

LIBRARIAN'S CHALLENGE

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INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the Librarian's Challenge. This fun-filled booklet contains information about the public libraries and is filled with activities. Complete the activities using what you learn!

IN THIS BOOKLET, YOU WILL LEARN:

- The different types of books (and which one you may like),
- What you can find in the library (other than books),
- How to use the NLB Catalogue.

Take care of the library items when you use them. Remember, others use these items too!



Hello there! We are the *Monsters United*, four monster friends from different planets, but united by a love for reading. We love to read and learn, and can be found at the public libraries hunting for our next favourite read.

You can find out more about us here:
<https://childrenandteens.nlb.gov.sg>.

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VISIT US

There are more than 20 public libraries in Singapore! Which are the ones you have visited?

Circle them below.



You can also visit these libraries online at <https://www.nlb.gov.sg/VisitUs.aspx>.

- Bedok Public Library
- Bukit Panjang Public Library
- library@harbourfront
- Sengkang Public Library
- Tampines Regional Library
- Yishun Public Library



EXPLORE THE LIBRARY

Do you know that you can borrow books, magazines and DVDs from the public libraries?

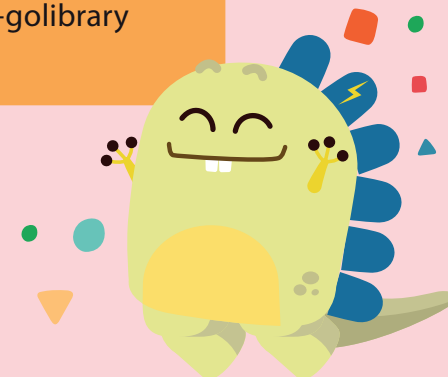


As a library member, you can borrow up to 16 items for up to 6 weeks. You can borrow and return the library items at any of the public libraries.

Not a library member yet? Ask your parent or guardian to visit <https://account.nlb.gov.sg/> for information on how to register.



Sign up for our storytelling sessions and library programmes here: <https://go.gov.sg/nlb-golibrary>



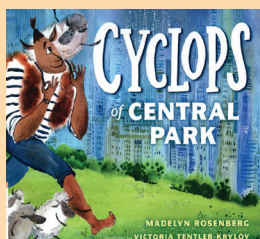
WHAT IS “FICTION” AND “NON-FICTION”?

Fiction books are stories that usually come from a writer’s imagination. For example, have you ever seen a talking dragon in real life? Even if you have not, you might see it in a Fiction book.

Non-Fiction books contain facts and tell you about things that you can see, feel and hear in the world around you. If you want to learn more about topics like animals or the weather, look for Non-Fiction books.

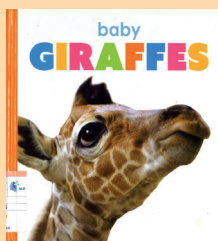
🔍 Use the book’s call number to locate books in the library. The call number for **Fiction books** is the first three letters of the author’s surname. The call number for **Non-Fiction books** is a Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) number, followed by the first three letters of the author’s surname.

Turn to page 16 to learn more about the DDC.



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Title: Cyclops of Central Park 
Author: Madelyn Rosenberg
Publisher: G. P. Putnam’s Sons, 2020
Call No.: JP ROS



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Title: Baby Giraffes
Author: Kate Riggs
Publisher: Creative Education and Creative Paperbacks, 2020
Call No.: JP 599.638 RIG

 Available as an eBook on the NLB catalogue at www.nlb.gov.sg

Activity 1: Fiction or Fact?



 Do you know the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction?

Read each sentence. Tick ☒ the box if it is Fiction. The first one has been done for you.



I saw a dinosaur cross the street today.



The mouse had a birthday party.



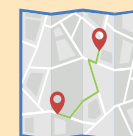
Pandas are black and white.



The genie gave me three wishes.



Last night, I had dinner with Fairy Godmother.



A map can help you find places.

To find out the answers, turn to page 24.

JUNIOR PICTURE BOOKS

Junior Picture (JP) books have many wonderful pictures in them. Look for a similar label on the spine of a book from the JP collection.

