

# GORILLA STORYTIME: THE RECAP!

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The purpose of this particular program was for children's librarians to mingle, advocate, and swap ideas and strategies for outstanding, meaningful storytimes.

# WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE STORYTIME PROPS?



# NO ONE IS DANCING WITH YOU! WHAT DO YOU DO?





UH OH! AN AMBULANCE PULLS UP NEXT TO YOUR  
STORYTIME WINDOW AND THE KIDS RUSH TO LOOK!  
WHAT DO YOU DO?



LOTS OF GROWN UPS ARE TALKING WHILE YOU'RE  
READING/SINGING/STORYTIMING.



## Storytime Song

“Be sure to turn your cell phones off so  
they do not distract us / Please join  
along as we sing songs / It’s always  
good to practice. / Storytime is starting  
now / Storytime for you and me / So sit  
back and enjoy yourselves / And we will  
all leave happy!”

Tune: Yankee Doodle

# HOW DO YOU PULL THE KIDS BACK INTO YOUR ACTIVITY AFTER THEY START THEIR OWN “STORYTELLING?”

I have a dog!

My grandma has a dog!

I don't have any pets 😞

I have a cat and it sleeps on my bed!

I CAN'T have a cat, I'm allergic!

Do YOU have a cat Miss Sarah? Is your cat here?

# HOW DO YOU CORRAL CHILDREN WHEN WALKING FROM THE STORYTIME ROOM TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE LIBRARY?





# WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A CAREGIVER PULLS OUT A SNACK FOR THEIR KID DURING STORYTIME?



## **STORYTIME EXPECTATIONS**

**S**it quietly

**T**urn off your phone

**O**pen your ears

**R**emember to participate

**Y**our children will follow your example

**T**alk with friends **AFTER** storytime

**I**t's about the love of learning

**M**odel for your children

**E**veryone sing

**S**torytime is **FUN!**



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**Ask a  
Storytime  
Ninja**

HOST YOUR OWN GORILLA  
STORYTIME!