

Pre/Post Activities

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Standards: CCRA.R.3, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.W.3



BARNES & NOBLE

Storytime Pick

The Day the Books Disappeared

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Illustrator: Dan Santat

Grades: PK-2

Pre-Reading Activity

Tell students that they are about to read a story about a boy named Arnold who loves to read. Show the cover and read the title aloud.

Ask students:

- Where do you like to read? (Share favorite spots—like Arnold's beanbag chair!) Arnold loves to read in a beanbag chair—what does your reading space look like?
- What do you think it means that the books “disappeared”?
- Look at the title and cover—what do you predict will happen in the story?

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, Arnold discovers how books can lead to all kinds of exciting interests and how sharing them with friends makes reading even better.

Discuss:

- Which types of books did Arnold enjoy reading the most? Why were they his favorite?
- How did Arnold react to his friends' book choices in the beginning?
- Describe what changed when Arnold began thinking about the “other books.”
- Explain how Arnold helped the books return to Room 6.
- Imagine what might happen next—how do you think the students in Room 6 will treat the books now?
- What important lesson did Arnold learn about trying new things and being open to different kinds of books?

Arnold loved books about airplanes—until he discovered there were many other things he enjoyed, too! Create your own book or short story about something that interests you.

- What do you love learning about?
- What kind of book would you write or read?
- Be sure to draw illustrations that match your words, just like in a real book!
- Share your finished story with a classmate, teacher, or family member—just like Arnold shared with his friends.