Our story times are entitled “Stories and Songs!”

These piggyback songs use familiar tunes that are easy to sing by librarians and parents and the children. All the tunes are in public domain.

A good way to use them is to pass them out at the end of story time and sing before they leave, then let them take them home.

Insert clipart, and use color card stock to make them special.

Punch a hole in the right hand corner and tie a bright ribbon on and they have a great bookmark.

Remind them to save the bookmarks, so they can sing the songs during the week.

I FOUND A BOOK!
(tune: Down by the Bay)
(Nonsense song using picture books)
Sally Meyers
Tom Green County Library System 2007

I found a book, come take a look!
I just can’t wait, please don’t be late!
Because you see, friends are calling me,
Have you read about....... a Cat , a Cat in a Hat?

AT THE LI-BRAR-Y!

Have you read about:
Duck and Goose, Reading Dr. Seuss!
a Toy----wearing corduroy!
a Dog, a Hog, or a Frog?
a Moose, a moose on the loose?
a ship, taking a trip?
a train going down the drain?
a car covered with tar?
a pony eating baloney?
a fish, a fish in a dish?
a bee learning to ski?
a pickle, giggling with a tickle?
a mouse wearing a blouse?
a snake with a bellyache?
a bear in his underwear?
Get a Clue…..At the Library!  (Jingle Bells)
2012 Texas Summer Reading Club
(Sally Meyers ----Tom Green County Library System)
Get a clue!  Get a clue!
Who’s been reading here?
Oh what fun it is to guess....
Who left this souvenir?
Get a clue!  Get a clue!
It’s simple now to see,
It was one of our book friends,
Guess who it could be!

Who’s been reading here?
A carrot’s on the ground!
I see a torn coat lying here
With footprints all around!
It’s a mystery, and we have found a clue!
Look behind the garden,
Peter Rabbit’s watching you!

Who’s been reading here?
Who left this giant bone?
It must have been a big red dog
Reading here alone!
It’s a mystery and we have found a clue!
Look behind the house,
And you’ll see Clifford watching you!

Who’s been reading here?
Crumbs cover the floor!
It must have been a little mouse
That scampered out the door.
It’s a mystery and we have found a clue!
Give a mouse a cookie
And then you can have one too!

Who’s been reading here?
I see a big red hat!
It could have been a talking cat---
What do you think of that?
It’s a mystery and we have found a clue!
It must have been the cat in the hat,
With Thing 1 and with Thing 2!

AT THE LIBRARY!!!
2009 Texas Reading Club  Sally Meyers
(TUNE: Down by the Bay)
There is a place,
Where imaginations grow,
It is a place
I love to go!
We learn and read,
Friends call to me:
Have you ever seen     (an elf---sitting on a shelf?)
AT THE LIBRARY!
Repeat stanza, adding one of the following before
... AT THE LIBRARY!
Have you ever seen a dragon    ----with books in a wagon?
Have you read on a chair----next to a bear?
Have you tickled a whale with a book on its tail?
Have you giggled with a cat?----A Cat in a Hat?
Have you read about a toy----wearing Corduroy!
Have you read about a dog, a hog, or a frog?
Have you read about a moose, kissing a goose?
Have you read about a ship, taking a trip?
Have you read about a train going down the drain?
Have you read about a pony eating baloney?
Have you read about a fish, a fish in a dish?
Have you read about a bee learning to ski?
Have you read about a bear in long underwear?
Have you read about a rattlesnake with a bellyache?
Have you ever seen a jackalope,
chewing on some cantaloupe?
Have you read about a longhorn,
juggling ears of corn?
Have you seen an armadillo, reading on a pillow?
Have you read about a roadrunner........????
(pause)
Have you ever been in story time....
Looking for rhyme?
AT THE LIBRARY!!!!!!
Have you ever been at story time ..............
looking for a rhyme?

This song will be enjoyed by preschoolers, as well as first and second graders. The little ones giggle at the rhymes and the older children love to make their own rhymes. Children might also be asked to recall books brought to mind by keywords.
2007 Texas Reading Club Theme Song

Sail Away With Books!

Sung to “Alouette”
Sally Meyers, Tom Green County Library

(chorus)

Book a voyage, sail a-cross the ocean,
Book a voyage, read a long with me!

Read a book of Austria! (Africa)
(Mexico) (Italy) (Singapore) (Istanbul)

Words and pictures take us there!
Children here, children there,
Reading books, EVERYWHERE!
Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

(chorus)

Book a plane trip fly across the U.S.A.!
Book a train ride, read a long with me!
Read a book of Ohio (Oregon, Ohio, Iowa)

Words and pictures take us there!
Children here, children there,
Reading books, EVERYWHERE!
Ohhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

(chorus)

This is easy for younger children to learn, because of the repetition.
Older children can fill in their own countries, cities, or states---using three syllable words only.

