



Treasure Hunt*

One *great place* in every community is the **Children's Section of the public library**. Whether you have been to the library many times or are making your first visit, you can find treasures there! Take a bag to carry home *those treasures, the books* you want to borrow. If you or your children don't have library cards, stop at the Information Desk and get a card.

Here's what to look for — Choose the ones that fit the age and interests of your child:

- 1) Look at the library walls for posters and pictures. Let your child find all those with *animals*.
- 2) Look at the *book displays* or show cases together. Find one thing that surprises you.
- 3) Find the section with **Picture Books**. Can you find a book by Richard Scarry there? Clue: Using the alphabet to guide you, find the section where the authors' names begin with 'S.'
- 4) Find the section with **Easy Readers**. Pick a book that you would like to read together with your family. Take it with you to the check out desk. Or sit right there and read it together.
- 5) Find the **Junior Fiction** section. See if you can find a book by Beverly Cleary, E. B. White, or Lulu Delacre. Or find one by a favorite author of yours.
- 6) Look for the section with **Foreign Language** books. How many languages do you see represented there? Do you know anyone who speaks those languages?
- 7) With your child, find out if your library has a story hour when someone *reads to kids*.
- 8) Go to the *computer* table and see if you can find out how many books by Dr. Seuss the library has. Ask the librarian if you need help to do this.
- 9) Find the **Non-Fiction** section. Can you find a book about something that *interests* you?
- 10) Ask the librarian for the library schedule or calendar of special events.

When you've done some or all of these things, decide which books you want to borrow. When you finish reading them at home, write them in your *Way to Go! Family Learning Journal*™.



"I declare, our library is the best public place in this whole town!
Thank you, Ben Franklin, for inventing free libraries."

— *Grandma Anna*

**Treasure Hunt* supports the English-Language Arts Content Standards related to literary response and analysis by showing children where to find a wide variety of significant works of children's literature.

