

## READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #32 DRAGONS, DINAOSAURS & OTHER NOT-SO-FEARSOME BEASTS

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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<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
BOOK	Andrew's Amazing Monsters	KATHRYN HOOK BERLAN
BOOK	The Big Book Of Dinosaurs	ANGELA WILKES
BOOK	Dazzle The Dinosaur	MARCUS PFISTER
BOOK	Dinosaur Bob And His Adventures With The Family Lizardo	WILLIAM JOYCE
BOOK	Dinosaur Chase	CAROLYN OTTO
BOOK	Dinosaur Days	LINDA MANNING
BOOK	Dinosaurs: A First Discovery Book	GALLIMARD JEUNESSE
BOOK	Elvira	MARGARET SHANNON
BOOK	The Flying Dragon Room	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	A Friend For Dragon	DAV PILKEY
BOOK	Monster Mama	LIZ ROSENBERG
BOOK	My Dearest Dinosaur	MARGARET WILD
BOOK	Nathaniel Willy, Scared Silly	JUDITH MATTHEWS and FAY ROBINSON
BOOK	Shrek!	WILLIAM STEIG
BOOK	The Tale Of Bella Brontosaurus	TERRI WILTSHIRE
BOOK	There's A Dragon About	RICHARD and RONI SCHOTTER
BOOK	There's A Dragon In My Sleeping Bag	JAMES HOWE
BOOK	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	ROBERT BENDER
BOOK	Ugh	ARTHUR YORINKS
BOOK	We're The Noisy Dinosaurs!	JOHN WATSON
BOOK	Where Are You, Little Green Dragon?	KLAUS BAUMGART
BOOK	Will's Mammoth	RAFE MARTIN
BOARD BOOK	Horns To Toes And In Between	SANDRA BOYNTON
BIG BOOK	Days Of Adventure	LYN SWANSON-NATSUES
RESOURCE	Wordsaroni: Word Play For You And Your Preschooler	LINDA ALLISON & MARTHA WESTON
BOOK & TAPE	The Dinosaur Who Lived In My Backyard	B.G. HENNESSY
CASSETTE	Dinosaurs, Dragons And Other Children's Songs	KEVIN ROTH
VHS	Diamonds And Dragons	CHARLOTTE DIAMOND
PUPPET	Dragon Puppet	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Make dinosaur fossils out of Playdough** or plasticene clay, plastic wrap and toys. Roll or pat the clay so that it is flat. Place the plastic wrap over the clay. Press the toys into the clay. Remove the plastic wrap. Look at the prints. These prints would be similar to those found in shale, which is mud changed to rock over time. Ask other children to match the print with the toy.

**Share the book and tape**, *The Dinosaur Who Lived In My Backyard*. Ask children to draw pictures and make up stories about a dinosaur who lives in their backyard.

**Watch the Charlotte's Diamonds VHS** *Diamonds And Dragons*. Charlotte Diamond is a Canadian musical recording artist for kids. She is very creative and popular. On this VHS, you will find a short, rap-like chant with sound effects called "Dicky Dicky Dinosaur." In the song someone steps on Dicky's tail and the children yell "Yipes!" When the T-Rex is after Dicky, the kids yell "Run!" And when Dicky roars, the kids roar back.

### Dinosaur Song

*Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"*

Dinosaurs once walked around,

*(walk standing straight up to be a Tyrannosaurus, bent over for Stegosaurus, etc.)*

Walked around, walked around,

The dinosaurs once walked around, long, long, ago.

Dinosaurs hatched out of eggs . . .

*(Crouch down, hatch out)*

Brontosaurus had big fat feet . . .

*(Stomp feet)*

Tyrannosaurus had big sharp teeth . . .

*(Put arms out in front, open and close like jaws)*

Stegosaurus had plates on his back . . .

*(Bend over, put hands on back, fingers up)*

Triceratops had a 3-horned face . . .

*(Use fingers to make horns on face, bend over)*

Pterodactyl flew in the air . . .

*(Wave arms, stand on tiptoes)*

Mosasaur swam up and down . . .

*(Bend at knees, go up and down)*

The dinosaurs have all died out . . .

*(Sit down, bow head)*

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

- *Dragon Off An Ordinary Family* by Margaret Mahy. When Mr. Belsaki chooses a dragon as a pet for his, what was an ordinary family begins some extraordinary adventures.
- *Eyes Of The Dragon* by Margaret Leaf. An artist agrees to paint a dragon on the wall of a Chinese village, but the mayor's insistence that he paint eyes on the dragon has amazing results.
- *Alexander And The Dragon* by Katharine Holabird. Alexander is afraid of the dark, especially when the shadow under his bed becomes a fierce dragon.
- *Henry And The Dragon* by Eileen Christelow. At bedtime, Henry Rabbit is sure he sees the shadow of a dragon on his bedroom wall even though his parents can find no evidence of it.
- *I Hear A Nose* by Diane Goode. A dragon carries off a boy and his mother just as the boy is going to sleep.
- *Klippity Klop* by Ed Emberley. Prince Krispin and his horse, Dumpling, set out on an adventure that takes them over a bridge, across a stream, and through a field, until they bump into a dragon.
- *Milk And Cookies* by Frank Asch. Baby Bear dreams about feeding a dragon some cookies and milk.
- *Unicorn And The Lake* by Marianna Mayer. When a serpent poisons the lake where all the animals drink, only the unicorn has the power to save them.