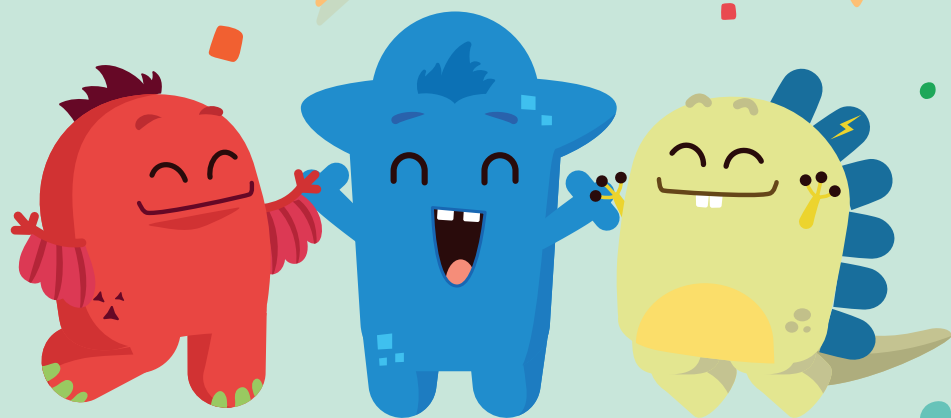
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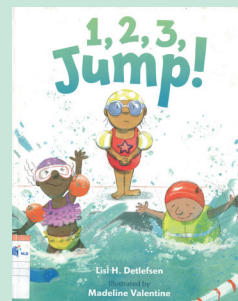
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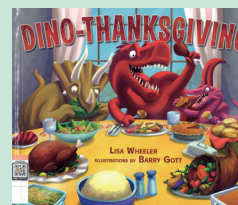
Did you know that authors and illustrators of children's books can win awards too? Some well-known awards include the Caldecott Medal and the Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Awards.



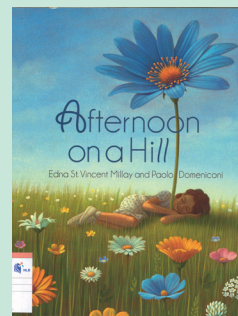
Recommended Reads



Title: 1, 2, 3, Jump! 
Author: Lisl H. Detlefsen
Publisher: Roaring Brook, 2019
Call No.: JP DET



Title: Dino-Thanksgiving 
Author: Lisa Wheeler
Publisher: Carolrhoda, 2020
Call No.: JP WHE



Title: Afternoon on a Hill
Author: Edna St. Vincent Millay
Publisher: Creative Editions, 2019
Call No.: JP 811 MIL



Title: Make it Move
Author: Marla Conn
Publisher: Rourke Educational Media, 2021
Call No.: JP 531 CON



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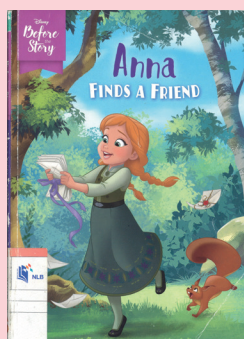
JUNIOR SIMPLE BOOKS

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Junior Simple (JS) books are suitable for children aged 7 to 9 years old. These books have fewer pictures and have short and simple chapters.

Look for a similar label on the spine of a book from the Junior Simple collection.

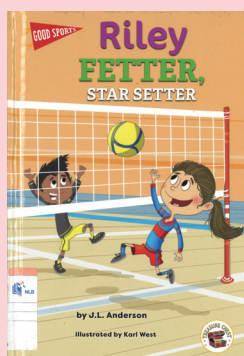
Recommended Reads



Title: Anna Finds a Friend
Author: Kate Egan
Publisher: Disney, 2020
Call No.: JS EGA



Title: Dragons and Kings
Author: Jackie French Koller
Publisher: Aladdin Books, 2020
Call No.: JS KOL



Title: Riley Fetter, Star Setter
Author: J.L. Anderson
Publisher: Rourke Educational, 2019
Call No.: JS AND



Title: Mia Mayhem Steals the Show! 
Author: Kara West
Publisher: Little Simon, 2020
Call No.: JS WES

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JUNIOR BOOKS

Junior (J) books are suitable for children aged 10 to 12 years old. These books have longer stories filled with rich details about plot, characters, and setting. Look for a similar label on the spine of a book from the Junior collection.

