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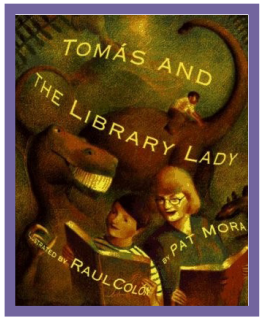


Tomás and the Library Lady

By Pat Mora

SUNCOAST Summer Reading Challenge
Reading is the key to succeeding

ACTIVITY: BE A STORYTELLER!

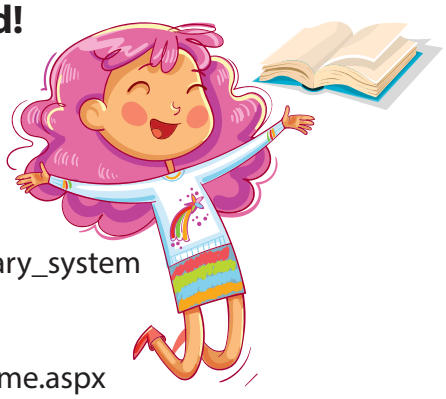
SUPPLIES:

- Yourself
- A book
- A family member or friend

DIRECTIONS:

1. Choose one of your favorite books and read to someone else.
2. Or make up a story and tell it to someone else.

Go to your county's website to get your own library card!



Sarasota County Library:
https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries

Manatee County Library:
https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/manatee_county_public_library_system

Charlotte County Library:
https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/services/historical/Pages/Libraries-Home.aspx

DeSoto County Library:
https://www.myhlc.org

Take a pic!

Take a photo of your library book and send it along with your name to: connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net

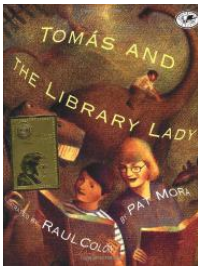
BUILD STRONG FAMILIES WITH STORIES

Family Strengths are actions that **ALL FAMILIES** can take to grow stronger and support a child's success, according to Search Institute research. This guide will help you discuss this story with your child and use it to explore your family's unique strengths.

A Family Strength in this story is

CONNECTING:

introducing your child to people who can help him or her grow.



TOMÁS AND THE LIBRARY LADY

by Pat Mora; illustrated by Raul Colón

Tomás and his family move from place to place, working as migrant farmworkers. In one town his grandfather encourages him to visit the public library, where Tomás learns exciting new stories to share with his family.

THIS STORY MODELS CONNECTING

Tomás and the Library Lady shows how important it is to expand possibilities for your child and find people who can help him or her grow. Think about how:

- Papá Grande tells stories because they encourage Tomás to think, use his imagination and learn about the world.
- Papá Grande tells Tomás to visit the library because he knows it's a welcoming place where Tomás can find more stories.
- The librarian shows Tomás that she is interested in learning about the things he already knows, and she helps Tomás find exciting new stories.
- Papá Grande encourages Tomás to share what he reads and learns with his family, helping Tomás become a storyteller.

TRY THIS!

Take your family regularly to visit the public library and consider signing your child up for the free clubs, events and activities they offer. Trips to places like libraries, parks, museums, historic sites, gardens or zoos allow your family to go on exciting learning adventures together and tell stories about them afterward.

TALK AND ASK YOUR CHILD QUESTIONS AS YOU READ

- ★ Tomás likes to listen to Papá Grande's stories. ASK: *How do you think the stories make Tomas feel? How do stories make you feel? What kinds of stories do you like best?*
- ★ Papá Grande sends Tomás to the library. ASK: *How does Tomás feel about going to the library? What does he learn from the librarian he meets?*
- ★ Tell your child about a special person who helped you with a problem or encouraged you. ASK: *Who are the people in your life that you might go to for help or encouragement?*
- ★ Tomás shares the stories he reads with his family. ASK: *How does Tomás help his family? How do you share your special talents and interests with the people you care about?*

CONNECTING is an action you can take in your family to expand possibilities for one another. Learn more at **www.ParentFurther.com**.

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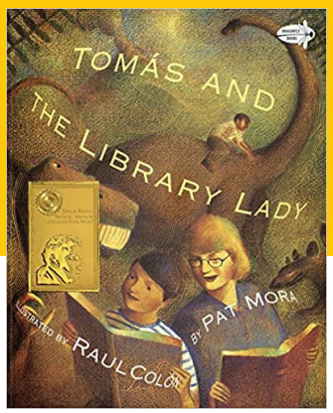

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1st Grade - Week 9, Book 1

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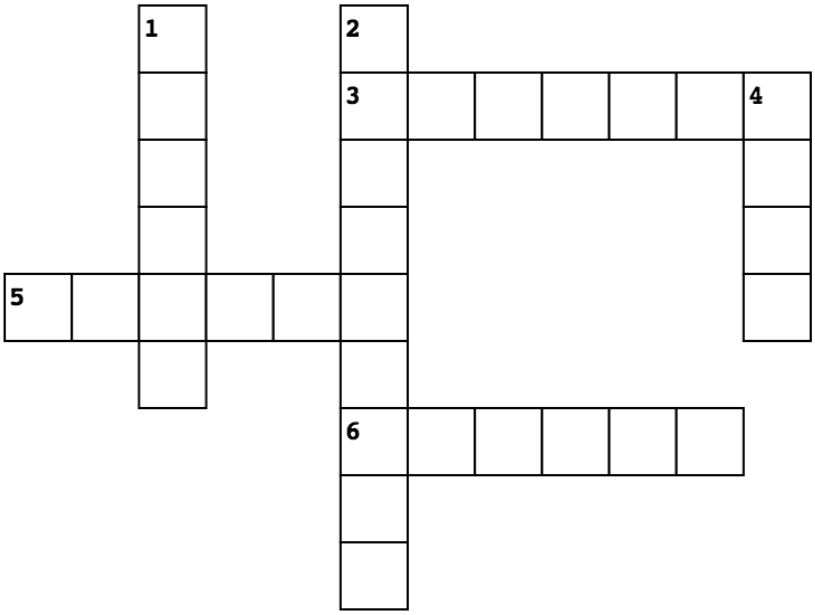
WORD BANK: Crossword Puzzle

Can you use the clues below to fill in the words from our Word Bank?

howling, forest, chattered, desert, gulp, roared



Across
3. producing a long, loud wailing sound or cry, coyotes can be found doing this
5. a large area covered chiefly with trees and undergrowth
6. to have uttered a full, deep prolonged cry, lions have done this

Down
1. a landscape that receives very little water
2. clicked repeatedly together from cold or fear
4. to swallow quickly or in large mouthfuls, often audibly

Answer Key
across - 3. howling, 5. forest, 6. roared, down - 1. desert, 2. chattered, 4. gulp

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EXPAND YOUR VOCABULARY!