Kai, Librarians!

Libraries have it all! Our favourite books, modern music and even the latest films! When we've finished everything on our bookshelves, libraries are always there to keep us reading. That is why they are such an important part of our everyday lives. In recent years, libraries have started to close down in some major cities, but it is your job as KidZania Librarians to keep the citizens reading!

Currently you won't be able to visit your local library, but that shouldn't stop us from doing our jobs! Just like the adults of the world, we can work from home!

Creating a library in your own home takes a bit of work and organisation but with some determination it should be easy enough to achieve!

Organise your books

Librarians split books up into different categories depending on what type of story they tell. These categories are known as genres. The most popular genres include fantasy, sci-fi, horror, crime, adventure and romance but there are so many more!

The BFG

Charlottes Web

Horrid Henry

Order your books

Milly-Molly-Mandy

Goodnight Mr Tom

Once the books are split into different genres, focus on one group at a time. In each genre order the books alphabetically. This doesn't mean by the title of the book; you need to organise it by the author's name. Usually librarians choose to look at the author's surname rather than their first name so Dahl, Roald would come before Wilson, Jacqueline. (If you find it easier to organise by first name then do that, it's your library after all!)

Create a database

Sometimes it's easier to keep a track of our books if we number them, then we know exactly how many there are in our libraries. Every time someone wants to a borrow a book from you, find it in your database and make a note of whose taken it. This means that you won't forget where it's gone or whose got it!

Databases are used to store certain pieces of information. In this case we're going to create a database for all your books. You can do it on a computer or just using a pen and notepad. You need to write down all the names and authors of the books you have into a big long list. This will keep your shelves organised and clearly show if someone has borrowed something from you!

Holes

Number	Author	Title	Genre
1	Rowling, J.K	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	Fantasy
2	Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	Historical
3	Handler, Daniel	Lemony Snicket's : A Series of Unfortunate Events The Bad Beginning	Mystery
4	Blyton, Enid	Five on Treasure Island	Adventure
5	Gaiman, Neil	Coraline	Horror

Top Tip 1 !

Why not give someone a ticket every time they borrow one of your books? It can remind them of when they borrowed it and when you need it back by! Usually libraries will stamp each book that is borrowed, but simply giving your customer a piece of paper will work just as well!

Now that you've got your library up and running, it's time to visit someone else's! Perhaps someone else in your household has their own book collection that you could borrow something from? If they've got a book you've never read before, why not give it a go? You never know; it may become your favourite! Whatever book you borrow from them, you'll be needing a library card to do it.

Library cards are used by librarians to track who has borrowed their books. It is swiped every time you take something from the library and will also record any fines you owe for any over-due books! It's very easy to make your own library card!

You can design your card in any way you want. If you don't have a spare photograph of yourself, then draw a picture instead!

As a KidZania National Library librarian it is your duty to keep everyone in your own household reading during this crucial time – **good luck, citizens!**

Name: *Bekha*

Age: *11*

Favourite Book:

Kids who did: Real kids who ruled, Rebelled, Survived and thrived by Kirsty Murray

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Top Tip 2 !

Remember, your libraries don't have to stop at books! Modern libraries have a huge collection of DVDs and CDs for you to borrow, so why not organise them in your homes too? It'll make things easier to find whenever you want to watch or listen to something next.

If you've made your own library at home, we want to know about it! Tag us **@KidZaniaLondon** to show off those library cards and follow the hashtag **#KidZaniaAtHome** to see what other citizens are reading!

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