus to the library? It would be totally awesome!

**Craft:**

- For today’s craft, we made felt holders for their library card. I got this idea off of Pinterest! Here is the link to the website. She uses an actual needle and thread for this. However, I have some toddlers that don’t have those fine motor skills. I used a piece of yarn and tape instead of a needle and thread, and I taped one end of the yarn so it would be easier to thread through the holes.
  - <http://www.sturdyforcommonthings.com/2012/02/library-storytime/>
  - I made the yarn long enough so that they could put it around their neck. This way they didn’t have to worry about carrying all the time.
  - I had glitter glue available for the kids to use to allow them to write their initial on the front. I asked the parents if they could assist in this portion.

### **I’m going to the Library**

(Tune: I’ve Been Working on the Railroad)

I’m going to the Library.

All the Live Long Day.

Can’t you hear the books-a-shelving?

And the carts rolling away.

Come check-out out Picture Books,

Watch movies and play games.

We have so much to offer.

So have fun and let’s play!

Libraries Rock!

Libraries Rock!

Libraries Rock all the time!

Libraries Rock!

Libraries Rock!

Libraries are amazing