

# Library Scavenger Hunt

Every child should be familiar and comfortable with their local library. There is so much to explore! **If children can be inspired at an early age by the excitement of finding knowledge, they are likely to benefit from it throughout their lives.**

As parents, we know the value of reading, but sometimes getting your kids to appreciate books can take a bit of creativity. Occasionally, we need to gently nudge them into the world of literature.

This Library Scavenger Hunt will give your kids a reason to explore the children's section in your local library in a fun way. Hopefully, along the way, they'll discover things that they didn't know the library possessed.



## Before you start:

- Decide whether you want to search as individuals, as one big group, or in teams.
- Give your child a generous amount of time to complete the hunt so that there is not pressure to rush.
- Emphasize that the library is a no-running, quiet place.

## Ready, Set, Go:

1. Pick up and look through one of the books on display at the library. What is the theme of the display?
2. Find the books written by authors' last names beginning with the letter A. Choose a book that you'd like to read.
3. Find the books written by authors' last names beginning with the letter M. Choose a book that you'd like to read.
4. Look for a book that you have already read. Can you find another title by that author that you'd like to read?
5. Find a book with awesome illustrations. What is the illustrator's name?
6. Find a book with a medal on the cover.
7. Find a book by Mo Willems. What is the title?
8. Find a book by Jan Brett. What is the title?
9. Meet a librarian and ask him/her to show you book that is new in the library.
10. Find a series of books and count how many are in the series.
11. Find the non-fiction section and look for a book about sports, planets, and plants.
12. Look for a two fairy tale or folk tale stories. Choose your favorite.
13. Find a poetry book.
14. What are two upcoming events at the library?
15. Look for two things in the children's section that are not books.

## After you leave the library...

- Play library at home using index cards, stamps, and a special librarian hat.
- Go online with your child to find your library's website. Look for an upcoming story time and write it on the calendar.
- Ask your child to draw a picture or write a story of your special day at the library.