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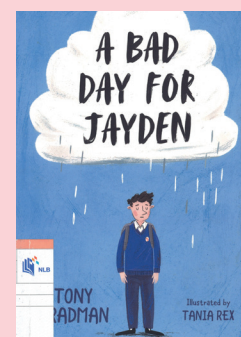
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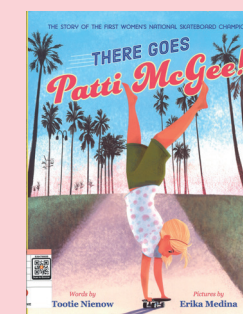
Non-Fiction



Recommended Reads



Title: A Bad Day for Jayden
Author: Tony Bradman
Publisher: Dark Barrington Stoke, 2020
Call No.: J BRA



Title: There Goes Patti McGee! 
Author: Tootie Nienow
Publisher: Farrer Straus Giroux, 2021
Call No.: JP 796.22 NIE



Title: Accordion Folding: Simple Paper Folding
Author: Megan Borgert-Spaniol
Publisher: Checkerboard Library, 2020
Call No.: J 736.98 BOR

 Available as an eBook on the NLB catalogue at www.nlb.gov.sg

FAIRYTALES AND FOLKTALES

Folktales and fairytales are stories that have been passed down through generations. Fairytales often have magical creatures such as dragons and unicorns.

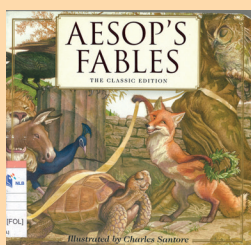
Look for a similar label on the spine of the book for the fairytales and folktales collection at call number 398.2.

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Recommended Reads



Title: Aesop's Fables: The Classic Edition

Author: Charles Santore

Publisher: Applesauce, 2019

Call No.: JP 398.2 SAN –[FOL]



Title: The Frog Prince

Author: Yi-Hsuan Wu

Publisher: Campbell Books, 2020

Call No.: JP 398.2 WU –[FOL]



Activity 2: Story Map

This story map contains the usual parts of fairytale books in the library. Fill in the blanks with details of your favorite fairytale/folktale story!



Story Map

Once upon a time...

Characters:

Beginning:

Ending:

Author:

Title:

My favourite part in this book:

SINGAPORE LITERATURE

Books written by Singaporeans or published in Singapore can be found in this section.



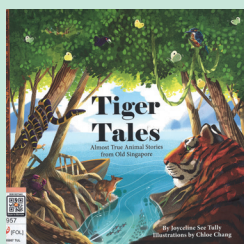
DID YOU KNOW

Some writers use pen names, known as pseudonyms, which are different from their real names. The Sherlock Sam series is by A. J. Low, which is the pen name of the husband and wife team, Adan Jimenez and Felicia Low-Jimenez. They love to read books and comics.

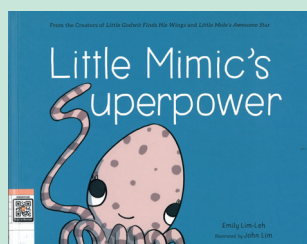
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A lion symbol can be found on the spine label of books in the Singapore collection.

Recommended Reads



Title:
Tiger Tales: Almost True Animal Stories From Old Singapore
Author:
Joyceline See Tully
Publisher:
Pepper Dog, 2020
Call No.:
J SING 398.2095957 TUL – [FOL]



Title:
Little Mimic's Superpower
Author:
Emily Lim
Publisher:
Marshall Cavendish Children, 2021
Call No.:
J SING LIM

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE – CHINESE

In the library, the icon on a Chinese Language book's spine label is black.

