

2005 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds



**SCHOOL VISITS
SCRIPT**

The California Summer Reading Program Collaborative

Promoting Your Library's Summer Reading Program: A Guide To Effective School Visits

1. Contact the school administration and arrange to visit the schools during the last weeks of the semester. You will find allies in teachers because they know that reading over summer vacation is likely to return students in the fall with more of their skills intact. Schedule early, by end of March or April.
2. Prepare a presentation that will fuel their imaginative furnaces. Write your own or use the *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds At Your Library* 15-minute Script provided at <http://www.casummerreading.org/resources.html>. Beth Jones, Children's Services Librarian from the Escondido Public Library CA created this custom script just for your use and was presented at The Serra System Children's Services Committee SRP 2005 Workshop to rave reviews!
3. Come in costume or simply wear a wizard or jester hat! Funny noses, any props or puppets are always a sure bet advises Nancy Cartensen Children's Librarian at Oceanside Public Library CA. Her five-foot long dragon from Folkmanis was very impressive when flying high over the audience.
4. Meet the young folks in classes or in a scheduled school assembly or in visits to individual classes. Ask for a sound system and a computer-driven or videotape projector.
5. Set the mood by playing music as the students enter. Stopping the music will let the kids know your ready to begin your presentation. Play music as they leave.
6. Keep the program under 30 minutes and distribute printed materials including a schedule of events (if you have one ready).
7. Put your promotional posters in strategic places in the schools: bulletin boards, in classrooms, school library, cafeteria, and such. Even if you are unable to arrange for visits school administration may allow you to display posters.
8. Supply bookmarks to teachers to give to students.
9. Tape an announcement for the school PA system.
10. Arrange to show the 30-second PSA (Public Service Announcement) during assembly or in classrooms or in school media centers.
11. Have fun!

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Download **Beth Jones' School Visit Script** at: <http://www.casummerreading.org/resources/schoolvisits.html>

Download a **sample "Letter To Principal"** along with a **sample "Follow-up Letter To Principal"** at:
<http://www.casummerreading.org/resources/schoolvisits.html>

View and Order the **"Dragon's Dream & Daring Deeds"** PSA (Public Service Announcement) at
<http://www.casummerreading.org/psa2005.html>

Folkmanis Sea Serpent was the **puppet** used by Nancy Cartensen at the Serra System SRP 2005 Workshop. It looks very similar to the Dragon featured in Steven Kellogg's illustrations for the 2005 Theme. Discount pricing found at <http://www.kidsbooksandpuppets.com/Folkmanis/seaserpentspuppets.html>

CSLP Manual/CD: See page 69 for a great theme related **camera-ready SRP Flyer** for kids to take home. Just write in your local information, photocopy and go!

2005 School Visit Script *by Beth Jones*

Presenter reads: *“I Met a Dragon Face to Face” by Jack Prelutsky
from Hopkins, Lee Bennett, selector, Good books, Good times!
New York: Harper & Row, 1990.*

I met a dragon face to face
The year that I was ten
I took a trip to outer space,
I braved a pirate’s den,
I wrestled with a wicked troll,
And fought a great white shark,
I trailed a rabbit down a hole,
I hunted for a snark.

I stowed aboard a submarine,
I opened magic doors,
I traveled in a time machine,
And searched for dinosaurs,
I climbed atop a giant’s head,
I found a pot of gold,
I did all this in books I read
When I was ten years old.

Show the CSLP 2005 30-second PSA (Public Service Announcement)

Presenter reads: Good day, fair company. My name is first name, the Troubadour, last name
and I am on a journey searching for daring knights, brave beauties, dazzling damsels,
wise wizards, and even some enchanted (or not so enchanted) toads to join us at the
Library for our summer reading program “Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds.”

JOKE: Do you know what you get when you cross a knight with a clown?

ANSWER: A court jouter!

Walton, Rick. Kiss a Frog. Minneapolis: Lerner, 1989.

When is your last day of school? Friday, June 17? Well, our fantasy-filled summer program begins on Saturday, June 18, the very next day, with a READ-aissance Faire. This day will overflow with Medieval crafts, games, and fun as you join the reading program and select your first books filled with dragons, dreams and daring deeds. And, just like your library card, all the prizes and programs are free of charge. It is good, clean fun. Talking about clean.....

(The following story can be told with audience participation, volunteers, or a variety of voices. Have fun.)

Presenter(s)reads: “There’s a Dragon in the Bathtub”
By Caroline Feller Bauer, retold by _____

Ramon did not like to take a bath. He didn’t like to shower, either. He didn’t like to wash his face. He hated washing his hands. It wasn’t the water or the soap he disliked; he just hated taking the time to run the water, getting all wet, washing himself, and then the chore of drying and re-dressing. No, Ramon did not like to bathe. One day his mom suggested he take a bath.

RAMON: I can’t take a bath, there’s a dragon in the bathtub.

MOM: Now, dear, it is not nice to lie. I suggest you go in right now and take your bath.

DAD: What is this I hear about not taking a bath?

RAMON: I can’t take a bath, there’s a dragon in the bathtub.

DAD: Well, I’ve been building a time machine to go back to dragon times. If they did exist they lived before bathtubs were invented. I suggest you take your bath now.

BROTHER NATE: Ramon, old chap, I understand you won’t take a bath.

RAMON: I can’t take a bath, there’s a dragon in the bathtub.

BROTHER NATE: Well, I have only my orals to complete and I will have a PhD in comparative literature. Sorry, chap, all my studies show that dragons do not exist.

ELLEN ELIZABETH: I hear you won’t take a bath, Ramon.

RAMON: I can’t take a bath, there’s a dragon in the bathtub.

ELLEN ELIZABETH: Well, just tell him to get out. Tell him you are going to count to three and if he doesn’t come out – WATCH OUT! It always works for me when you are hogging the bathroom.

So, the entire family crowded into the bathroom.

GROUP: One! Two! Three!
And (pause) the dragon came out!

But it was too late now to take a bath so the whole family went to the _____ Library, instead, to find out about all of the cool prizes, special events, and amazing activities going on during “Dragon, Dreams & Daring Deeds” Summer Reading Program.

Presenter reads: JOKE: Do you know how dentists fix dragon's teeth?

ANSWER: With a fire drill!

Walton, Rick. Kiss a Frog. Minneapolis: Lerner, 1989.

During the next week you will get a flyer that looks just like this (show flyer). Take it home and share it with your family. Tell your mom and dad all about it. It is fun! It is for all kids from age 3 to grade 6. It doesn't cost you anything!

One dark and stormy night, a knight rode up to an inn and asked the innkeeper for a fresh horse to replace the tired one he had been riding. The Innkeeper said, "All I have is this large, shaggy dog."

"I must continue my quest," said the knight, "I'll ride your dog!"

"Are you kidding?" the Innkeeper said, "I wouldn't send a knight out on a dog like this!"

Bishop, Ann. Riddle Ages. Chicago: A. Whitman, 1977.

Presenter reads: Thank you for letting me tell you about

"Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds" Summer Reading Program


coming to the _____ Library.

I'd send my dog out on a quest like this!

THE END.

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