ADVENTURES IN THE LIBRARY ACTIVITY KIT

Go on two incredible adventures with The New York Public Library’s beloved lions, Patience and Fortitude.

Here’s everything you need to plan a fun-filled storytime event for your bookstore, classroom, library, or living room.
EVENT TIPS AND IDEAS

Set the scene for the ultimate library-themed storytime adventure!

Set up storytime like a library by designating areas or tables to represent library genres—for example, action/adventure, classics, fantasy, nonfiction, etc.—then make signs for the areas or tables for each library genre. You can even put out a few favorite books from each genre. Adventurers can use this time to look through the books as they wait for storytime to begin. Other things you can do to make your space special include using streamers and banners to decorate. You can also put out some paper and crayons for adventurers to make colorful pictures to add to the event space.

Name tags have been included on the next page so that adventurers can fill out their names and get to know each other.

Have you seen Patience?

In *Lost in the Library*, Fortitude searches for Patience throughout the Library. Have adventurers guess where Patience has wandered off to.

Gather everyone in a circle for a game of telephone. One person will whisper to the person to their right where they think Patience has gone. Then that person will whisper what they heard to the person to their right until the message has gone all the way around the circle. When the message gets to the last person, that person will say the message aloud. Did the message make it around the circle correctly?

Map Quest!

When you’re going on an adventure, a map can help guide the way. Pick up a map of a city, country, or the world and have attendees see how many places they can identify. Think of a few questions to prompt the search. For example: *If you want to visit the library that Patience and Fortitude guard, which city would you go to?*
Maze

Help Fortitude find his way to Patience.
Where are some of the places and things that Fortitude visits on his search for Patience? Draw a line matching the images to the words that describe them.
SCAVENGER HUNT

The New York Public Library is full of books, which are free for readers to explore every day.

If you're in a library, bookstore, or classroom, walk around and find a book that begins with each of the letters below. After you have found all of your books, write the titles on the lines next to the letters. Then, taking turns, show the group the books chosen for each letter. Once you're done, you can either borrow the books from the library or buy them from the bookstore and bring your new adventures home.

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Patience and Fortitude love books. Draw the lions reading their favorite stories.
WHERE DID THE LIONS GO?

Patience and Fortitude love to get lost! With the help of an adult, cut out Patience and Fortitude along the dotted lines and hide them around your home, classroom, bookstore, or library for a fun search game!
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Your Library

Patience and Fortitude travel to all the different libraries across New York City. What’s your favorite library? Fill in the information about it below!

Favorite Library:

Favorite Librarian:

Favorite Memory:

The Last Book You Checked Out:

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About the Book

A story of Patience and Fortitude.

Steadfast Fortitude and curious Patience wait every day to greet visitors of the Library.

That is, until one early morning, when Fortitude finds Patience is missing. The city is about to awake, and the lions absolutely must, be in their places before the sun rises. Fortitude is forced to abandon his own post to find his best friend in the Library’s labyrinthine halls.

With clever rhyme and vibrant art, Lost in the Library introduces young readers to a pair of unforgettable lions as well as the famed New York Public Library.

About the Book

Where Is Our Library? is a companion to Lost in the Library and our second picture book in partnership with The New York Public Library.

Curious Patience and steadfast Fortitude wait every morning to greet visitors of The New York Public Library—and slip away every night to read in the Children’s Center.

But one day, Patience and Fortitude find the Children’s Center empty! The lions set out into the city to locate their missing books and encounter some literary landmarks along the way.

Josh Funk’s clever rhymes and Stevie Lewis’s vibrant art take young readers into the heart of New York City in this latest adventure.

About the Author and Illustrator

JOSH FUNK is the author of several books including Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast, It’s Not Jack and the Beanstalk, and How to Code a Sandcastle. Although he is allergic to cats, Patience and Fortitude have fur made of marble and caused no problems when writing this book.

STEVIE LEWIS has been living on the road, furthering her passion for climbing, art, and the outdoors. After working for four years in animation, she now illustrates children’s books and creates art based on her travels. Stevie’s books include A Week without Tuesday, Finding Serendipity, and Blueberry Pancakes Forever.

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