

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. NEWS



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In the Spotlight: Jackson and Caroline Schreck, Englewood

Jackson Schreck (age 3-1/2) and Caroline Schreck (age 2) have a big advantage in life. Their mother, Liz Schreck, the assistant director at Ocoee River Regional Library, presents them with good books to read every day. Sometimes those books are traditional hardcover, but often they are digital titles from R.E.A.D.S.

As an experienced children's librarian Liz Schreck says: "They get their very own story time and often." She and her husband read to Jackson and Caroline every night before bed and many times during the weekend.

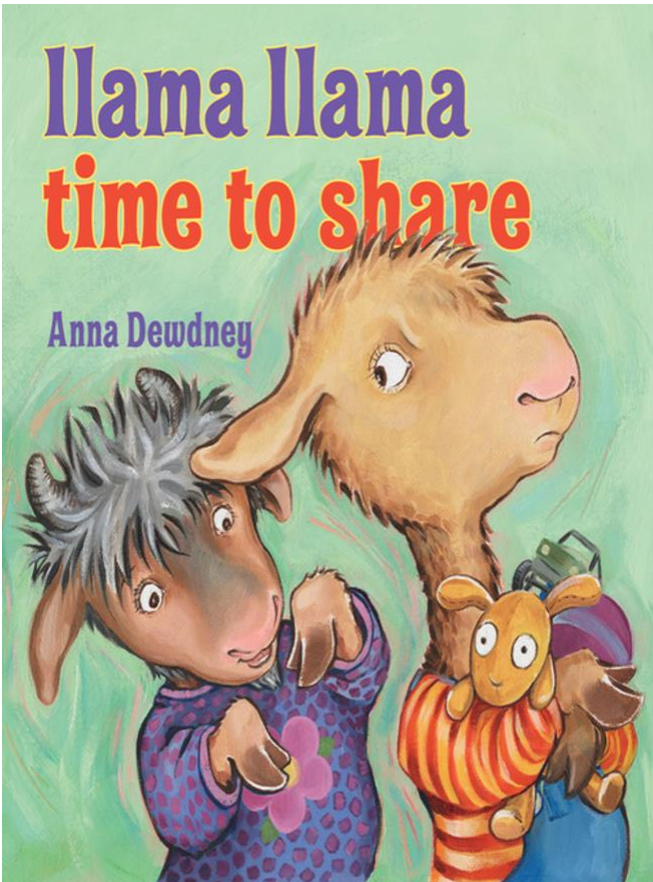
If you ask Jackson and Caroline about what they love about reading, they will say: "Mama's silly voices!" And no doubt reading helps them in their preschool work of pretending - which includes using super powers, fixing things with tools and acting like dinosaurs!

At this stage of life, the children prefer their mother's voice - so a R.E.A.D.S. selection is preferable to an audiobook. "I can point out images and words, answer questions, and do character voices and sing!" Liz Schreck said. She chooses their books based on the subjects they like and the phases that they are going through. (Lucky Schreck household!)

With mom's help, Jackson and Caroline have a fertile ground for their imaginations to soar. These days they fly with these favorite characters: Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey and Margret Rey ; The Bear and The Piano by David Litchfield; Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin; and Pete the Cat by James Dean.



Digital Bookshelf Treasures for Young Children



Looking for some reading material for that special child or children in your life? Check out these titles:

Llama, Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

<http://bit.ly/2fBRBij>

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena

<http://bit.ly/2ejIJBL>

Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey and Margret Rey

<http://bit.ly/2fmjlmk>

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

<http://bit.ly/2fwAeks>

Olivia by Ian Falconer

<http://bit.ly/2fCdMFq>

Gossie by Olivier Dunrea

<http://bit.ly/2fwDk7N>

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

<http://bit.ly/2fwAolo>

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown

<http://bit.ly/2fScLOe>

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

<http://bit.ly/2fBTPym>

Winnie-the- Pooh by A.A. Milne

<http://bit.ly/2eJKgjm>

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

<http://bit.ly/2eJPHPc>

Website Gets Major Upgrade

Effective Nov. 9, the R.E.A.D.S. website received a major upgrade. The functionality of the site was improved in a number of ways, including:

