

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #22 MOSTLY SILLY STORIES

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	Alistair Underwater	MARILYN SADLER
BOOK	Calf: See How They Grow	MARY LING
BOOK	The Cow Buzzed	ANDREA ZIMMERMAN and DAVID CLEMESHA
BOOK	The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down	PAUL BRETT JOHNSON
BOOK	Donna O'Neeshuck Was Chased Some Cows	BILL GROSSMAN
BOOK	Duckat	GAELYN GORDON
BOOK	Imogene's Antlers	DAVID SMALL
BOOK	Milk: From Cow To Carton	ALIKI
BOOK	Milk Rock	JEFF KAUFMAN
BOOK	No Milk!	JENNIFER A. ERICSSON
BOOK	No Moon, No Milk!	CHRIS BABCOCK
BOOK	Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore!	DAVID McPHAIL
BOOK	Silly Sally	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	Spruce The Moose Cuts Loose	SARAH STAPLER
BOOK	"Stand Back," Said The Elephant, "I'm Going To Sneeze!"	PATRICIA THOMAS
BOOK	There's A Cow In The Road	REEVE LINDBERGH
BOOK	There's A Hole In The Bucket	NADINE BERNARD WESTCOTT
BOOK	To Bathe A Boa	C. IMBIOR KUDRNA
BOOK	Two Cool Cows	TOBY SPEED
BOOK	You Silly Goose	ELLEN STOLL WALSH
BOARD BOOK	The Going To Bed Book	SANDRA BOYNTON
BIG BOOK	The Cow Went Oink	BERNARD MOST
RESOURCE BOOK	Things I Can Make	SABINE LOHF
BOOK & TAPE	Don't Forget The Bacon!	PAT HUTCHINS
CASSETTE	Rosenshontz Tickles You!	
VHS	The Bear And The Fly	
PUPPET	Cow Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Read *Imogene's Antlers* and ask your children to think about what it would be like to wake up one morning with antlers. Ask them to draw a picture of themselves wearing antlers.

Read a silly book or two about cows. Then share *Milk: From Cow To Carton*. Talk about where milk comes from. Enjoy glasses of milk.

Read *To Bathe A Boa*. Count the children who like taking baths. Then count the children who don't. Follow up with water play or bubble blowing activities.

The cassette tape *Rosenshontz Tickle You!* is full of silly songs. In "*These Are Questions*," Rosenshontz asks questions that kids are apt to ask. Is the sun ever cold? Do teeth talk? All of the questions they ask have "No!" for the answer. Kids will soon catch on and will shout out "No!" In "*I Wish I Was*," kids will have fun throwing out zany suggestions. Have them name an animal they wish they could be. Then have them think of an action that rhymes with that animal. "I wish I was a mouse. I'd sleep inside your house."

After viewing the wordless VHS *The Bear And The Fly* ask children to dictate dialogue for each of the bears during the story and after they wake up.

This Little Cow

This little cow eats grass;
(Hold up one hand, fingers erect, bend down one finger)
This little cow eats hay;
(Bend down another finger)
This little cow drinks water;
(Bend down another finger)
And this little cow runs away;
(Bend down another finger)
This little cow does nothing;
(Bend down last finger)
But lie and sleep all day.

Moppety-Mop and Poppety-Pop

Moppety-mop and Poppety-pop
Went on their way with a skip and a hop;
One with a skip and one with a hop,
Moppety-mop and poppety-pop.

Hippety Hop

Hippety hop to the candy shop
To buy a stick of candy
One for you,
One for me,
And one for sister Sandy.

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

- *The Big Sneeze* by Ruth Brown. One afternoon a farmer dozes in the barn along with the barnyard animals. When a fly lands on the farmer's nose, he sneezes and sets off a chain of silly reactions.
- *Calico Cows* by Arlene Dubanevich. The cows don't know what to do when their leader Bertha goes to the fair. Luckily, she returns at day's end to lead them home from their misadventure.
- *Julius, The Baby Of The World* by Kevin Henkes. When Lily found out she was to be a big sister she was the best big sister in the world. But after Julius was born, it was a different story.
- *Underwear!* by Mary Monsel. Unlike Zachary Zebra and Orfo the Orangutan, who simply love underwear, Bismark the Buffalo sees no purpose in it, refuses to wear it, in fact refuses to have fun at all, and just gets grumpier and lonelier all by himself.
- *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* by Keiko Kasza. A wolf plans on having chicken stew after fattening a hen. Humorous watercolors depict the wolf as he cooks pancakes, donuts and cake. Children will be amused by the ending.