

Check Out a Book

► There are many reasons to go to a library. You can find many books there. Did you know that a library also has movies and music? Many have programs just for kids, too. You can go to story time or meet a real author.

If you want to borrow something from the library, you need to get a library card. To get a card, an adult must fill out a form. The form has information such as the person's name and address. At many libraries, children may get a card too, but an adult must sign the form. When you get your card, learn the library's rules. Ask how many items you can check out at one time. Also ask how long you may keep them.

Once you have your card, you are ready to find something to check out. You can use the library's computer to find a book or a movie. Search by title, author's name, or subject. Or, you can always just browse. Maybe you want to read a fiction book. Look at the books in the fiction section. Or browse the movie section. You are sure to find something you like!

Once you have chosen the items you want, take them to the front desk. Give the librarian your library card and your items. He or she will check them out for you and tell you when to bring them back. Remember to return the items by their due date. Then come back to the library to check out more items!

Sue's Goals

► Mom was sitting at the table writing in a notebook. Sue asked what she was doing. Mom said she was making a list of goals she wanted to meet at work. Sue was interested. She wondered how it would feel to set a goal and reach it.

Sue decided she would write down one goal a day. She thought about what she wanted to do for her first goal. At school she was learning about healthy foods. That gave Sue a great idea. She would set a goal to eat two servings of vegetables that day. Later, at lunch, Sue looked in the fridge. She got out a stalk of celery to eat with her sandwich. At dinner, Sue had a helping of spinach. That night, she drew a line through the goal on her paper. She felt great about meeting her first goal. Sue even decided she liked eating spinach.

The next morning, Sue set a new goal. She would clean out a drawer in her dresser. Sue opened the drawer and took everything out. She made a pile to keep and a pile to give away. She could not believe how much stuff was in the drawer. Sue neatly placed things she wanted to keep in the drawer. She carried the other pile to her mother. Her mother helped her decide which things were in good enough shape to be given away.

Sue smiled as she crossed the second goal off her list. She was proud of what she had done. She began to think about the goal she would set for tomorrow.

The Best Big Brother

► Max thought his big brother Kevin was awesome. Kevin was perfect. He was a great soccer player, and he played in the band. He was a good student, too. Max wanted to be just like Kevin. However, when Max tried to do something Kevin did, he was never as good. Kevin always reminded him that he was six years younger. When Max was older, he would be able to play soccer just like Kevin. Although Max knew Kevin was right, he still felt disappointed. He wanted to be just like Kevin right now!

Years went by, and Max got better at what he did. Then one day, Kevin went to college. What would Max do without his big brother? At first, Max was very sad, but his schoolwork and activities kept him busy. After school, he had band practice twice a week. Two days a week he had soccer practice, and he had soccer games on Saturdays.

One Saturday, Max was having a great soccer game. He scored two goals in the first half. When he scored the second goal, he heard a familiar voice yelling in excitement. Max scanned the stands and saw Kevin! He had come home from college to watch Max's game. After the game, Kevin congratulated Max on having a great game. "You're the best," he said.

As Max hugged Kevin, he realized he had become a lot like his big brother. "No," he said. "We're the best!"
