



Episode title: Jason, the Veterinarian, and the Book-eating Jaguar

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Subject

Today we will be exploring our love of animals! This story time is meant to be a companion to our second episode of [Page Flippers Take on the World](#), in which a seven-year-old boy wants to be a veterinarian. We'll sing songs, read three books, and make a craft.

Summary of Episode

Jason is a seven-year-old kid who wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up. He joins the Page Flipper Club at Brooklyn Public Library and learns about fun book about a wild veterinarian from the librarians and the Whoa Gizmo. Then, he interviews Dr. Alicia, a veterinarian from St. Louis. When a jaguar gets into the library and swallows the librarians, Jason has to think on his feet, ask the right questions, and save the day!

Recommended Podcast Clip

- Find and charge (if necessary) your speaker and the device from which you'll play the **Page Flippers** clip – this can be played at any point during the program, likely during the crafting session. Or not if the group isn't into it!
- The clip will appear as a "bonus" episode on the podcast feed (you can find it on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [RadioPublic](#), [Google Podcasts](#), etc.) or you can preview the clip here: [Page Flipper Bonus Clip - Animals.mp3](#) (total time: 5:48)
- Clip summary: Librarians Sheneatha and Rachel are reshelving books when a jaguar shows up in the library. The giant cat swallows a book, and the librarians go in after it. Luckily, Jason is there to call Dr. Alicia the veterinarian for help. Dr. Alicia tells him to spin the jaguar in a desk chair to

make her throw up, and it works! The librarians emerge from the jaguar's stomach unharmed (and the book, too!).

Storytime Guide

1. Welcome Song – When Cows Wake up in the morning they always say Hello!
 - This song can be learned from Jbrary's page on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/cowsgsetup>
 - Lyrics: "When cows get up in the morning, they always say hello. When cows get up in the morning, they always say hello. And what do they say? Mooooooo And that is what they say." [Verses: use any animals that you'd like]
2. Page Flippers talking points
 - Today's story time is all about animals!
 - This program is a companion to our new BPL podcast for kids. That podcast is called Page Flippers Take on the World, and it's designed to teach kids ages 4 to 10 about the world of work, with lots of jokes and fun songs.
 - We'll give out postcards at the end of the program with a QR code so you can listen at home.
3. Book 1 - Tinyville Town: I'm a Veterinarian by Brian Biggs
 - Summary: In this book, we learn about a day in the life of a veterinarian!
4. Song - Old McDonald Had a Farm
 - Using three to five animals and their sounds
5. Book 2 (nonfiction) - Veterinarians by Cari Meister
 - Summary: This photo-illustrated book for early readers describes what veterinarians do to help keep all kinds of animals healthy, including dogs, cats, zoo animals, and farm animals.
6. Song - Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day
 - **Lyrics**
Five little ducks
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only three little ducks came back.

Three little ducks
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only two little ducks came back.

Two little ducks
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only one little duck came back.

One little duck
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck
Went out one day
Over the hills and far away
The sad mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack."
And all of the five little ducks came back.

7. Book 3 - Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
 - George the puppy's mother is in for a big surprise when she takes him to the veterinarian to find out why he does not bark
8. Optional – Goodbye Song
 - Lyrics:
Goodbye, friends (x3) It's time to say goodbye.
Learn the tune and sign language that go with this short song on the Jbrary Youtube page:
<https://youtu.be/tKCGF2hvq3I?t=50>
9. Craft or hands-on activity –
 - Using Model Magic and markers, have the kids create their favorite animals. If they wish, they could also make a “veterinarian action figure” to go with the animals

10. Resource share

- Hand out Page Flipper postcards so families can listen at home.
- Share this book list with families, all about animals and veterinarians! You can even create book bundles from this list.

<https://www.bklynlibrary.org/search?booklist=animals-veterinarians>

More, if you are inspired!

11. Grab and Go Kit idea – If you don't have time to do the craft after the storytime, Grab and Go Kits with Model Magic and a prompt about making animals would be great to hand out.

12. Links to relevant digital resources

- a. Science: Exploring Animals at Age 4 |... | PBS KIDS for Parents:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/age-4/science/animals>
- b. Digital Lesson | Animals Are Everywhere:
<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/animals-are-everywhere-media-gallery/elinor-wonders-why/>