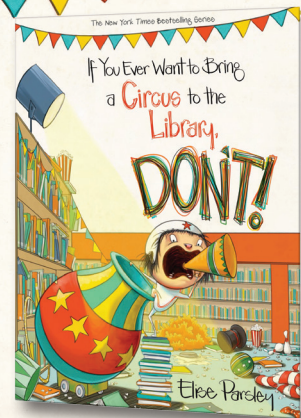


# If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, **DON'T!** Storytime Kit



## IF YOU EVER WANT TO HOST A STORYTIME... **DO!**



Magnolia is a little girl with BIG ideas!

Sometimes those ideas don't go according to plan, but the ideas below are a great start to a very Magnolia storytime.

### A Three-Ring Circus

Setting up a big tent probably isn't a very good idea, but with a little imagination, any storytime can be the ultimate circus! Create the feeling of a tent by anchoring crepe paper streamers in the center of the ceiling and draping them out to the edges. Use Hula-Hoops to create a genuine three-ring circus or to designate seats on the floor for reading. After all circus acts and tons of reading make stomachs growl, head to an area where snacks are allowed and enjoy popcorn, cotton candy, and of course some animal crackers!



### Tightrope

#### Walking Contest

Magnolia leaps and twirls, and she can balance on one foot! While a tightrope might be a little precarious, create one on the floor using masking tape or duct tape. Everyone can take turns being an acrobat and trying to stay on the line. Make it even trickier by having kids balance a book on their heads as they walk along the line! Bonus points for any artistic twirls and whirls!

### Beanbag Toss

Bring some old-fashioned carnival games to the library! Stand up six books in a bowling pin-style formation, approximately four inches apart. Take turns throwing a beanbag and trying to knock down as many books as possible.

### Library Scavenger Hunt

You might not be able to do everything in the library, but you can definitely READ about anything! Create a short list of items to find in books, for example: animals, sports, an important moment in history, etc. Then divide into two teams and have kids find as many books as they can that fit the descriptions! If they're really stuck, they can phone a friend—their local bookseller or librarian!

### Stop. Drop. Read.

It's like musical chairs—with books! Set up books around a table or evenly spaced out on the floor. Have music playing as everyone walks around the table. When the music stops, kids jump in to the nearest available spot and that's the book they get to read next!

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# Word Search



Sometimes you need a quieter activity for the library.  
Can you help Magnolia find the circus words within the word search?  
The words are hidden horizontally and vertically.

M	C	L	O	W	N	Z	P
D	O	N	T	P	V	L	E
M	A	G	N	O	L	I	A
I	R	I	K	N	D	B	N
C	I	R	C	U	S	R	U
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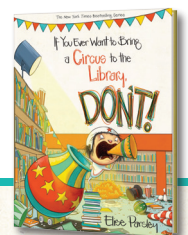


Circus

Clown  
Don't

Library  
Magnolia

Peanuts  
Pie

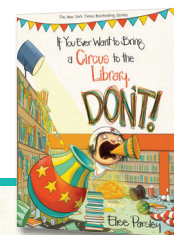


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Spot the Difference

Can you spot the difference between the two images below?  
There are five changes between the two pictures.  
Circle each one as you find it, and then check the answer key.



ANSWER KEY: 1. Missing stars on the cannon; 2. Only one poster on the shelves; 3. Girl with pigtail is missing; 4. Books missing from the shelf; 5. Spotlight on train facing the opposite direction



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**Poster**

What would you like to do? Color in your own poster with whatever crazy ideas you have for having fun at the library!

You can do ANYTHING  
at the library!

