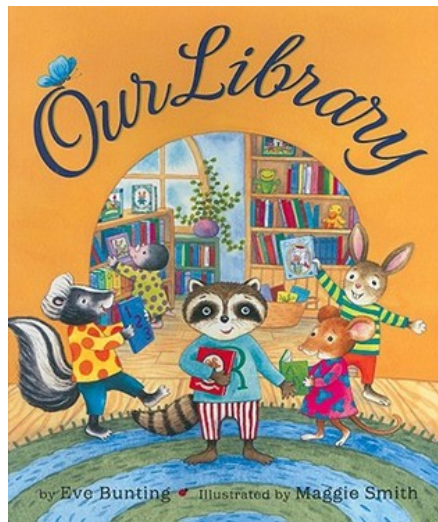




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When Miss Goose announces that the library is going to close forever, Raccoon and his friends spring into action. Where will they get the help they need to save their beloved library? In books, of course! This cheery tale from ever-popular author Eve Bunting shows how important libraries are to every community. Facing a dilemma that is all too common in our human world today, the adorable animal denizens of Buttercup Meadow confront it with an inspiring blend of ingenuity, teamwork, and imagination. Bright, playful illustrations enhance the light treatment of this serious subject, in a story that celebrates the value of books in everyone's lives.

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Libby says

I have a habit of reading books and thinking "What can I do with this book with my students?" I think it is obvious I could read this book with my students and point out conflict resolution, discuss community involvement, and reflect on importance of libraries. But, I also want to find books that when I read I think "I enjoyed that book. I want to share it with my students." This book isn't necessarily one of those books that made me want to share because I enjoyed it. I would share this book because I might be able to do something with it to teach my students.

Lisa says

This was a great book. It encourages children's love of libraries.

Jessica Leake says

This wasn't one of the best books i have read. The idea they wanted to convey was good, but i really didn't enjoy the reading. I feel the book could be more realist towards the younger age group. The picture were great throughout the story, but i did not enjoy this book.

Karla Winick-Ford says

Loved this!
Great message
Wonderful illustrations
Well written

Love the sophisticated language as well

Kudos

Megan Franks says

The kids of the meadow solve all of the library's problems by reading books and learning how to do all sorts of things from fixing a roof to handling public relations with a grouchy beaver. The premise: "There's nothing you can't do when you have a good book!" Geared more toward the public librarian, but a great message for school librarians to use as well.

Sarah says

1. "Our Library" by Eve Bunting is about a community that comes together to save their library. When word that their library is closing, friends come together to research how to save a library, host a fundraiser, and ask Beaver for land to transplant their library. Books (and reading them!) literally help this community save their beloved library.
 2. Another excellent book by Eve Bunting. This time the community in the story comes together for one great cause, saving their library! This book made me fall in love with my library again! An intriguing story with beautiful illustrations to inspire and engage young minds!
 3. I would love to teach a unit on the value of the libraries in our communities. To inspire, engage, and build love for the written word and libraries, I would use nothing else but....books! These books would include, "The Library" by Sarah Stewart and "Library Lion" by Michelle Knudsen.
 4. These quotes demonstrate the problem that the characters are facing in the story, but also display how much they love their library. "How will we learn without a library?" Mouse asked. "We'll be ignorant," Skunk said. "And an ignorant skunk is a very sad skunk indeed." "Hmmm," I said. "Remember that it's the library we love-not the land it sits on. Let's find a book." (Bunting, p. 13).
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Lauren Amanda says

This was a very cute and fun book about a group of animal friends who decide to start their own/save the local library. This would be a great book for a preschool storytime.

Elise says

My daughter is very sensitive to the emotions and behaviors of the main characters in books. She will imitate bad behavior even if the book clearly speaks against it. I was so pleased to see the only bad behavior in the book was a "grumpy badger" who "learned how to be nice". This book is adorable. Also, I liked how they were reading instructional books on how to accomplish tasks, because I do this all the time!

Deb says

I like a lot of Eve Bunting's books, but this one just didn't work for me. Big preachy topic of saving the library is for older readers, but the (cute) illustrations made me think it was for younger audience when I picked it up. Oversimplification of the topic.

Cecilia says

Local kiddos do everything they can to save a library that's about to shut its doors.

Air says

This was so cute! There is nothing in the world you can't accomplish with the right attitude and the right book (and of course, a library helps)!

Eva Leger says

2.5 - I don't know what it is about *Eve Bunting's* books but I either love them or hate them. Julia usually feels just about the same way with each one but for some reason this one fell in the middle for us.

I love the idea and I could tell it made Julia imagine just what if.... what if she had no library to go to? It probably didn't hit home the way it would an older kid, especially since she knows Mommy has what amounts to a small library here in the house and that we'd never go without books no matter what, but it did get her thinking about it and I liked that about the book a lot.

I have no complaints about the illustrations but the writing fell a little flat. I think the story was just too pat also. It takes money to run a library? Oh, check out a book on how to make money fast. All's good. I get the idea - and it's a good one - but I think she took it a little too far. A little less of this sort of thing and a little more about the kids actually thinking and working to get this going would have made it a better book.

Shannon says

Even as a librarian, I found nothing to connect to emotionally from this book. The kids obviously love their library and want to save it, but why? They talk about learning and growing up to be smart, but that is a very cerebral response that won't move many real kids. There are better picture books out there that show kids what a wonderful place a library can be.

Jackie says

I give this book major credit for the idea--Raccoon and friends help save their local library using information they read in that library's books. A great quote: "There's nothing you can't learn to do when you have books.". I just felt that the story wasn't rhythmic enough for the target age group of the book. Still, it's a nice story and the illustrations are fun.

Tiffany says

Text to Teaching Connection

This book could be used to enhance the functionality of a library and promote reading in general.

Taking a trip to a local library or even the school's library would be a great response activity for this book.

More specifically, children can visit a library and read books that are of interest to them, just like the animals did in the story. Also, in the spirit of teamwork, just like the animals, students can pair up and find books on

a particular subject they both like.
