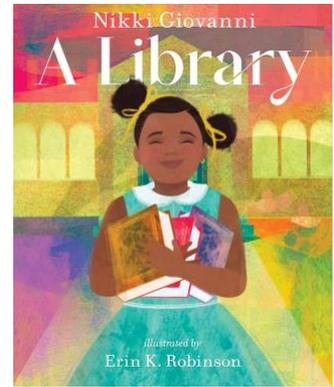


**A Library**  
by Nikki Giovanni



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### Book Summary

A library isn't just limited to books and knowledge. It's a place for imagination, exploration, and joy. After helping her grandmother with household chores, the girl decided she was going to go to the library. Using her imagination, she would find books of love, thievery, adventure, jazz, caution, and most importantly, herself.

### Read Aloud Questions

- What is something that you help your parents or grandparents with?
- What do you think the girl likes to do?
- What kind of books do you think she is getting at the library?
- What does a library mean to you?
- What is your favorite thing about the library?
- Why do you think a library is so special?
- What are some of your favorite books at the library?
- What activities do you enjoy in a library?
- What would happen if you did not have to be quiet in a library?
- Demonstrate how to tell a story?
- Do you know how to cook?
- What are some different places that you go to read?
- What was your favorite part of the book?
- What rating do you give this book? Explain your rating
- Why do you think the author wrote a book about the library?

### Book Activity

**Materials:** book or bookshelf handout, something to write/color with

## Directions

1. Read the book aloud to the kids, make sure to ask the questions that go with each page!
2. Once done reading the book, hand out the printed paper(s):
  - a. Open book handout - the students will either draw/write what they do in a library or they may write a story about a visit to the library.
  - b. Bookshelf handout - students will write words that they think describe a library.
3. Once students are finished with their handout, they will share what they wrote, or drew.



## Additional Resources

- [10 Quiet Games to Play in the Library](#)
- [8 Ideas for School Library Month and National Library Week](#)
- [Event Ideas for Your School Library or Classroom](#)

## Meet the Authors



**Cecilia Vittitow** is 12 years old and lives on a chicken farm in Augusta, Kansas. She has 20 chickens, 7 laying hens, 1 turkey, 2 ducks and a Rat Terrier (Pepper). She enjoys playing volleyball, basketball and running. She has an older brother and three younger sisters. At home she helps her Dad with the farm, plays games with her siblings, rides a 4 wheeler and helps her Mom do chores inside the house. She likes to cook, be outside, watch movies and sometimes read.



**Lillianna Toler** is a 13-year-old girl who was born in St. Louis, Missouri. She now lives in Augusta, Kansas and is a 7th grader at Augusta Middle School. She currently lives with her mother and spends one weekend a month and summers with her dad. She enjoys drawing, being outside, and playing/spending time with animals. She has written many stories about her own characters, but not about herself. She has an assortment of animals, such as dogs, cats, baby/adult turtles, and a ferret! She has even had a full grown snapping turtle at one point.

