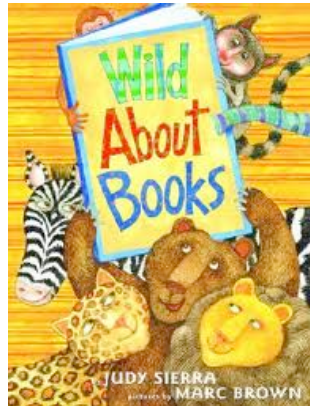


Be a Voracious Reader

# Wild About Books

Written by Judy Sierra...Illustrated by Marc Brown



## Description:

Animals become voracious readers after a bookmobile visits the zoo.

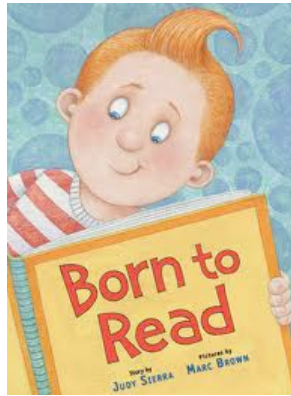
## Connections:

“Three cheers for the Zoobrary!” The illustrations, by Arthur’s Marc Brown, clearly demonstrate what voracious reading looks like. “Reading the pictures” will add so many extra details to the story. There are examples of animals reading to themselves in bubble spaces... “niches,” “nests,” and “nooks.” You’ll find partner reading, writing and poetry. And if you look closely at the titles of the books the animals are reading, you’ll see they pick books that interest them. Using this book will reinforce many of the elements of your literacy block in your classroom. Plan for extra time when you read this to pore over each page and discuss the many details.

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## Born to Read

Written by Judy Sierra...Illustrated by Marc Brown



### Description:

Sam was born to read. Throughout the story, Sam has many adventures, but always comes out on top because he is a reader.

### Connections:

The message of this story is that readers are winners. Rather than read the book as one continuous story, break it up into separate adventures and discuss each one after it's read. (When he was little, the bike race, Grundaloon coming to town and Sam growing up.)

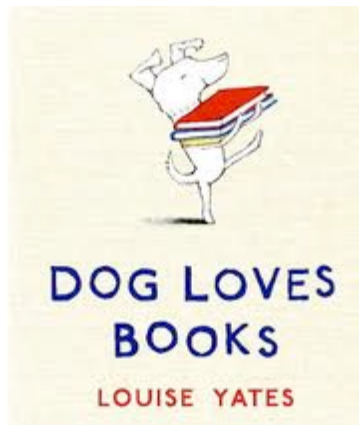
Within the story you will find the covers of well-known books such as Cat in the Hat, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Pat the Bunny, Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom and Arthur. Children will enjoy recognizing the books they know inside the story.

Be sure to look at the inside cover page. It's covered in ABC letters but if you look closely you can see that the colored letters spell Born to Read.

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# Dog Loves Books

Written and Illustrated by Louise Yates



**Description:** Dog opens a bookstore because of his great LOVE of books. He reads and reads until his first customer arrives. Immediately, he knows just the “good-fit” book to recommend.

**Connections:**

The charming illustrations in this story clearly reveal the dog’s voracious reading attitude. Questions to spur discussions...

- How do you know that the dog is a voracious reader?
- What kind of books does the dog like to read?
- How do you know?
- What kind of books are your favorites?
- How did the dog know which book to recommend to the girl?
- What do you think will happen next in the story?

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## The Library

Written by Sarah Stewart...Illustrated by David Small



### Description:

Elizabeth Brown was a voracious reader. As a child, she never played with dolls, but read books instead. As a teenager, she never went on dates, but read books instead. As an adult, stacks and stacks of books filled her home. In fact, all of Elizabeth Brown's books could fill a library.

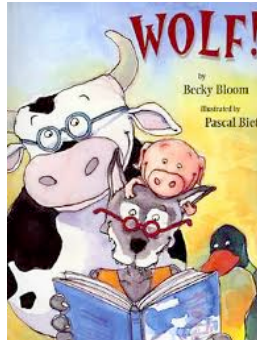
### Connections:

The Library, is a terrific book to use when introducing the concept of becoming a voracious reader. Elizabeth Brown finds herself reading in many situations...at the grocery store and while standing on her head exercising. She even walks into walls while reading and vacuuming. Use this book to promote voracious reading by discussing interesting places to read. Photograph children reading around the school in interesting poses. Ask parents to send in a photo of their child reading at home. Combine all the photos into a class book titled "We Are Voracious Readers!" or "All the Places We Can Read."

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## Wolf!

Written by Becky Bloom...Illustrated by Pascal Biet



### Description:

Hungry Wolf comes upon a farm to see a pig, duck and cow. The animals ignore Wolf since they are busy reading. Wolf decides he wants to learn to read but finds out it takes effort and practice.

### Connections:

Before reading the book, share with children that this is a story about becoming a voracious reader. Ask them to listen carefully for particular things to do to become a better reader. After reading, make a list of voracious reader actions. Go back and look in the book, if necessary, to gather ideas.

### Wolf's Action List

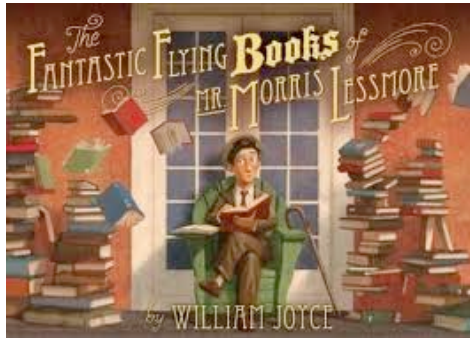
- went to school
- serious and hardworking
- went to the public library
- studied long and hard
- reading lots of dusty old books
- practiced and practiced
- read without stopping
- worked on style
- bought a splendid new storybook
- read it day and night
- read with confidence and passion

Next time students are reading independently, encourage them to, "Read like a wolf" today.

Be a Voracious Reader

# The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

Written and Illustrated by William Joyce



## Description:

Morris Lessmore is certainly a voracious reader. In fact, after saved from tragedy, he comes to make his home in a library and spends his life caring for the books and their stories.

## Connections:

There is so much to appreciate in this magical book. The illustrations are stunning to the eye, full of meaning and a perfect match to the lyrical text. Young children will be fascinated with the books that come alive and become a part of Morris' life.

The book is filled with many remarkable vocabulary words that could be spotlighted, enjoyed and added to a word collector...wander, happenstance, festive, amiable, fluttering, agreeable, fragile, emerge, crinkly and bittersweet. But the true value of this story comes from the reverence that is given to books.

It is important to know that the story concludes with the death of Morris. It is not explicitly stated but represented by his leaving the library. Teachers will need to think about this story before reading to decide how much to reveal and if it is appropriate for their particular students.