

A Sick Day for Amos McGee / Philip Stead

Amos McGee is too sick to make it to the zoo, so his animal friends decide to return the favor and visit him, making it the best sick day ever.

ALL OCCUPATIONS

Community Helpers from A to Z / Bobbie Kalman (j 331.772 Kal and j Ea KALMAN)

Emergency Workers Are on their Way! / Bobbie Kalman (j 363.34 Kal)

Emergency Vehicles / Chris Oxlade (j 629.225 Oxl)

All Around Town: Exploring Your Community through Craft Fun / Judy Press (j 745.5 Pre)

Crafts for Kids Who Are Learning About—Community Workers / Kathy Ross (j 745.5 Ros)

What Am I? / Debbie MacKinnon

Boys and girls act out a variety of occupations accompanied by simple text.

Everybody Works / Shelley Rotner

Photographs and simple text show the many ways in which work can be accomplished.

Bear at Work / Stella Blackstone (j T BLACKSTONE)

A bear happily spends a busy day delivering letters and packages, and the reader is invited to guess the jobs of the bears he sees around town.

Bravo, Maurice! / Rebecca Bond

Since he was a baby, all the members of Maurice's family think he will take up their careers, until one day they discover he has a special gift of his own.

Working Mummies / Joan Horton

Illustrations and rhyming text introduce the many careers and professions of mummies, such as real estate agents selling haunted houses and dentists filing vampires' fangs.

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Community Helpers

*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library
for children in preschool through second grade*

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in
the picture book section under the author's last name.*

BAKERS

Bakers Make Many Things / Carol Greene (j 641.815 Gre)

My Grandfather Works in a Bakery / Sarah Hughes (j 641.815 Hug)

At the Bakery / Carol Greene (j 641.815 Gre)

Walter the Baker / Eric Carle

Walter the baker invents an unusual roll.

Ella Takes the Cake / Carmela & Steven D'Amico

Ella the elephant wants to help in her mother's bakery.

Mr. Belinsky's Bagels / Ellen Schwartz

Mr. Belinsky's customers love his special bagels.

Mr. Cookie Baker / Monica Wellington.

After a day of making and selling cookies, Mr. Baker gets to enjoy one himself.

BARBERS

Mop Top / Don Freeman

A child with a lot of hair tries to avoid a trip to Mr. Barberoli's barber shop.

Even Monsters Need Haircuts / Matthew McElligott

At night under a full moon, a child operates a barber shop with a monstrous clientele.

Haircuts at Sleepy Sam's / Michael R. Strickland
A boy visits the neighborhood barber.

BUS DRIVERS

Bus Riders / Sharon Phillips Denslow

When their regular bus driver gets sick, the bus riders deal with the substitute drivers who try to replace him.

Next stop! / Sarah Ellis (j Em ELLIS)

Claire sees many people rushing to and fro when she sits at the front of the bus and helps the driver.

Axle Annie and the Speed Grump / Robin Pulver (j Em PULVER)

Rush learns the importance of safety from school bus driver Axle Annie and her bus full of kids.

Just One More / Wendi Silvano

High in the Andes Mountains a bus driver lets more and more people and animals scramble aboard a rickety bus until it's ready to burst!

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus / Mo Willems

A pesky pigeon longs to drive a bus.

Buses / Jeffrey Zuehlke (j Em ZUEHLKE)

All about buses.

School Buses / Kay Manolis (j Em MANOLIS)

Simple text and photographs introduce young readers to school buses.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

Construction / Gallimard Jeunesse (j 624 Jeu)

We Need Construction Workers / Lisa Trumbauer (j 690 Tru)

What Does a Construction Worker Do? / P.M. Boekhoff (j 690 Boe)

Building / Elisha Cooper (j 690 Coo)

Construction Zone / Cheryl Willis Hudson (j 690 Hud)

The Night Worker / Kate Banks (j Em BANKS)

Alex's father goes to work at a construction site after Alex goes to bed.

VETERINARIANS

Say Woof! The Day of a Country Veterinarian / Gail Gibbons (j 636.089 Gib)

What Does a Veterinarian Do? / Felicia Lowenstein (j 636.089 Low)

Animal Hospital / Judith Walker-Hodge (j 636.089 Wal)

We Work at the Vet's / Angela Aylmore (j 636.089 Ayl)

Describes the jobs, responsibilities, and patients at a veterinary clinic.

Bark, George / Jules Feiffer

George the dog visits the vet when he loses his bark.

Sally Goes to the Vet / Stephen Huneck

When Sally the dog is injured while playing in the yard she has to be rushed to the vet's office

Good Dog, Paw! / Chinlun Lee

April the veterinarian and her dog Paw treat patients together in April's office.