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Recommended Reads



Title:
超人爸爸的烦恼 
Author:
小郎
Publisher:
新加坡: 玲子传媒私人有限公司, 2018
Call No.:
J SING XOK



Title:
今天我们搓汤圆 
Author:
林文佩
Publisher:
新加坡: 玲子传媒私人有限公司, 2018
Call No.:
J SING LWP – [HAN]



Title:
独一无二的伊努卡
Author:
亚伦·约翰
Publisher:
新加坡: 《海峡时报》出版社, 2020
Call No.:
J SING 599.786 JOH



Title:
森林寓言
Author:
戈林·奥格
Publisher:
长江少年儿童出版社, 2018
Call No.:
JP OGG

 Available as an eBook on the NLB catalogue at www.nlb.gov.sg

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE – MALAY

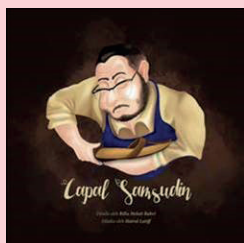
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Recommended Reads



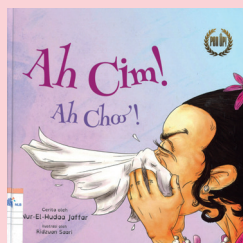
Title: Untuk Siapakah Buah Zaitun ini?
Author: Fatima Sharafeddine
Publisher: Singapura: Pustaka Nasional, 2020
Call No.: JP SHA



Title: Capal Samsudin
Author: Rilla Melati Bahri
Publisher: Singapura: Mini Monsters Limited, 2020
Call No.: J SING RIL



Title: Misteri di Pasar Terapung
Author: Eva Y. Nukman
Publisher: Singapura: Pustaka Nasional, 2019
Call No.: JP NUK



Title: Ah Cim!
Author: Nur-El-Hudaa Jaffar
Publisher: Singapura: Ungu Pen, 2019
Call No.: J SING NUR

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE – TAMIL

In the library, the icon on a Tamil Language book's spine label is blue.

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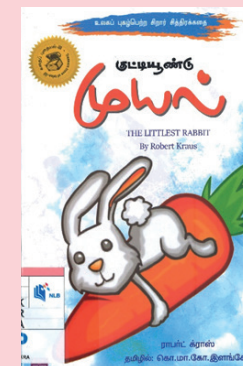
Recommended Reads



Title: காக்கை சிறுவன்
Author: டரோ யஷிமா
Publisher: சென்னை: பக்ஸ் ஃபார் சிலர்ன், 2017
Call No.: JP YAS



Title: நிலவுக்குச் சென்ற நத்தை
Author: பிரேமா கோவிந்த்
Publisher: சிங்கப்பூர்: கிரிம்சன் ஏர்த் பதிப்பகம், 2019
Call No.: J SING PRE



Title: குட்டியூண்டு முயல்
Author: ராபர்ட் க்ராஸ்
Publisher: சென்னை: பக்ஸ் ஃபார் சிலர்ன், 2017
Call No.: JP KRA



Title: நூலகம் சென்ற நிலா
Author: பிரேமா கோவிந்த்
Publisher: சிங்கப்பூர்: கிரிம்சன் ஏர்த் பதிப்பகம், 2019
Call No.: J SING PRE

DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Do you know that the library organises Non-Fiction books using the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC), so that you can find them easily?

The topics in the DDC are arranged into ten main classes:

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General
Knowledge



100
Philosophy and
Psychology



200
Religion



300
Social Sciences
and Folklore



400
Languages



500
Natural
Science



600
Applied Science,
and Technology



700
Arts and
Recreation



800
Literature



900
Geography, History,
and Biography



Activity 3: Match the DDC



Let us recall how books are classified.

Match the picture to the correct DDC number. If you are unsure, try looking at the previous page. The first one has been done for you.

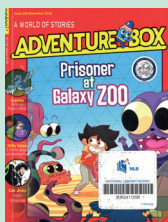
			700 Arts and Recreation
			500 Natural Science
			400 Languages
			900 Geography, History and Biography.

Note: A line connects the Languages icon to the 400 Languages label.

To find out the answers, turn to page 24.

MAGAZINES

Magazines are lightweight and easy to carry around in your school bag! Here are some popular magazines:



Adventure
Box



National
Geographic
Kids



Story
Box



Young
Reader Club



Young
Scientist



Want to check out digital magazines? Explore eMagazines on the NLB Mobile app with your parents.



You can borrow books, magazines and DVDs! Remember to return them on time.



