

# Children in Grades K-2 Find a Special Welcome at the Public Library

Public libraries have a long-standing commitment to provide services and materials for their younger patrons. Children ages five through eight who are just beginning their independent exploration of the library will find many age-appropriate materials along with a wealth of activities and resources developed especially for them.



## Materials

- Children are all entitled to their own library card so that they can check out books, audio books, comics, magazines, music, CD-ROMs and videos.
- Most libraries provide a specialized children's area with child-sized furniture where children can browse and read or play an educational game on the computer.
- The children's area of the library is filled with books, audio tapes, music, VHS tapes, DVDs, CD-ROMs and other materials geared toward young readers.

## Activities

- Libraries offer many special programs of all types, including regular Story Times, for children.
- Children may attend Story Time and check out books individually or with their classes from school.
- Children can participate in the Summer Reading Club and other special reading promotions, in which they can earn prizes that reinforce the rewards of reading.

## Resources

- Most public libraries have children's librarians to give specialized help to children, parents, teachers and caregivers.
- Parents, teachers and children will find programs, fun activities, reading lists, homework help and other resources on the library's website.

