

## READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #35 I HAVE A COMMUNITY

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	Airport	BYRON BARTON
BOOK	Bam Bam Bam	EVE MERRIAM
BOOK	Benny The Breakdown Truck	KEREN LUDLOW and WILLY SMAX
BOOK	Cars Cars Cars	GRACE MACCARONE
BOOK	The Diggers	MARGARET WISE BROWN
BOOK	I Got Community	MELROSE COOPER
BOOK	The Little Fireman	MARGARET WISE BROWN
BOOK	My Apron (with child size apron)	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	My Buddy	AUDREY OSOFSKY
BOOK	Road Builders	B. G. HENNESSY
BOOK	Roxaboxen	ALICE McLERRAN
BOOK	Rhymes Around The Day	JAN ORMEROD
BOOK	The Sign Painters Dream	ROGER ROTH
BOOK	The Smash Up Crash Up Derby	TRES SEYMOUR
BOOK	Strega Nona Meets Her Match	TOMIE DE PAOLA
BOOK	Sunshine	JAN ORMEROD
BOOK	Town Mouse Country Mouse (with 6 masks)	JAN BRETT
BOOK	Tractor	CLAIRE LLEWELLYN
BOOK	Walter The Baker	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	Woe Is Moe	DIANE STANLEY
BOARD BOOK	Who's At The Firehouse?	BETTINA PATERSON
BIG BOOK	Truck	DONALD CREWS
RESOURCE BOOK	Connecting With My Community	SANDRA SIEGEL PLATTNER
BOOK & TAPE	Madeline's Rescue	LUDWIG BEMELMANS
CASSETTE	What Can One Little Person Do?	SALLY ROGERS
VHS	Richard Scarry's Best Busy People Video	
PUPPET	Firefighter Puppet	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Share the big book, *Truck*.** Ask children to imagine that they are perched in the cab of the huge rig, driving across the country. Share the book again, asking them to narrate what they see and do along their truck journey. Then work together to plan and draw a mural depicting the trip taken by the red truck. Bring in toy trucks to drive along the roadways, observing the traffic signs included in the mural, as appropriate.

**Collect an assortment** of moving and other boxes. Read *Roxaboxen* and invite children to make their own community of box houses. Encourage them to build a real community with a police station, doctor's office, post office, restaurant, school, child care center, library and anything else which they think makes up a community.

**Read Jan Brett's *Town Mouse, Country Mouse*** and then act this story out using the masks provided.

**Sally Rogers' cassette *What Can One Little Person Do?*** contains many singable songs. In "*The Stoplight*", Rogers sings about stopping for red and going on green. Make a felt traffic light with interchangeable green and red lights. Use these as you share this song with children.

### Five Fun Hats

In my box are five fun hats.  
The first one is a nurse's cap.  
The second one is red for a fire fighter.  
The third one, a baker's is tall and lighter.  
Wear the fourth one for baseball  
Take along your bat.  
Save the fifth one for your birthday  
It's a party hat!

### Ten Brave Firefighters

Ten Brave firefighters sleeping in a row  
(*Fingers curled to make sleeping firefighters*)  
Ding, dong goes the bell.  
(*Pull down on pretend bell*)  
And down the pole they go.  
(*With fists together make hands slide down pole*)  
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Off on the engine, oh, oh, oh.  
When all the fire's out, home sooslow.  
Back to bed, and in a row.  
(*Curl all fingers for sleeping firefighters*)

### Traffic Policeman

The traffic policeman holds up his hand.  
(*Hold up hand, palm forward*)  
He blows the whistle,  
(*Pretend to blow whistle*)  
He gives the command.  
(*Hold up hand again*)  
When the cars are stopped.  
(*Hold up hand*)  
He waves at me.  
(*Wave hand as if indicating for someone to go*)  
Then I may cross the street you see

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

- *Fire Fighters A To Z* by Jean Johnson. From A for alarm to Z for zone, each letter of the alphabet represents a different aspect of fire fighting.
- *Harry At The Airport* by Derek Radford. Harry, a hippo, takes kids behind the scenes at an airport.