

# Lola at the Library

## A CLEL Silver Bell Award Book for READ

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Tuesdays are library days for Lola and her mother, and Lola describes everything they do to get ready, including their walk to the library and what they do during their visit. *Lola at the Library* is a wonderful expression of the enjoyment one family finds in reading, discovering new books, and sharing them together.

### Activity Ideas for *Lola at the Library*:

- When reading books together, let children open the cover and turn the pages. Board books from the library make this easier to do for younger children. When children turn the pages, they become more engaged in the reading experience, they learn how books work, and they practice the fine motor skills and dexterity that they will use when they scribble, draw, and write.
- “Lola” and “library” are words that start with the same letter and the same sound. Help the children find other words in the story that start with the same sound. (Such as “bag” and “book” or “sometimes” and “singing.”) Can they think of other words that aren’t in the book that start with these sounds? Hearing the beginning sounds of words, and knowing when two words start with the same sound, are phonological awareness skills that will help children sound out words when they read.
- Talk to the children about places they visit. Do they go to the grocery store, or the bus stop, or a restaurant, or the laundromat? What types of activities do they do at each place? Where’s someplace they would like to go? Talking about the places and events in their environment increases their general knowledge. The more they know about people, places, events, and ideas, the deeper the understanding they will have about what they read.

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