LAMONT BOOKS
STANDING ORDER

Get Back In Your Books!

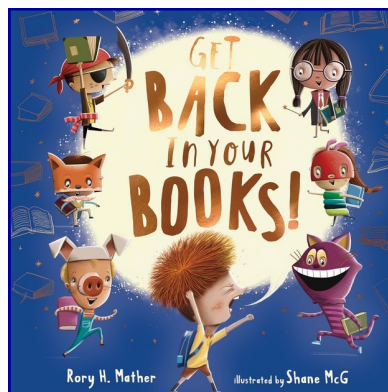By Rory H. Mather & Illustrated by Shane McGowan
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'There were pirates in the paperbacks, a bear in fantasy. Then I saw a smiling cat, staring straight at me.'

Why are all these books characters on the loose? They need to get back in their books!

Themes:
- Book Week
- Imagination
- Reading
- Friendship

Discussion Questions and Activities:
- What happened when the boy got to the library?
- Would you 'jump in fright' if you were confronted with what he saw?
- Instead of seeing the librarian at the desk, what did he see instead? Can you think of a story that might have this character in it? What other character is on this page?
- Can you recall, in order, all the other characters that are specifically mentioned in story?
- Look at the illustrations. Are there any children dressed up as characters that are not mentioned? If so, what characters are they dressed as?
- As a class, brainstorm all the titles of books that you can think of that feature the characters depicted in this story.
- Create a list of these titles and then create a 'class challenge' to see how many each student can read over the coming weeks, in the lead up to Book Week.
- Do you like reading? What is it about reading that you enjoy?
- Discuss the different genres of books, and brainstorm some examples of genres as a class. Choose your favourite genre, and explain what you like about it.
- Does your school celebrate Book Week? If so, what does your celebration involve? Does your school have a parade like in the story?
- How did the boy's classmates help him celebrate their Book Week parade?
- If your school does have a Book Week parade, think of some characters that you could dress up as!
- Many of the students in the story wore masks and hats with their outfits. There are many free, printable templates available online. Organise a class activity that entails each student making a mask or hat that could be worn as part of a dress up costume.