

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #49 FLYING, CREEPING, CRAWLING, SLITHERING CREATURES

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 About Alligators	JIM ARNOSKY
BOOK	Benjamin's Bugs	MARY MORGAN
BOOK	The Best Bug Parade	STUART J. MURPHY
BOOK	The Big Bug Book	MARGERY FACKLAM
BOOK	Buzz	RICHARD EGIELSKI
BOOK	Fireflies In The Night	JUDY HAWES
BOOK	Frog	MOIRA BUTTERFIELD
BOOK	Frog Counts To Ten	JOHN LIEBLER
BOOK	From Caterpillar To Butterfly	DEBORAH HEILIGMAN
BOOK	From Tadpole To Frog	WENDY PFEFFER
BOOK	How Many Snails?	PAUL GIGANTI, JR.
BOOK	If You Were A Bug. . .	DAWN BENTLEY
BOOK	It's Mine!	LEO LIONNI
BOOK	The Little Red Ant And The Great Big Crumb	SHIRLEY CLIMO
BOOK	My Little Sister Ate One Hare	BILL GROSSMAN
BOOK	The Roly-Poly Spider	JILL SARDEGNA
BOOK	Some Smug Slug	PAMELA DUNCAN EDWARDS
BOOK	The Spider Who Created The World	AMY MacDONALD
BOOK	Ten Flashing Fireflies	PHILEMON STURGES
BOOK	Those Amazing Ants	PATRICIA BRENNAN DEMUTH
BOOK	The Very Lonely Firefly	ERIC CARLE
BOARD BOOK	The Crocodile	LEWIS CARROLL
BIG BOOK	Old Black Fly	
RESOURCE BOOK	Backyard Safaris: 52 Year- Round Science Adventures	PHYLLIS S. BUSCH
BOOK & TAPE	Arthur's Camp-Out	LILLIAN HOBAN
CASSETTE	Nature Nuts	MARY MICHE
VHS	Bugs Don't Bug Us!	
PUPPET	Firefly	
EXTRA ITEM	Slugs Book And Slug Toy	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Share one of the books about fireflies and let the children enjoy the glow-in-the-dark firefly puppet. You can also create a firefly by covering the top part of a flashlight with yellow cellophane plastic wrap. Simply turn on the switch and instant firefly!

The cassette *Nature Nuts* by Mary Miche deals with the environment. The Song "Go Into The Night" is a cumulative song featuring the sounds of night animals. The simple two-verse structure builds upon coyote, frog, cricket and owl noises kids will be happy to provide. During the call and response song "Packin' For My Hike" the singer lists items she is contemplating taking on a camping trip. The children can shout "yes" or "no" for each item she mentions. A first-aid kit? Yes! Video games? No! Other winning songs include "Hey Ms. Spider," "Bats Eat Bugs" and "Salamanders And Frogs."

I'm Being Followed By A Big Brown Spider

I'm being followed by a big brown spider,
I'm being followed by a big brown spider,
I'm being followed by a big brown spider,
And I don't like it very much.
Oh! no, no, no, she's up to my toe, toe, toe.
Oh! Gee, gee, gee, she's up to my knee, knee, knee.
Oh! Fiddle, fiddle, fiddle, she's up to my middle, middle, middle.
Oh! Heck, heck, heck, she's up to my neck, neck, neck.
Oh! Dread, dread, dread, she's on top of my head, head, head.
And she tickles, tickles, tickles.
(Move hand up the body along with the verses)

One, Two, Three

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)

An Ant Hill

Here's the ant hill, with no ants about
(Make fist)
And I say, little ants, won't you please come out?
(Look at fist)
Out they come trooping in answer to my call.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and that's all.
(Raise and count fingers)

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 including these recommended titles:

- *Crocodile Beat* by Gail Jorgensen. Lying in wait in the water, Crocodile hears a multitude of animal sounds and plans on having a tasty dinner, but he is bested by Lion.
- *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.
- *Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. While spider spins her web, she is too busy to speak to the barnyard animals.