- Availability banners at the top of each book cover
- A subjects link added to the top of the homepage
- A collections menu to give quick access to featured content
- Simplified audience filters available in Account Settings
- Ability to sign in using your library card, OverDrive account or Facebook account
- Loan periods can be set per title from the title's 'Details' page
- A 'books' icon on the homepage takes you directly to your loans page
- Once you've entered your email address for your first hold, the system remembers the address so you don't have to enter it again when you place future holds
- At the bottom of a search results page will be a list of other titles you can recommend for purchase

We believe these improvements will make it easier and quicker for you to find, check out and place holds on your desired titles. Look for a similar upgrade to the OverDrive App coming sometime in 2017!

New Project to Commemorate 'Great War'

Since we celebrated Veterans Day this month, it seems like a fitting time to share some information about a new project the Tennessee State Library & Archives recently launched called, "Over Here, Over There: Tennessee in the First World War." It's an effort to create digital records of documents and artifacts from World War I that are privately owned by Tennesseans.

Over the next two years, Library & Archives staff members will schedule events in communities across the state. Residents of those areas will be encouraged to bring in old letters, documents, maps, photographs, uniforms and other mementos from the World War I era.

The Library & Archives staff will digitally scan documents, photographs and maps, while other items will be photographed. Some of the digitally-recorded items will then become part of the Library & Archives' online collections.

Some of the first digital records collected as part of the project are already available online at: <http://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p151h38coll29> Additional images from a recent event in Jackson will be added soon.

For questions about the project, email WorldWarI.tsla@tn.gov or call [\(615\) 741-1883](tel:6157411883).

To read more books about World War I available through the R.E.A.D.S. program, please visit <http://bit.ly/2qC4ugP>



More Free Digital Resources

Google (verb): to search for someone or something on the Internet using the Google search engine. The amount of information available on the web is extraordinary. But finding just that right bit of data can be a lengthy and frustrating process. Improve your search skills with two free online courses from Google: Power Searching and Advanced Power Searching (<http://bit.ly/1hnGbxW>)

Book series are extremely popular with readers. There are fantasy series (Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings); mystery series (Jack Reacher, Kay Scarpetta); romance series (Cedar Cove, Outlander); and even kids series (Captain Underpants, Dork Diaries). But how to figure out the correct order for the titles? There is a website specifically designed to solve this problem. Book Series in Order (<http://bit.ly/2fn46Ql>) allows you to search by author, character or series name.

Frequently Asked Questions

I would like to read/listen to a book that R.E.A.D.S. doesn't own. How can I recommend a title for purchase?

First, sign into your R.E.A.D.S. account. Then search for the title you are interested in. If we don't own the book, the results page will show no listings. However, if you scroll down the results page, there will be a section titled "Didn't find what you were looking for?" That section will list books with that title that aren't in the collection. If the book you are looking for is listed there, click on the "recommend" link located at the bottom of the book cover. A dialog box will open that allows you to recommend the book for purchase. You will also have the option to be notified by email or even placed on a hold list if the book is added to the collection.

If you search for a title using the steps listed above and don't find it, that means the book is not for sale to public libraries in the digital format. There are books that individuals can purchase from online vendors such as Amazon or Barnes & Noble that are not sold to public libraries.

Please note that R.E.A.D.S. receives thousands of title requests each month and we are able to accommodate only a tiny fraction of them. But don't let that discourage you from recommending a title! The more users who ask for a particular title, the more likely we are to purchase it.





Questions or Comments

Need help using R.E.A.D.S.? Send an email request to Support at rsupport.tsla@tn.gov

