

I Am A Library

As I was building my concert for the 2015 summer reading theme, “Every Hero Has a Story,” I remembered reading these amazing stories about librarians who came up with the idea of using animals to carry books to children who had no library. I hope this song sparks a conversation with your children about not only how lucky we are to have libraries, but how librarians everywhere advocate to make sure every child has access to books. They are true heroes all over the world! Here are two of my favorite books on mobile libraries.

My Librarian is a Camel has maps, photos, and stories about everything from the animals to wheel barrows, and busses. *Waiting for the Biblioburro* is a beautiful picture book inspired by real-life librarian Luis Soriano Bohorquez, told through the eyes of a little girl. Both are beautifully done and incredibly inspiring for all ages.

Activities:

- Hold up the pictures of each animal as you sing. Ask children what other animals might be used?
- Set up pretend mobile library for children and have them “visit” other children in the room so they can check out books.
- Talk about your local library and any outreach services they have
- Ask children what might keep their neighbors from being able to visit the library (no transportation, illness) and how they might be able to help them have access books
- Locate and read *My Librarian is a Camel* and show children various locations on a map or globe. If your library doesn't have it, check www.Bookfinder.com to locate a new or used copy.

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I am a donkey, and I'm a library too
If you don't have four walls and a roof I'll bring the books to you
Some people say I'm a hero, and you may think so too
But it's the children's librarian who packs up the books that we bring to you

I am a camel, and I'm a library too
If you don't have four walls and a roof I'll bring the books to you
Some people say I'm a hero, and you may think so too
But it's the children's librarian who packs up the books that we bring to you

I am an elephant, and I'm a library too
If you don't have four walls and a roof I'll bring the books to you
Some people say I'm a hero, and you may think so too
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I am a horse, and I'm a library too
If you don't have four walls and a roof I'll bring the books to you
Some people say I'm a hero, and you may think so too
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