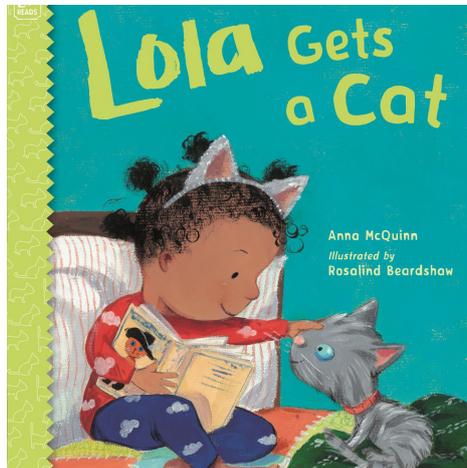


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Preschool



Book Highlight:

Lola Gets a Cat

By Anna McQuinn with illustrations by Rosalind Beardshaw

Lola wants a cat, but Mommy says taking care of a pet is a lot of work. So, Lola does her homework. At the library she finds books about cats and pet care and she and Mommy learn as much as they can. When the time comes, Lola is allowed to pick out her new friend at an animal shelter.

Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

Birth - 3 Years Old

Where do you see a cat? Show me!

Which cat do you think Lola will choose?

What helps you feel safe?

How would you play with the cat? Which toy would you use?

3 - 5 Years Old

How many cats are in Lola's room?

What do you think Lola will need to do to take care of a cat?

What does it mean when the book says that the cat chooses her?

Why do you think the cat isn't ready to play yet? How is it feeling?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged



Scan to see a video of *Lola Gets a Cat* being read in English.



Scan to see a video of *Lola Gets a Cat* being read in Spanish.

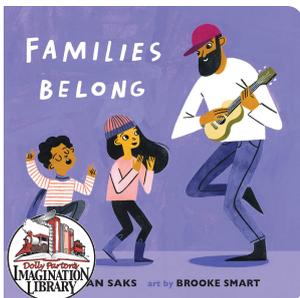


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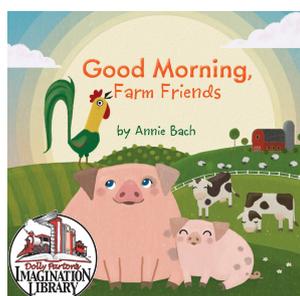
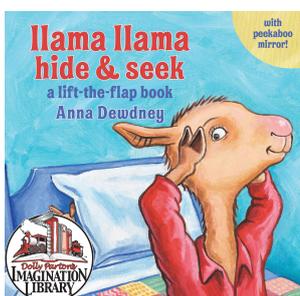
Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- Play with your child's stuffed animals like Lola does. Set up a cozy space for them, make them some pretend food and water, and gather toys for them. Help your child learn how to care for animals as you play.
- What is your child's favorite animal? Go to the library to choose a few books about that animal and explore them together. You can choose non-fiction (factual) and fiction (pretend) books to capture your child's interest and help them learn more.
- If you have an animal at home, bring your child into their care routine. Work with your child to choose a task they can be in charge of; maybe they could feed your animal in the morning or refill their water bowl in the afternoon. Make a calendar to help your child keep track of their job!

If your child likes this book, try these next!



"The seeds of dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world."
~ Dolly Parton



Reading tip!

Engage your child's imagination by asking them to read the book to you. As you and your child look at the illustrations, encourage them to tell a story based on what they see. This is a fun way to further develop your child's comprehension skills!



Don't receive books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? Scan the code to sign up so your child will receive one new book each month!

For additional resources about reading with your child visit tncrr.org and click on 'Resources.'