

Johnson County Library's

# BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Zoos B**

- Book titles included:

1. **CHILDREN'S ZOO** by Tana Hoban
2. **POLAR BEAR POLAR BEAR WHAT DO YOU HEAR?** by Bill Martin Jr.
3. **SAM WHO NEVER FORGETS** by Eve Rice
4. **ANIMAL ACTION** by Karen Pandell
5. **IF I RAN THE ZOO** by Dr. Seuss

- Video: **SAN DIEGO ZOO**

- Audio: **ZOO ANIMALS** – Twin Sisters

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

**MONKEY DO!** by Allan Ahlberg  
**MY VISIT TO THE ZOO** by Alik  
**SLEEPYTIME FOR ZOO ANIMALS** by Caroline Arnold  
**BLIZZARD AT THE ZOO** by Robert Bahr  
**ZOO SONG** by Barbara Bottner  
**LEO AND EMILY'S ZOO** by Franz Brandenburg  
**WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU LIVED AT THE ZOO?** by Nancy Carlstrom  
**AT THE ZOO** by Doug Florian  
**ZOO-LOOKING** by Mem Fox  
**I WENT TO THE ZOO** by Rita Gelman  
**LEO AND EMILY'S ZOO** by Franz Brandenburg  
**ZOO** by Gail Gibbons  
**ZOO DREAMS** by Cor Hazelaar  
**IF ANYTHING EVER GOES WRONG AT THE ZOO** by Mary Jean Hendrick  
**TO THE ZOO: ANIMAL POEMS** selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins  
**SMILE IF YOU'RE HUMAN** by Neal Layton  
**ZOOMAN SAM** by Lois Lowry  
**MY CAMERA AT THE ZOO** by Janet Perry Marshall  
**ZOODLES** by Bernard Most  
**WHEN WE WENT TO THE ZOO** by Jan Ormerod  
**GOING TO THE ZOO** by Tom Paxton  
**THE ZOO AT NIGHT** by Martha Robinson  
**I SPY AT THE ZOO** by Maureen Roffey  
**CAN YOU HEAR ME, GRANDAD?** by Pat Thomson



# Activity Ideas – Zoos

- Have children bring their favorite stuffed animal. With building blocks, make a zoo for the animals.
- Cut pictures of animals from magazines. Talk about whether they're pet, farm or zoo animals.
- How do the zoo animals sound? How do they move?
- Sing to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush," and act out the words:

Let's go to the zoo today  
Zoo today, zoo today  
Let's go to the zoo today  
What animals will we see?

This is the way the kangaroos jump . . .  
Chasing one another.

This is the way the tiger prowls . . .  
Sneaking through the grasses.

This is the way the monkey climbs . . .  
Looking for adventure.

The big old snake slithers along . . .  
Looking for some dinner.

(From *Everybody Has a Body*)

## ELEPHANT'S TRUNK

The elephant has a great big trunk (*Pretend an arm is the trunk.*)

That goes swinging, swinging so. (*Swing trunk.*)

He has tiny, tiny eyes that show him where to go. (*Point to eyes.*)

His huge long ears go flapping, flapping up & down, (*Pretend hands are ears.*)

His great feet go stomping, stomping on the ground. (*Stomp with feet.*)

(From *Finger Frolics*)

## TO THE ZOO

I'm going to the zoo  
with you  
with you.

I'll try to stalk a lion  
and ride a kangaroo.

Then I'll climb a tall giraffe  
and laugh

And laugh and laugh  
and LAUGH!

When I've had enough of zoo  
I'll leave it and go home  
with you, with you, with you.

(Lee Bennett Hopkins in *To The Zoo: Animal Poems*)

## AT THE ZOO

I've been to the zoo  
where the thing that you do  
is watching the things  
that the animals do –  
and watching  
the animals  
all watching  
you!

(Myra Cohn Livingston  
in *To The Zoo: Animal Poems*)



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