ZOO KEEPERS

Zookeepers Care for Animals / Amy Moses (j 590.73 Mos)

Jungle Jack Hanna's What Zookeepers Do / Jack Hanna (j 590.73 Han)

Working at a Zoo / Bertram Knight (j 590.73 Kni)

Who Scoops Elephant Poo?: Working at a Zoo / Margie Markarian (j 636.089 Mar)

Discover what types of fun and messy jobs are found at a zoo, including zoo keeper, animal handler, and stall mucker.

Mother to Tigers / George Ella Lyon (j 92M MARTINI Lyo)

The story of Helen Martini who founded the Bronx Zoo's animal nursery in 1944.

Be Nice to Spiders / Margaret Bloy Graham

Helen the spider helps the zoo animals by catching flies.

Our Class Took a Trip to the Zoo / Shirley Neitzel

A boy has a fun, adventure-filled day at the zoo.

Sam Who Never Forgets / Eve Rice

Sam the zookeeper never forgets to feed the animals.

A Lion Named Shirley Williamson / Bernard Waber

A lion with an unusual name is a favorite with Seymour the zookeeper.

TEACHERS

What Does a Teacher Do? / Felicia Lowenstein (j 371.1 Low)

Miss Nelson is Missing! / Harry Allard

After a strict substitute teacher takes her place, Miss Nelson's students realize that they must find their cheery teacher and bring her back to school.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble / Marc Brown

Arthur is chosen to be in the school spellathon.

Brand-New Pencils, Brand-New Books / Diane De Groat

Gilbert finds nice surprises in first grade instead of the things he was worried about.

Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom! / Kelly DiPucchio

An entire town joins in to help their favorite teacher clean up her messy classroom.

Ms. Bitsy Bat's Kindergarten / Pamela Edwards

The new kindergarten teacher at Oak Tree School is a bat.

My Teacher Can Teach—Anyone! / W. Nikola-Lisa

A rhyming alphabet story about a boy and his remarkable teacher.

Teacher Appreciation Day / Lynne Plourde

Maybella cannot decide how to show her teacher how much she is appreciated.

Hooray for Diffendoofler Day! / Dr. Seuss

The students of Diffendoofler School celebrate their unusual teachers.

What Teachers Can't Do / Douglas Wood

There are some things that teachers cannot do, like going down the tube slide at recess.

TRUCK DRIVERS

Tractor-Trailer Trucker / Joyce Slayton Mitchell (j 629.224 Mit)

The Neighborhood Trucker / Louise Borden (j Em BORDEN)

Elliot wants to be like Slim, his favorite trucker.

I Drive a Dump Truck / Sarah Bridges (j Em BRIDGES)

Frank and Ernest on the Road / Alexandra Day

Two friends become familiar with the experiences and CB slang of truck drivers.

The Trucker / Brenda Weatherby (j Em WEATHERBY)

Wesley dreams his toy truck grows big enough for him to have a trucking adventure.

Bang! Boom! Roar! A Busy Crew of Dinosaurs / by Nate Evans

While designing and constructing a playground, a building crew of dinosaurs introduces the letters from A to Z.

Hard Hat Area / Susan L. Roth

Learn about construction workers' jobs and equipment in the hard hat area.

Dig! / Andrea Zimmerman (j Em ZIMMERMAN)

Mr. Rally and his dog and their big digging machine take care of five important jobs.

DENTISTS

What Does a Dentist Do? / Heather Miller (j 617.6 Mil)

What to Expect When You Go to the Dentist / Heidi Murkoff (j 617.6 Mur)

The Dentist & You / Diane Swanson (j 617.6 Swa)

The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist / Stan & Jan Berenstain (j E-pb B)

Going to the Dentist / Anne Civardi (j E-pb C)

Maisy, Charley, and the Wobbly Tooth / Lucy Cousins

Maisy the mouse and her animal friends accompany nervous Charley on his first visit to the dentist.

Danny Goes to the Dentist / Robert Robinson

Danny and his sister go to the dentist to have their teeth checked.

My Dentist / Harlow Rockwell

Vera Goes to the Dentist / Vera Rosenberry

Vera has an unexpected reaction when the dentist tries to polish her teeth.

Harry and the Dinosaurs Say "Raahh!" / Ian Whybrow

A young boy takes his toy dinosaurs with him to the dentist.

DOCTORS & NURSES

Doctors / Marlene Targ Brill (j 610.695 Bri)

Doctors Help People / Amy Moses (j 610.695 Mos)

What Does a Doctor Do? / Felicia Lowenstein (j 610.695 Low)

A Day in the Life of a Nurse / Connie Fluet (j 610.73 Flu)

What Does a Nurse Do? / Lisa Trumbauer (j 610.73 Tru)

Doctor Meow's Big Emergency / Sam Lloyd

Tom Cat hurt his leg and has to go to Kiss-It-Better Hospital.

