

What Can You Do at the Library?



A library is a place where you can explore your interests, learn amazing things, and spark your imagination. Here are ten great things you can do at the library.

1. Read

At the library, you have hundreds of books at your fingertips. If you want to read something different, try a magazine or a newspaper.

2. Get help from a librarian

Tell the librarian what kinds of things you like to read about. Chances are, they can recommend a perfect book for you!

3. Research

When you have to do research, start at the library! You can use the catalog to find books on your topic. You can also use the internet if your library has computers available.

4. Listen to a story

The librarian may read aloud to you, or you and a friend might be able to read to each other.

5. Try different kinds of books

Some days, you're in the mood for an adventure story. Other days, you may want to read about a famous person or event. The library has all types of books for you to try.

Types of Books at the Library



Do you like stories about animals? Space ships? Magic? Sports? No matter what kind of books you like to read, you can find them at the library. Here are some popular types of books.



Fiction

Fiction books are made-up stories about people, places, science, history, mysteries, and more.



Nonfiction

Nonfiction books are based on facts. They are about real people, places, things, and events.



Biography

A biography is a story about a real person's life. A biography is written by an author, not by the person it is about.



Autobiography

An autobiography is a story a person has written about their own life.



Poetry

Poetry is written in verses that may or may not rhyme. Poetry can be funny, sad, silly, and even scary!

DOING RESEARCH AT THE LIBRARY

Do you have a report to do? The library is a great place to find information on any topic! Following these steps will help you do your research, and find the information you need.

STEP 1: SEARCH THE CATALOG

The catalog is an online list of everything in the library. You can search it by topic, title, or author.



STEP 2: FIND YOUR BOOKS

Each book has a call number in the catalog. This number is printed on the book's spine. A call number is like an address that tells you where a book is. Signs on the shelves show which numbers are in each section.



STEP 3: USE THE INTERNET

You might not be able to find everything you need in books. You can also do research on the internet at the library. Ask the librarian to help you find the information you need.



Know Your 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 at the playground. There are also specific manners you should use when you're at the library!

Using these manners will help you be an excellent library user.



Use your inside voice

The library is a quiet place. Be respectful of others who are reading or doing work. It's okay to talk to your friends; just keep your voice quiet.



Return your books

Be sure to return your books on time. You can even return them early! Others may be waiting to check them out.



Clean up after yourself

Put away any materials you've used. When you clean up after yourself, you help make the library a nice place for others.



Put books on the cart

When you are finished with a book, put it on the librarian's cart. They will put it back in the right place.

TOP 10 Ways a Librarian Can Help You

Librarians are trained library experts! Here are 10 things a librarian can do to help you when you visit the library.

1. Find a good book

A library has all kinds of books on all sorts of topics! A librarian can help you find a book that will be just right for you.

2. Use the catalog

Your library probably has a catalog. A catalog is an online list of every item the library has. A librarian can help you learn to search the catalog for what you want or need.

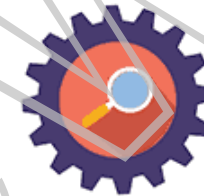
3. Borrow items

When you borrow an item from the library, you get to keep it for a week or two. When the time is up, you return it. A librarian will help you borrow and return items.

4. Expand your horizons

A librarian can help you explore new topics, learn about new places, and develop new interests.

EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY!



How well do you know your library? Be a library detective! See how many things on this list you can find. Write your answers on the lines.

1. What is the librarian's name?

2. Find a book written by an author whose last name starts with *M*.

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

4. What is the title of a nonfiction book in the library?
