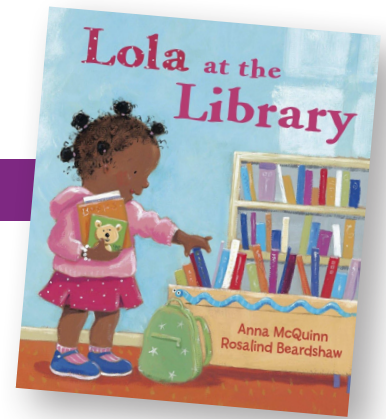


# Lola at the Library



## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Community Helpers, Family, Libraries, Neighborhood, Reading

**Book Brief:** Lola spends a day with her mom at the library. While there, she describes things you can do at the library, as well as the processes for returning and checking out books.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before:** Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story. Ask them what they know about libraries and why people visit them.

**During:** As you read, ask, “What is Lola doing on this page? What can you see at the library?”

**After, ask questions:**

- What is a library?
- What did Lola do at the library?
- What would you like to do at the library?
- Why are libraries important for communities?

## INTENTIONAL TALK

As soon as children are read to or interact with books, they begin to develop **Print Awareness**. In Print Awareness children are learning some of the basic concepts of print, like how to hold a book, turn pages, and distinguishing between print and pictures. Reading about a library is a great time to prompt a discussion about books with your child. You can point out some features in the book, like the spine, the cover, and the pages. You can have them identify print and pictures and have them hold the book as you read to practice those early reading behaviors.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

Reading about a library is a great opportunity to learn about the libraries in your own community. Much like in the story, libraries can provide more than just a place to check out books. Go see what your library has to offer!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### MORE BOOKS BY ANNA MCQUINN

- [Lola Plants a Garden \(2017\)](#)
- [Leo Can Swim \(2016\)](#)
- [Zeki Gets a Check-up \(2021\)](#)