

My Home LIBRARY

Activity Kit

Help your kids convert their collection of books into their very own lending library! This fun family activity aims to nurture a love of books and reading, develop sharing skills, and celebrate libraries and librarians.

The following pages contain the essentials for setting up your child's home library, including:

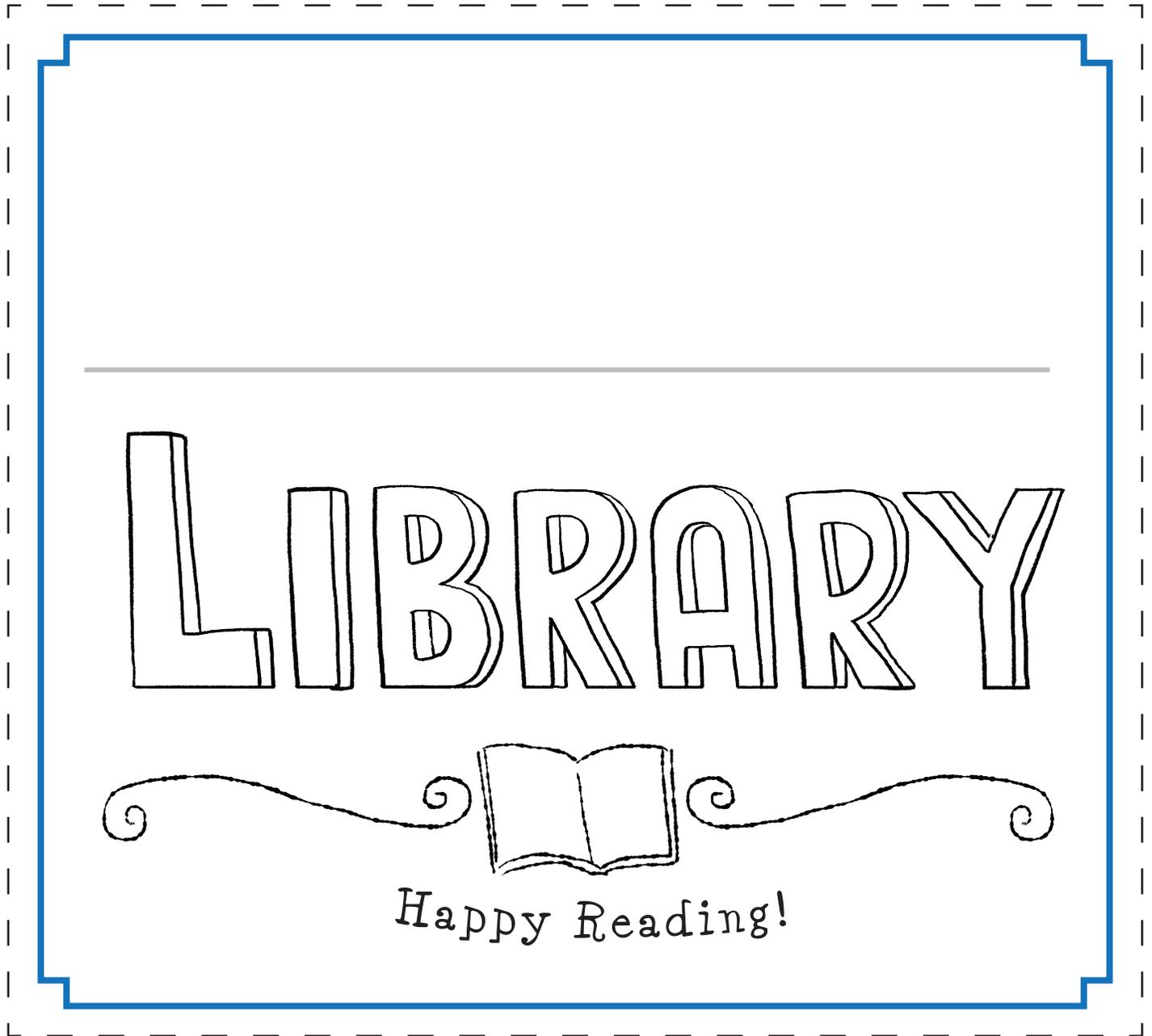
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- Staff Picks form (Librarian Book Recommendation)



Kids will need prints of whichever activity sheets you want to use, plus some basic art supplies—crayons or markers, tape and/or a glue stick and scissors. One option in the Library Organizing System activity requires PostIt notes.

Library Sign

Here's a fun sign to fill out with your library's name. Decorate the sign as much as you like, and hang on your library's door, or on the wall above your book shelf.