CATCH THE READING EXPRESS!

http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/d009.html
tune: Dry Bones
This can also be done as a rap.
Piggyback Song for 2010 Texas Reading Club
Written by Sally Meyers
Tom Green County Library System

Clap your hands at the * before you say the word. The strong beat is always on the second word or syllable of the line.

This train, this train is *MOVING!
The wheels, the wheels keep *GROOVING!
The whistle blows a *SIGNAL,

CATCH THE READ-ING EXPRESS!

The pages of our books just keep on *TURNING!
The wheels in our mind just keep on
Every page we read just keeps us *CHURNING!
We read and great books is what we’re
We like books that are happy, sad and *LEARNING!
With monsters that have green eyes and are
We choose as many books as we can *SCARY!
We check out lots of books at our
CATCH THE READ-ING EXPRESS!

Pages, Pages keep *TURNING!
Our minds just keep on *CHURNING!
With every page we’re
CATCH THE READ-ING EXPRESS!

we check out lots of books at our *LIBRARY!
We choose as many books as we can *CARRY!
With monsters that have green eyes and are
*HAIRY!
We like books that are happy, sad and
*SCARY!
We read and great books is what we’re
*LEARNING!
Every page we read just keeps us
*CHURNING!
The wheels in our mind just keep on
*TURNING!
The pages of our books just keep on
CATCH THE READ-ING EXPRESS!

This train, this train is *MOVING!
The wheels, the wheels keep
The whistle blows a
CATCH THE READ-ING EXPRESS!
**The Library Garden**  
Sally Meyers Tom Green County Library System  
Tune is B-I-N-G-O

Dig, dig, dig with me!  
Meet me at the library!  
There are lots of books for us to see,  
Won’t you please dig with me!

Slimy worms crawl underground,  
Through muddy soil and slim-oooooo!  
Dig, Dig, Dig with me,  
Squishy, Squishy, it will be,  
Wait! What’s this I see?  
I found a book ‘bout…… EARTHWORMS!

Potatoes grow beneath the ground,  
They need sunshine and water.  
Dig, Dig Dig with me,  
Look! What will it be?  
Wait! What’s this I see?  
I found a book ‘bout…… GARDENS!

Seeds are planted in the soil,  
They grow into bright flowers.  
Dig, Dig, Dig with me,  
Pull weeds gently, 1-2-3,  
Wait! What’s this I see?  
I found a book ‘bout…… DAISIES! ..........Roses

Some fruits grow great big and round,  
Yum! They’re sweet and tasty!  
Dig, Dig, Dig with me,  
Vines creep wild and free,  
Wait! What’s this I see?  
I found a book ‘bout…… MELONS!

Dig, dig, dig with me!  
Meet me at the library!  
There are lots of books for us to see,  
Won’t you please dig with me!

(Pause before last word in each stanza—kids might think of different responses.)

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**Texas Jubilee!**  
Sung to the tune “Camptown Races”  1850 Stephen Collins Foster  
Words by Sally Meyers, Tom Green County Library System

1. Texas Readers, sing this song,  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Read together, ride along!  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

2. Read and ride across the state!  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Texas Critters Celebrate!  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

3. Coyotes howling, read a book  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Rattles pause to take a look,  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

4. Houston, Dallas, San Angelo,  
   Texas! Texas!  
   San Antone; the Alamo,  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

5. Bluebonnet’s cheer as we ride by,  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Longhorns greet us eye to eye,  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

6. Saddle up, read across the state!  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Reading as we Celebrate!  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

7. Texas kids join in the fun!  
   Texas! Texas!  
   Texas Readers are Number 1!  
   Texas Jubilee!  (chorus)

CHORUS:  
GOIN’ TO READ ALL NIGHT!  
GOIN’ TO READ ALL DAY!  
CHECK OUT BOOKS  
AT THE LIBRARY,  
BEST PLACE IN THE USA!
Get Wild! READ!

Take me out to the jungle,
Take me out to the zoo….
Read about monkeys and elephants,
Giraffes, gazelles, birds and kangaroos.

Chorus:
We turn the pages together
There’s lots of fun we will share
With a ROAR, a GROWL, a SCREECH in the jungle
Reading takes us there!

Snakes that crawl in the tall grass,
Hyenas that laugh in the night,
Monkeys swinging from tree to tree
So many animals we can see
Chorus

Take me on a safari,
Turn pages come read with me!
Get wild with imagination............
Let’s read together and have some fun!
Chorus

READING SONG

I’M A READER,
I’M A READER
READING BOOKS
ALL THROUGH THE DAY,
I’M A READER,
I’M A READER,
FINDING FRIENDS
ALONG THE WAY.

