

Learning at the Library



Dylan climbed the steps to the County Library. Tall doors rose high above him, and he gripped the metal handle and pulled one side open. Warm air surrounded him as he stepped inside.

The library was quiet. People worked at small tables around the room. The librarian typed at a computer on her desk.

Dylan looked at the rows and rows of books. How would he ever find the books he needed for his school paper? Mrs. Willis had assigned each student a different subject. Dylan's subject was trees. He needed to research trees, write a report about them, and give his references at the end of the report.

The librarian could probably help. Dylan stepped to her desk.

"Can I help you?" she asked.

"I need to find books about trees," he explained.

The librarian smiled. She stood. "Follow me and I can show you what to do."

The lady led him to a small tablet that hung on the wall nearby. She showed him how to tap on the search button and type in the subject of his search.

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T-R-E-E-S

She typed the word into the tablet. A moment later the screen showed many books about trees. Next, she pointed to a set of numbers next to each book on the screen.

“These are called numbers,” she said. “They will help you find the books on the shelves.”

She showed him how each shelf had a set of numbers on it. She told him to match the numbers of the book with the numbers on the shelves.

Soon Dylan had matched the numbers and he saw many books about trees on the shelves. He chose a few that looked good for his project. He pulled them from the shelf and found an empty table to sit.

Dylan looked at all the books. He used a notebook and pencil to take notes. Soon he had lots of information for his report. He returned the books to the shelf and walked home.

He had learned so much at the library, and this report was going to be great. He could hardly wait until the next one!

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- 1) What is the author's purpose in the passage?
 - a) to inform
 - b) to entertain
 - c) to warn

- 2) What is the story about?
 - a) Dylan visiting the library and finding the required books with the help of the librarian
 - b) how quiet the library and its surroundings are

- 3) Which of the sentences below is true?
 - a) Dylan didn't want to come back to the library.
 - b) Initially, the huge stock of books at the library puzzled Dylan.

- 4) What does Dylan do with the books that he has selected?

- 5) Find the time-order word in the sentence below.
Soon Dylan had matched the numbers, and he saw many books about trees on the shelves.
 - a) and
 - b) soon
 - c) many