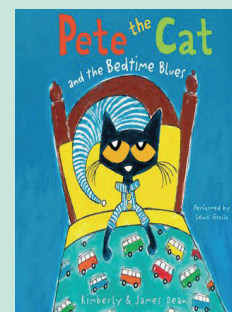
AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

Audio-Visual (AV) materials like DVDs, audiobooks and CD-ROMs are available in selected libraries.

What are audiobooks?

Audiobooks are recordings of a book that you can listen to.

You can listen to audiobooks online on <https://nlb.overdrive.com/>. Here are some examples of popular titles available in audiobook format:



Title:

Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues
(Pete the Cat)

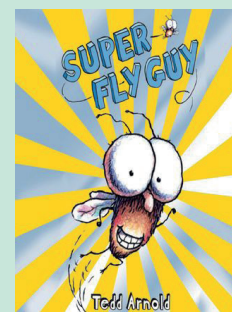
Author:

James Dean

Publisher:

HarperCollins, 2015

<https://nlb.overdrive.com/media/2396497>



Title:

Super Fly Guy! (Fly Guy Series)

Author:

Tedd Arnold

Publisher:

Scholastic Audio, 2011

<https://nlb.overdrive.com/media/543895>

FIND BOOKS USING THE NLB CATALOGUE

Step 1:

At a catalogue station in a public library, select the "Search Library Catalogue" tab. You can also visit <https://catalogue.nlb.gov.sg>.



Step 2:

Type in a title, author's name, genre, or topic. Then, click on the magnifying glass.

Full Catalogue

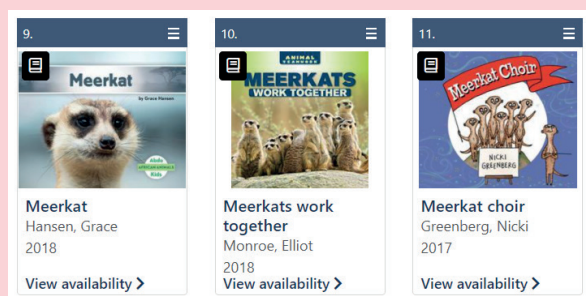
Search Catalogue

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Advanced Search

Step 3:

Select a book on the results page.



Step 4:

Select "View Availability" to find out where the book is located. Scroll to check if the book is available at the library you are visiting. If the item status is "Available", note down the title, section/shelf location and call number.

Availability



Meerkats work together
Monroe, Elliot
2018

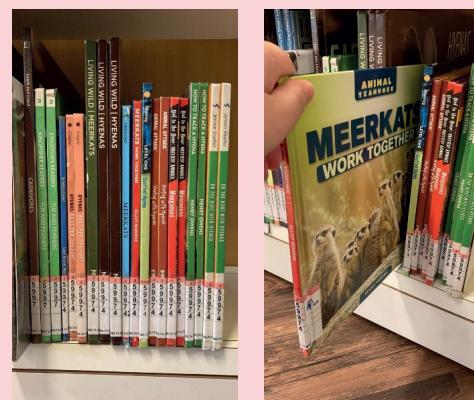
Books, Manuscripts

Reserve Item

Library	Section/Shelf Location	Call Number	Item Status
Ang Mo Kio Public Library	Junior Lending	English 599.74 MON	Available
Bedok Public Library	Junior Lending	English 599.74 MON	Available
Bishan Public Library	Junior Lending	English 599.74 MON	Available

Step 5:

Find the shelf and locate the book by its call number.

