

Our Library

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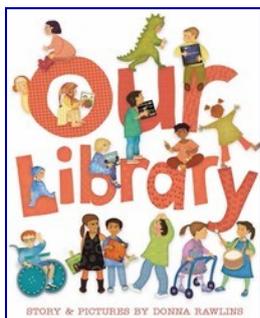
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Join Suzy and the children for a week of busy, bouncy, noisy, wiggly-jiggly, friendly fun.

Which day is your favourite library day? Come in. Everyone is welcome!



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Libraries
- Inclusion
- Diversity

After Reading Discussion:

Throughout *Our Library* guide children to notice and discuss:

- Different languages on welcome signs.
- The books, which they may recognise (these are covers of current books).
- Examples of inclusion and acceptance.
- Similarities and differences to their own families, libraries and communities.
- How libraries can be used by the community (for example as a homework hub, an art gallery, a gathering space).

Spread 1: Suzy is the librarian

- How is she similar or different to your librarian or library teacher?
- Can you recognise any books on the shelves?
- What do you notice about the books?
- How do you think Suzy feels about her work?
- How do you think Suzy wants people to feel when they come to the library?

Spread 2: Monday is Making New Friends Day

- Australia is a multicultural society, and *Our Library* reflects this. The story features characters from a broad age range and culturally and linguistically diverse groups.
- How are families in the illustrations similar to, and different from, your family?
- Ask children what they notice about the Welcome signs.

Spread 6: Wednesday is 'I Can Do Anything' Day

- A library is a community space. There are many ways to show community.
- Ask children if they have ever participated in art activities in their local library.
- Discuss with children how Bridget and Harry might help each other.

Spread 9:

- After Wiggle and Jiggle Thursday, Yasmin and Erik sing on the way home.
- Discuss with children how they travel to and from the library. Create a picture graph to show the most popular mode of transport.

Activities:

- Did You Know? Discuss with children what they learnt about libraries from *Our Library*.
- Posters: Revise the days at Suzy's library. Ask children to choose one of the days to create an advertising poster for the day.