

Library Lion

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What would happen if there's a lion in the library? One day, a lion shows up at the public library. It has a love for reading and finds story hour with the librarian to be very interesting. The lion soon starts going to the library every day to attend story time and to help the librarian out. Miss Merriweather, one of the librarians, is glad that the lion goes to the library every day, but Mr. McBee, another librarian, is not. He says that a lion is not needed at a library.

One day, Miss Merriweather falls off her stool and breaks her arm. The lion, not being able to help, runs to Mr. McBee and roars at him. Mr. McBee, not knowing what happened, gets mad at the lion for breaking the rules by roaring. He kicks the lion out of the library and runs to Miss Merriweather to help her. Ashamed, the lion stops going to the library. After a couple days, Mr. McBee realizes that he was wrong to kick the lion out of the library. He finds the lion and invites him back. Soon after, the lion starts attending the library again.

This book has several important points. First, it demonstrates that some rules can be broken sometimes, when there is a great need to break them. When the lion roars at Mr. McBee, it knew that it was breaking the rule but decided that saving Miss Merriweather was more important. Second, it spreads a love for reading, showing that even a lion loves story time. Overall, I recommend this book for elementary schoolers for its lovable plot, the happy ending, and its positive messages.

Recommended Titles:

That's What Leprechauns Do by Eve Bunting

Looking at Lincoln by Maira Kalman

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