



## "CURIOUS ABOUT . . ." STORY HOUR SUGGESTIONS

- Ask children, “What does the word *curious* mean?”
- After discussing what “being curious” means, hold up a picture of or a book about Curious George.
- You might say, “This is George. George was a good little monkey and always very curious. Today, he is particularly curious about (subject matter).”
- Next ask, “What can you tell me about (subject matter)?”
- Then ask, “Where should George go if he’s curious about (subject matter)?”
- After they answer “the library,” say, “That’s right. Curious George goes to the library, because the library is the best place to satisfy your curiosity. When you go to the library, you’ll always find books about whatever you want to learn about. Today we’re going to read books about (subject matter).”
- Read two or three books about the subject matter (see suggested topics and book lists) and then do an accompanying arts-and-crafts project (see below).
- At the end of the story hour, remind children that whenever they are curious they should go to the library, and that they should leave the library today with a book they’ve checked out.
- It’s always great to have an arts-and-crafts activity as part of your story hour. Below is a list of Web sites that have lots of accompanying crafts ideas for your event.

### Kidspace at Internet Public Library

[www.ipl.org/kidspace/browse/fun0000](http://www.ipl.org/kidspace/browse/fun0000)

Click on subheading “Arts & Crafts.”

### Web Search for Kids by Librarians

[www.kidsclick.org/topfine.html](http://www.kidsclick.org/topfine.html)

Click on “Crafts” and you’ll find more than sixty Web sites devoted to craft projects.

### Association for Library Service to Children

[www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/defa](http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/defa)

Site recommends “Great Web Sites for Kids.”

### The Best Kids’ Book Site

[www.thebestkidsbooksite.com](http://www.thebestkidsbooksite.com)

You can subscribe to this site, but it also has more than one thousand free craft projects.