Book Plates

Libraries stamp their names into their books to help borrowers remember where to return them, and computer systems remind both the library and the borrower when borrowed books should be returned. These book plates can be your library's "stamp" and reminder system.

Print this sheet and add the name of your library to each book plate. Cut them out and keep a stack handy. Whenever anyone wants to borrow a book from your library, check the appropriate box to remind the borrower when to return the book, and place the book plate inside of the front cover. Readers might use your customized book plate as a bookmark, so make them very pretty!

Librarian Pro Tip: Use a pencil to check the return-by box so you can erase and reuse. :o)

LIBRARY

Please Return by Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday

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Library Cards

Libraries are full of books that anyone can borrow... as long as they have a library card.

Library cards are free! To get a library card, all a borrower has to provide is basic contact information. When borrowers forget to return books, the library uses the contact information to call or send a friendly reminder.

You'll only be lending your books to family and friends, so you won't need to gather contact information... but you can't have an authentic library without library cards! Print these blank cards, fill in the name of your library, and invite each of your borrowers to fill in their name and draw their picture in the box. Borrowers can present their library cards any time they want to borrow a book.

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Librarian I.D. Badges

Libraries could never exist without librarians! Librarians are book lovers who run the library, taking care of both books and borrowers.

Public libraries can be very crowded. Librarians wear I.D. badges to set themselves apart.

Next time you visit your public library, see how many librarians you can spot. Librarians usually wear their I.D. badges on a ribbon (like a necklace), or clipped onto their clothing. Make sure to thank your librarians for all of the hard work they do, organizing and recommending books.

Print and fill out these I.D. badges for the librarians who run your family library. Tape them to a ribbon to wear like a medallion, or simply tape to your shirt, just below your shoulder.

Librarian

On Duty

Ask me about
BOOKS!



(librarian's name)

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Reading Chart

Readers who visit your library may enjoy keeping track of the books they borrow. :0)

read all of these books!

(reader's name)

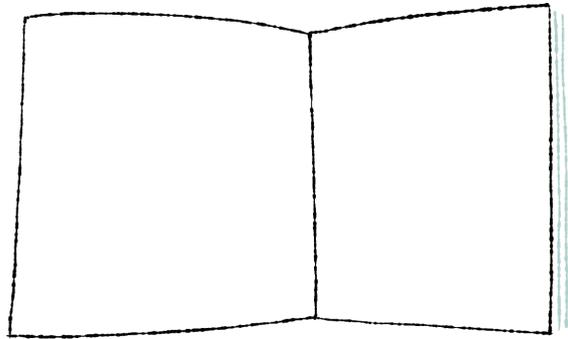
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Library Reading Drive

Clever librarians think up all kinds of fun programs to encourage people to read books. Your library can use this form to organize a reading drive! Check the boxes (or use star stickers, if you have them) to keep track of how many books each participant reads. Your library could offer the prize certificate on the following page to everyone who reads at least ten books—or, think up your own prize! :o)

Books Read										
Name of Reader										

Reading Drive Certificate



(reader's name)

is an

Awesome Reader!

_____ LIBRARY Reading Drive



Library Organizing System

Books in public libraries are organized by topic, and also alphabetically, so that librarians and borrowers can find them easily. Also, each book is assigned a number. This is called the Dewey decimal system.

Very young home librarians could organize the books in their library by color...



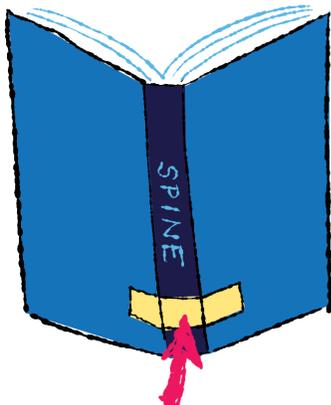
...or by height.



More mature home librarians might have fun using the public library model:

Group all similar books together (ex: books about animals, books about people, books about outer space).

Young librarians who want to be extra organized could arrange the books alphabetically within each topic group, using the first letter of the author's last name.



After the books are arranged, young librarians who want to be extra, extra organized could assign numbers to every book in the library.

Cut off the sticky part of a PostIt note, wrap it around the bottom of the spine of the book, and write a number on the middle part.

Staff Picks

Librarians love to read and share their favorite books. Use this handy form to display book recommendations in your home library.

Librarian Recommendation

(name of librarian)

recommends *this great book:*

(name of book)

(review or description of book)

