

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #44 ANIMALS FAR AND NEAR

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	Africa Calling	DANIEL ADLERMAN
BOOK	Animal Clowns	JANE McGOLDRICK
BOOK	Animal Fact / Animal Fable	SEYMOUR SIMON
BOOK	Animal Parade	JAKKI WOOD
BOOK	A Children's Zoo	TANA HOBAN
BOOK	Crinkleroot's 25 Mammals Every Child Should Know	JIM ARNOSKY
BOOK	The Deer in the Wood	LAURA INGALLS WILDER
BOOK	How Snake Got His Hiss	MARGUERITE W. DAVOL
BOOK	I Know An Old Lady	G. BRIAN KARAS
BOOK	I See Animals Hiding	JIM ARNOSKY
BOOK	Jackrabbit	JONATHAN LONDON
BOOK	Little Donkey Close Your Eyes	MARGARET WISE BROWN
BOOK	A Nest Full Of Eggs	PRISCILLA BELZ JENKINS
BOOK	No Dodos	AMANDA WALLWORK
BOOK	The Rain Forest	GALLIMARD JEUNESSE
BOOK	Rain Forest	HELEN COWCHER
BOOK	Snap!	MARCIA VAUGHAN
BOOK	Tigress	HELEN COWCHER
BOOK	To The Zoo: Animal Poems	LEE BENNETT HOPKINS
BOOK	Where Once There Was A Wood	DENISE FLEMING
BOOK	Wild Animal Go-Round	MARY LING
BOOK	Words About Animals	DAVID WEST
BOOK	The Wump World	BILL PEET
BOARD BOOK	Clifford Barks!	NORMAN BRIDWELL
BOARD BOOK	Zoo Animals	BYRON BARTON
BIG BOOK	Elephants Aloft	KATHI APPELT
RESOURCE BOOK	Egg Carton Critters	DONNA MILLER
BOOK & TAPE	Follow The Moon	SARAH WEEKS
CASSETTE	Balloon-Alloon-Alloon	TOM PAXTON
VHS	Baby Animals Just Want To Have Fun	
PUPPET	Fawn	
NOTEBOOK	Teacher's Guide	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

The cassette tape "*Balloon-Alloon-Alloon*" contains several story songs children enjoy listening to during quiet time. Try "*The Monkeys' Baseball Game*" and "*The Dog With Two Tails*."

Share *Rain Forest* by Helen Cowcher. Invite the children to act out the story. Give each child a part and encourage them to suggest things that could be done to keep the animals safe.

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.

Play "*Walking To The Zoo*." Choose two children to start the game. One child is the pig. The children stand at opposite sides of the room and act out the following poem. Everyone speaks:

As I was walking to the zoo one bright and sunny day,
One pink pig passed me by, going the other way.
(The child who is the pig should waddle across the room)
"Oink, oink," said the pink pig.
"Hello," said I.
"Oink, oink," said the pink pig.
Then we both said, "Goodbye."

The two children walk to opposite sides of the room. Repeat the poem again, substituting a different animal.

Play "Animal Rhymes" and build language skills. Recite this old folk song and then continue with other animals and colors.

Oh, my cat is red.
She likes honey on her bread.
Oh, my dog is blue.
He likes playing in the glue.
Oh, my cat is black.
She likes lying on her back.
Oh, my dog is. . .

Bunny in the Wood

There was a bunny lived in the woods.
He wiggled his ears as a good bunny should.
(Put 2 fingers on each side of head and wiggle)
He hopped by a squirrel.
(Hop two fingers along arm)
He hopped by a tree.
(Take another hop)
He hopped by a duck.
(Take another hop).

And he hopped by me.
(Hop quickly over other fist)
He stared at the squirrel,
He stared at the tree,
He stared at the duck,
But he made faces at me.
(Wiggle nose.)

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

- *Crocodile Beat* by Gail Jorgensen. An Australian story about a lion who saves his jungle friends from the jaws of the crocodile.
- *Jungle Sounds* by Rebecca Emberley. Brightly colored paper cut out animals growl, croak, hiss and roar in this otherwise wordless picture book.
- *Lazy Lion* by Mwenye Hadithi. As the rain approaches the lion orders one African plains animal after another to build him a shelter.
- *Little Gray One* by Jan Wahl. A day in the life of a baby elephant and his mother in the wild.
- *Lucky Morning* by Sally Noll. Nora and her grandfather discover wild animals on their fishing expedition in Montana.
- *North County* by Daniel S. Souci. While man sleeps, forest animals in the North Country awaken to various activities.
- *The Picnic* by Ruth Brown. Young listeners will be encouraged to take another's perspective in this gentle story of animals invaded by picnickers.