Mother Mother I Feel Sick, Send for the Doctor Quick Quick Quick / Remy Charlip

An stomachache is cured when a doctor removes some strange objects from a boy's stomach.

Going to the Doctor / Anne Civardi

My Friend the Doctor / Joanna Cole

Hannah visits the doctor.

The School Nurse from the Black Lagoon / Mike Thaler (j E-pb T)

Miss Hearse, the school nurse, is supposed to be a real ghoul, but the children find out she is really helpful and friendly.

Robby Visits the Doctor / Martine Davison

Robby visits the doctor after he wakes up with an earache.

Nurses Help / Dee Ready (j 610.73 Rea)

Simple text and photographs present nurses and their role in the community.

Help! / Christopher Inns

Doctor Hopper and Nurse Barker cure sick toys.

Froggy Goes to the Doctor / Jonathan London

After Froggy's visit to the doctor he is pronounced a very healthy frog by Dr. Mugwort.

Time to See the Doctor / Heather Maisner

Ben discovers that visiting the doctor isn't scary after all.

Felix Feels Better / Rosemary Wells

When Felix feels bad, his mother takes him to Doctor Duck, who makes everything better.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Emergency Workers Are on Their Way! / Bobbie Kalman (j 363.34 Kal)

What Does an EMT Do? / Anna Louise Jordan (j 610.69 Jor)

Emergency! / Gail Gibbons (j Em GIBBONS)

Emergency crews and their special equipment save people from danger.

Happy Harry's Café / Michael Rosen

Harry's friends flock to his café for his famous soup. But one day Matt the Cat isn't happy with the soup, so Harry must figure out what's wrong with it.

Happy Belly, Happy Smile / Rachel Isadora

Sitting in the kitchen of his grandfather's Chinese restaurant, a young boy enjoys watching the chefs and waiters prepare and serve mouth-watering dishes.

Mel's Diner / Marissa Moss

Mabel likes helping her father and mother run their diner.

The Greatest Potatoes / Penelope Stowell

In 1853, a fry cook invents the potato chip.

Pizza at Sally's / Monica Wellington

Sally bakes hot and bubbly pizzas for her customers to take home or eat in her pizzeria.

SANITATION WORKERS

Garbage Collectors / Paulette Bourgeois (j 363.72 Bou)

What Does a Sanitation Worker Do? / Heather Miller (j 363.72 Mil)

I Drive a Garbage Truck / Sarah Bridges (j Em BRIDGES)

I Stink! / Kate & Jim McMullan (j Em MCMULLAN)

A big city garbage truck picks up all the garbage.

Trashy Town / Andrea Zimmerman (j Em ZIMMERMAN)

Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.

STOREKEEPERS

Grocer / Dana Meachen Rau (j 381.148 Rau)

A Day at the Market / Sara Anderson

Visit a busy Seattle market where residents buy their food and flowers at farmers' stalls and merchant shops.

Tyler Makes Pancakes / Tyler Florence

Tyler wakes up eager to make pancakes for his family, but first he and his dog go to the market, where Mr. Jones tells them about the ingredients and where they come from.

Grandpa's Corner Store / DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

A grocer's granddaughter and his neighbors convince Grandfather to keep his corner grocery business open even though a new supermarket is opening nearby.

Officer Buckle and Gloria / Peggy Rathmann

Gloria the police dog accompanies Officer Buckle on his trips to the elementary school where he gives safety speeches.

A Day at the Police Station / Richard Scarry (j Em SCARRY)

Bridget spends a day at work with her father, Sergeant Murphy.

POSTAL WORKERS

What Does a Mail Carrier Do? / Lisa Trumbauer (j 363.2 Tru)

Postal Workers / Paulette Bourgeois (j 363.2 Bou)

Learn about the different jobs that contribute to mail delivery by following a letter on its way to its destination.

Send it / Don Carter (j Em CARTER)

Follow a package on its way across the country.

The Giant Postman / Sally Grindley (j Er GRINDLEY)

Billy takes a letter to the giant postman's house.

The Giant Hug / Sandra Horning

Owen sends a real hug to his grandmother for her birthday that is passed on by the postal workers in its path.

Mr. Griggs' Work / Cynthia Rylant

Mr. Griggs loves his work at the post office.

Mailing May / Michael O. Tunnell

In 1914, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother.

Harvey Hare, Postman Extraordinaire / Bernadette Watts

The animals plan to give the postman the perfect present.

RESTAURANT WORKERS

Pizza Man / Marjorie Pillar (j 641.824 Pil)

Photographs show the pizza man, from when he starts mixing the dough until he serves a slice to a hungry customer.

Frank and Ernest / Alexandra Day

Two friends take over a diner where they learn about responsibility and food talk.

Minnie's Diner / Dayle Ann Dodds

Five boys and their Dad forget about their chores on the farm to enjoy Minnie's good cooking.

