

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #28 SPIDERS, SNAKES AND OTHER CREEPY CRAWLERS

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	All Eyes On The Pond	MICHAEL J. ROSEN
BOOK	Frogs, Toads, Lizards, And Salamanders	NANCY WINSLOW PARKER and JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT
BOOK	The Girl Who Wore Snakes	ANGELA JOHNSON
BOOK	The Grouchy Ladybug	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	How Many Bugs In A Box?	DAVID A. CARTER
BOOK	I Love My Buzzard	TRES SEYMOUR
BOOK	The Iguana Brothers	TONY JOHNSTON
BOOK	In The Tall Tall Grass	DENISE FLEMING
BOOK	Insects Are My Life	MEGAN McDONALD
BOOK	Ladybug	EMERY BERNHARD
BOOK	Old Black Fly	JIM AYLESWORTH
BOOK	The Roly-Poly Spider	JILL SARDEGNA
BOOK	Small Green Snake	LIBBA MOORE GRAY
BOOK	A Snake In The House	FAITH McNULTY
BOOK	Spiders	GAIL GIBBONS
BOOK	Two Bad Ants	CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG
BOOK	The Very Busy Spider	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	Where's That Reptile?	BARBARA BRENNER
BOOK	You Can't Catch Me!	JOANNE OPPENHEIM
BOARD BOOK	Treasure Hunt Out & About	
BIG BOOK	Why Mosquitos Buzz In People's Ears	VERNA AARDEMA
BOOK & TAPE	Crocodile Smile	SARAH WEEKS
CASSETTE	Late Last Night	JOE SCRUGGS
VHS	Shamu And You: Exploring The World Of Reptiles	
PUPPET	Ladybug Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Share *Where's That Reptile?* then make camouflage pictures. Provide a collection of magazine pictures of reptiles and insects and have children draw settings that would camouflage the creatures.

Play "Ants in My Pants" on Joe Scroggs' *Late Last Night*. Scroggs describes the day when ants crawled up his pants and he does a crazy dance. Have children use their imagination and move to Scroggs' directions.

Read *The Girl Who Wore Snakes* or *A Snake In The House*. Play a snake line game. All children line up behind each other holding their hands on the waist of the person before them. The leader tries to touch the snake's tail (last person) taking everyone else with him. When he succeeds, he goes to the end of the snake and a new leader takes his place at the head.

Share the book *In The Tall, Tall Grass*. Encourage children to repeat the delicious phrases, "crunch, munch, caterpillars lunch" and "rich, ratch, moles scratch. Children may also pantomime the antics of the animals who live in the tall, tall grass. Invite children to draw their own pictures of an insects' view of the world.

Bees

Here is the beehive,

(Have fist closed at beginning of rhyme)

But where are all the bees?

Hidden away

Where nobody sees.

Soon they'll come

Creeping out of the hive.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

(Open one finger at a time as you count)

BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ!

Little Ladybugs

I saw a little ladybug flying in the air,

But when I tried to catch her, two bugs were there.

Two bugs flew up in a tree.

I tiptoed very quietly, and then I saw three.

Three little ladybugs I looked for one more.

I saw one sitting on the ground: that made four.

Four little lady bugs another one arrived.

I saw her sitting on a flower, and that made five.

Five little lady bugs, all red and black

I clapped my hands and shouted, and they all flew back.

1, 2, 3

1, 2, 3, there's a bug on me!

(Pretend to brush it off)

Where did it go?

(Look around)

I don't know.

(Shrug)

The Reptile Zoo

Sung to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

Chorus:

Let's go to the Reptile Zoo, the Reptile Zoo, the Reptile Zoo

There's fun for me and fun for you at the Reptile Zoo in the morning.

Verses:

(Act out each motion described)

1. This is the way the lizards crawl.
2. This is the way the rattle snakes hiss.
3. This is the way the turtles walk.
4. This is the way the alligators eat.
5. This is the way the crocodiles stare.

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

- *The Lady And The Spider* by Faith McNulty. Unusual illustrations and clear text make this a fine introduction to science.
- *Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer. When Brian brings a salamander home his Mom asks where it will sleep. Brian's answer is to turn his room into a salamander paradise.
- *A Snake Is Totally Tail* by Judith Barrett. Alliteration is used to describe one feature of several animals.

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