

TREASURE CHEST #1 CONTENTS LIST

ANIMALS, REAL AND FANCIFUL

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	Aardvarks, Disembark!	ANN JONAS
BOOK	Animal Tracks	ARTHUR DORROS
BOOK	Animals Born Alive And Well	RUTH HELLER
BOOK	Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing	JUDITH BARRETT
BOOK	Barnyard Banter	DENISE FLEMING
BOOK	David McPhail's Animals A - Z	DAVID McPHAIL
BOOK	The Escape Of Marvin The Ape	CARALYN and MARK BUEHNER
BOOK	Good Night, Gorilla	PEGGY RATHMANN
BOOK	I Went To The Zoo	RITA GOLDEN GELMAN
BOOK	Is Susan Here?	JANICE MAY UDRY
BOOK	It's A Perfect Day	ABIGAIL PIZER
BOOK	The Lifesize Animal Counting Book	
BOOK	Martha Speaks	SUSAN MEDDAUGH
BOOK	New At The Zoo 2	KEES MOERBEEK
BOOK	Old MacDonald Had A Farm	HOLLY BERRY
BOOK	Old Mother Hubbard And Her Wonderful Dog	JAMES MARSHALL
BOOK	Walter's Tail	LISA CAMPBELL ERNST
BOOK	What Neat Feet!	HANA MACHOTKA
BOOK	What Would You Do If You Lived At The Zoo?	NANCY WHITE CARLSTROM
BOOK	Without Words	JOANNE RYDER
NOTEBOOK	Idea Notebook	
BOARD BOOK	Who Said That?	
BIG BOOK	Hattie And The Fox	MEM FOX
RESOURCE BOOK	Creative Teaching With Puppets	BARBARA S, ROUNTREE
CASSETTE	Animal Folk Songs For Children	MIKE, PEGGY, BARBARA and PENNY SEEGER
BOOK & TAPE	Brer Rabbit And The Wonderful Tar Baby	JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS
VHS	Dogs, Cats and Rabbits	
PUPPET	Sitting Dog Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Share *Lifesize Animal Counting Book* or *David McPhail's Animals A - Z*. Then suggest that children make an animal scrap book out of magazine cut-outs.

After sharing *New At The Zoo*, ask the children if they would like to pretend that they are part animal. Ask them what kind of feet they would like, what kind of hands would be the best and what kind of head they would prefer if they were a mixture of animals. Let them draw this imaginary animal and give it a name.

Invite your class to walk like animals and be a spider on all fours, a seal with their legs dragging behind, a kangaroo by squatting and jumping, or a snake by crawling on the floor.

Read *Martha Speaks* which is a humorous fantasy about a dog that learns to talk after eating alphabet soup. Ask the children to pretend to be their own pets after having learned to speak. What would they have to say? Then read *Without Words*, a book of poems which explains how animals really communicate. After reading each poem let the children spend some time looking at the pictures and thinking about the words. Ask them what they think the animals might have been trying to say.

Mammals

Mammals cover their tender skin
With a layer of fur or hair.
Their babies are born, not hatched from eggs,
And when young, need lots of care.
Dogs and cats are mammals that walk
Bats are mammals that fly;
Dolphins and whales are mammals that swim,
And mammals are you and I.

Puppy's Doghouse

This is puppy's doghouse
(Put tips of fingers together)
This is puppy's bed
(Hands flat, palms upward)
This is puppy's pan of milk
(Cup hands together like bowl)
Where he can be fed.
This is puppy's collar
(Encircle neck with fingers)
His name is on it, too.
Take a stick and throw it
(Make throwing motion)
And he'll bring it back to you!
(Clap hands rapidly)

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *A Children's Zoo* by Tana Hoban. Three word descriptions match Tana Hoban's striking photographs of favorite zoo animals.
- *Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby* by Lisa Kooper. Daisy the dog "lives" the life of a human baby, but the real baby doesn't like that until Daisy becomes a mommy.
- *Lucky Morning* by Sally Noll. Nora and her grandfather discover wild animals on their fishing expedition in Montana.
- *May I Bring A Friend?* by Beatrice Schenck de Regniers. When invited to tea with the King and the Queen, a boy brings a variety of friends-- a giraffe, monkeys, an elephant, etc.

- *The Picnic* by Ruth Brown. Young listeners will be encouraged to take another's perspective in this gentle story of animals invaded by picnickers.
- *Wag Wag Wag* by Peter Hansard. Doggy habits are fondly portrayed.