To the Rescue / Hope Irvin Marston (j 610.69 Mar)

Describes how rescue workers rush to accident scenes and use special medical skills and equipment to help save the lives of badly injured people.

FARMERS

To Market, to Market / Nikki McClure

An introduction to the concept of and products found at a farmer's market, including how some of the foods and other items are actually produced.

At the Farm / Sandy Francis (j 630 Fra)

Corn Aplenty / Dana Meachen Rau (j Er PRIMER RAU)

Two children watch a local farmer grow a crop of corn and as the corn develops--from seed to harvest time--so does the friendship between the children and the farmer.

If You Were a Farmer / Virginia Schomp (j 630 Sch)

Milk from Cow to Carton / Aliki (j 637 Ali)

Oh, Crumps! / Lee Bock (j 468 Boc)

A sleepy farmer has a mixed-up list of his chores. How will he ever milk the fence and repair the cow? *Text in English and Spanish.*

1001 Things to Spot on the Farm / Gillian Doherty

Find and count things in these illustrations of farms from around the world.

Apple Farmer Annie / Monica Wellington

Annie the apple farmer saves her most beautiful apples to sell at the farmers' market.

The Little Farm / Lois Lenski

Farmer Small takes good care of his little farm.

Tremendous Tractors / Tony Mitton (j Em MITTON)

This is the Farmer / Nancy Tafuri

A farmer's kiss causes an amusing chain of events.

Farmer Duck / Martin Waddell

A kind and hardworking duck takes care of a farm because the owner is too lazy.

Old MacDonald / Amy Schwartz

The inhabitants of Old MacDonald's farm are described, verse by verse, including his tractor and his neighbors.

FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters / Paulette Bourgeois (j 628.92 Bou)

Firefighters to the Rescuel / Bobbie Kalman (j 628.92 Kal)

Smokejumpers One to Ten / Chris L. Demarest (j 628.92 Dem)

Poinsettia and the Firefighters / Felicia Bond

Poinsettia Pig feels safer when she discovers that fire fighters keep watch during the night.

This is the Firefighter / Laura Godwin (j Em GODWIN)

In short, rhyming sentences tells the story of firefighters responding to a fire in a building from the time the alarm rings and the firefighters leave the station until they declare "all clear" and return.

My Mom is a Firefighter / Lois G. Grambling (j Em GRAMBLING)

Billy spends time with his "second family" at the Floral Avenue firehouse where his mother works, and dreams of growing up to be a firefighter just like her.

Firefighters A to Z / Chris L. Demarest

Flying Firefighters / Gary Hines (j Em HINES)

Some firefighters use a helicopter to help put out forest fires.

The Little Fire Engine / Lois Lenski (j Em LENSKI)

Fireman Small and his little fire engine race to the rescue.

Big Frank's Fire Truck / Leslie McGuire (j E-pb M)

Fireman Small / Wong Herbert Yee (j Em YEE)

Everytime he goes to bed, Fireman Small is called to rescue an animal in trouble.

LIBRARIANS

Tomás and the Library Lady / Pat Mora

Tomás finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library.

Wild about Books / Judy Sierra

A librarian named drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

The Library Doors / Toni Buzzeo

An overview of the many activities children encounter during a visit to the library.

BEVERLY BILLINGSLEY BORROWS A BOOK

Beverly is thrilled to finally check out a book with her own library card, but when she accidentally keeps the book too long she worries that she'll have to pay a huge fine or go to jail.

Miss Dorothy and Her Bookmobile / Gloria Houston

Dorothy has always wanted to work in a library like the red brick one of her girlhood, but after moving to rural North Carolina she discovers that the type of library is less important than the books and the people who read them.

Library Lil / Suzanne Williams

A formidable librarian makes readers out of everyone, including a tough, television-loving motorcycle gang.

NEWSPAPER WORKERS

Amelia Bedelia, Cub Reporter / Herman Parish (j Er PARISH)

Amelia Bedelia helps with the school newspaper.

Scoop! An Exclusive / John Kelly

Newspaper reporter Monty Molenski needs to find a good story to please the editor and to do this he decides to follow his coworkers around after they finish work to see what they are up to.

POLICE

Police Officers / Paulette Bourgeois (j 363.2 Bou)

At the Police Station / Carol Greene (j 363.2 Gre)

What Does a Police Officer Do? / Felicia Lowenstein (j 363.2 Low)

Policeman Small / Lois Lenski

Discover the daily duties of a corner traffic cop.

The Police Cloud / Christoph Niemann

A small cloud that has always dreamed of becoming a police officer discovers that he might not be suited to the job.

Traffic Pups / Michelle Meadows

Canine motorcycle police officers zoom through the town pursuing suspects, clearing the road of accidents, and serving as escorts.

Make Way for Ducklings / Robert McCloskey

A Boston policeman helps Mr. and Mrs. Mallard return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight children.