I’M A DREAMER,
I’M A DREAMER
FAIRY TALE
AND MYSTERY,
I’M A DREAMER,
I’M A DREAMER
AND I LOVE
THE LIBRARY!
(Oh My Darling, Clementine

GOOD DOG, CARL!

Carl’s with the baby,
GOOD DOG CARL!
Jumping on the bed, GOOD DOG CARL!
Sliding down the laundry chute
NOT A WORD TO MOMMA!

Carl goes shopping, GOOD DOG CARL!
Up the elevator, GOOD DOG CARL!
Toys and pets are everywhere,
NOT A WORD TO MOMMA!

Baby’s in the park, GOOD DOG CARL!
Swinging in the park, GOOD DOG CARL!
Riding on the carousel,
NOT A WORD TO MOMMA!

Carl comes to Texas, GOOD DOG CARL!
Baby’s a cowgirl---GOOD DOG CARL!
Chasing armadillos and tumbleweeds,
NOT A WORD TO MOMMA!

(Skip to my Lou)

READ A BOOK!

READ, READ, READ A BOOK!
LET YOUR WINGS FLY HIGH!
READING, THINKING,
DREAMING, FEELING,
HIGHER THAN THE SKY.

SING, SING, SING A SONG
CLAP ALONG WITH ME!
SINGING, THINKING,
DREAMING, FEELING,
LONGING TO BE FREE!
(Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

IMAGINE!

Imagine you’re a little star
Flying through the sky afar,
Looking over fields and streams
Singing songs and dreaming dreams,
Reading books can get you there
Stories are just made to share.
(Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)
COLOR SONG
When your world needs some color—READ A BOOK!
Words and pictures tell the story, TAKE A LOOK!
Color your world and read, a book is all you need!
Open your world to color, READ A BOOK!

(Chorus)
Jellybeans, confetti, buttons in a row,
Beads on a string, lights all a-glow,
With color all around
So much fun is to be found
Use imagination, see the colors grow!

(If You’re Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands)

THREE SMART MICE!
Three smart mice!
Three smart mice!
See how they read!
See how they read!
They all run to the library!
There’s so much there
To learn and see!
And best of all,
EVERYTHING’S FREE!
AT THE LIBRARY!!!!

(Three Blind Mice)

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW AN ANSWER, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW AN ANSWER, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW AN ANSWER, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU’RE WONDERING WHERE THE MOON GOES
IF YOU’RE WONDERING HOW THE GRASS GROWS
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW AN ANSWER, READ A BOOK!

IF YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN TO DRAW, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN TO DRAW, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU’D LIKE TO DRAW A DOG,
A FROG SITTING ON A LOG,
IF YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN TO DRAW, READ A BOOK!

IF YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN TO BAKE, READ A BOOK!
IF YOU’D LIKE TO BAKE A CAKE,
READ A BOOK!
IF YOU’D LIKE TO MAKE SOME CANDY,
OR A PIZZA THAT IS DANDY,
IF YOU’D LIKE TO LEARN TO BAKE,
READ A BOOK!

(IF You’re Happy and You Know It!

READ AND IMAGINE!
DID YOU EVER READ A STORY, A STORY?
DID YOU EVER READ A STORY AND TELL IT AGAIN?
DID YOU EVER RIDE A RAINBOW, A RAINBOW
DID YOU EVERY RIDE A RAINBOW
AND SEE WHAT WAS THERE?
DID YOU EVER TOUCH A MOONBEAM, A MOONBEAM,
A MOONBEAM
DID YOU EVER TOUCH A MOONBEAM AND SLIDE TO A STAR?
DID YOU EVER READ A STORY, A STORY?
DID YOU EVER READ A STORY AND TELL IT AGAIN?
(If you ever see a Lassie)

JUST USE IMAGINATION!
READING CAN BE LOTS OF FUN
JUST USE IMAGINATION,
I’M JUMPING WITH A PARACHUTE
I’M KING OF ALL CREATION!

I’M SWIMMING CROSS THE OCEAN WIDE
I’M RIDING ON A TURTLE,
I’M FLYING HIGH WITH BUTTERFLIES
I’M JUMPING O’ER A HURDLE.

I’M DANCING WITH A MILLION STARS
I’M PAINTING MY OWN RAINBOW
I’M PLAYING MUSIC ON A HARP,
A FIDDLE AND A BANJO.

OPEN A BOOK
Open a Book,
On With the Show,
Let your imagination go!
With a Knight and a Lady,
A dragon as a foe,
Let your imagination go!

Open a Book,
On With the Show,
Let your imagination go!
With a trip to the mountains
Where the rivers flow,
Let your imagination go!

Open a Book,
On With the Show,
Let your imagination go!
With Dorothy in Kansas
Where the wild winds blow,
Let your imagination go!

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