## Community Helpers Good People Everywhere

Libraries are the ultimate place for us to increase our knowledge about any topics we can. We are fortunate to have librarians to help us navigate through all of the books at our disposal. Preschoolers are just starting print awareness skills and learning about the books in the library. Pick a broad assortment from your own library or the local library and play an "I Spy" game to help further their awareness.

#### I spy:

- The spine of a book.
- The call number on the book. What does this help us do?
- The title of a book.
- The authors name.
- A book with a \_\_\_\_\_ on the cover.
- A book about \_\_\_\_\_

Eat it Bookworms make a great snack before a trip to the library. Just thread some green grapes on a plastic skewer and add a cherry tomato or strawberry at the end for a head. Don't forget the eyes. Dab a pinch of peanut butter and add raisins for eyes.

### Read it

Let's Meet a Librarian by Gina Bellisario, introduces the children to Mrs. Rios the librarian as she shows everyone how to use the library to find books on a range of topics. Your children will also enjoy a fun book about what not to do in the library with *If you Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, DON'T!* by Elise Parsley.

> **Imagine it** Children love to make believe that they are in the library and that they can be the

librarian. Set up a dramatic play area with books, note cards, date stamps, pencils, and a little desk or table in the middle. One person can pretend to be the librarian while others check out books. The librarian will stamp their card next to their name as the others pretend to check out the books. You can set up little reading areas like a library might have so they can get cozy and read the books they have checked out.

Make it Create your own picture mini book! Fold a blank piece of printer paper in half, and then in half again, to create a mini book for each child. Now let your children make their own mini picture book illustrating with crayons and markers something that might come easily to them such

as: favorite parts of books they have heard or read, activities they do at child care, or activities they like to play.







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**Librarians** help you find books to expand your knowledge. Books are often organized by letter.

### ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Put words below in alphabetical order.

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