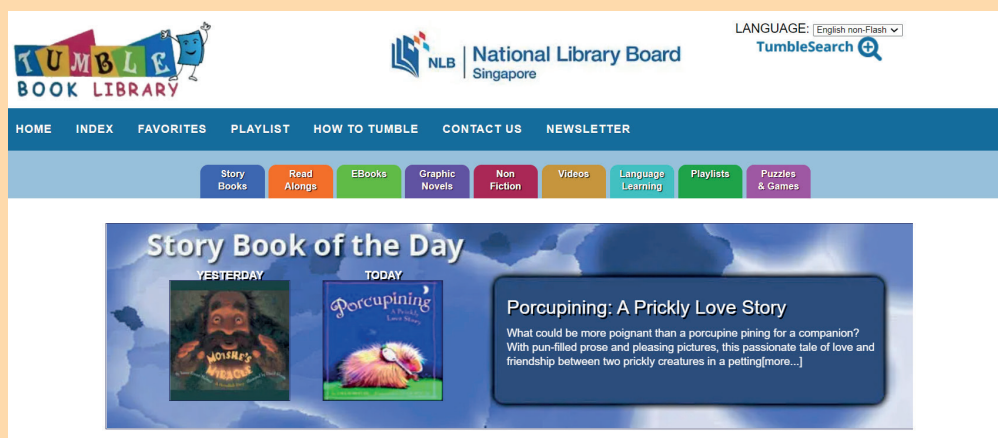


CHECK OUT THESE eRESOURCES!

If you cannot come down to the library, you can still read books online in the comfort of your own home. Find the resources on <https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/main>.

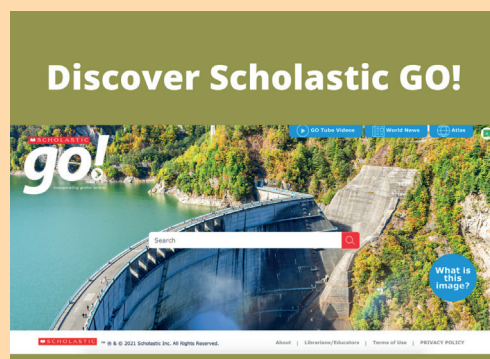
TUMBLEBOOKS

Enjoy animated talking picture books from TumbleBook Library.



SCHOLASTIC GO!

Explore Non-Fiction content, videos, interactive maps, and more from Scholastic GO!.



Activity 4: Quiz

How well do you know the libraries? Circle the correct answer for each question.

Question 1: Which of these is found in a Non-Fiction book?

- a) Dragons
- b) Facts

Question 2: What is the icon for Singapore Collection?

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a) J SING HEA	b) J S BEN

Question 3: What can you do on the NLB catalogue?

- a) Search for books
- b) Pay overdue fines

To find out the answers, turn to page 24.



ANSWERS

Activity 1: Fiction or Fact?



☒ I saw a dinosaur cross the street today.



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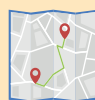
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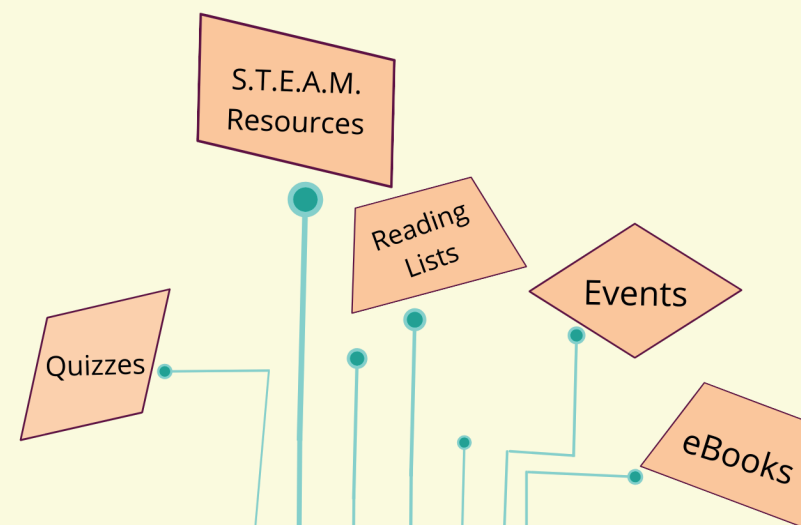
Activity 4: Quiz

Q1) (b) Q2) (a) Q3) (a)

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Discover new books, activities and interests that may surprise you!



<https://childrenandteens.nlb.gov.sg>

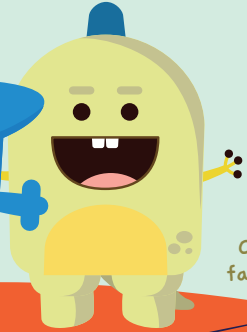




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Hutsy loves
adventure books.



Camy enjoys
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Rooky enjoys
spooky books.



Zecky loves science
fiction books.

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