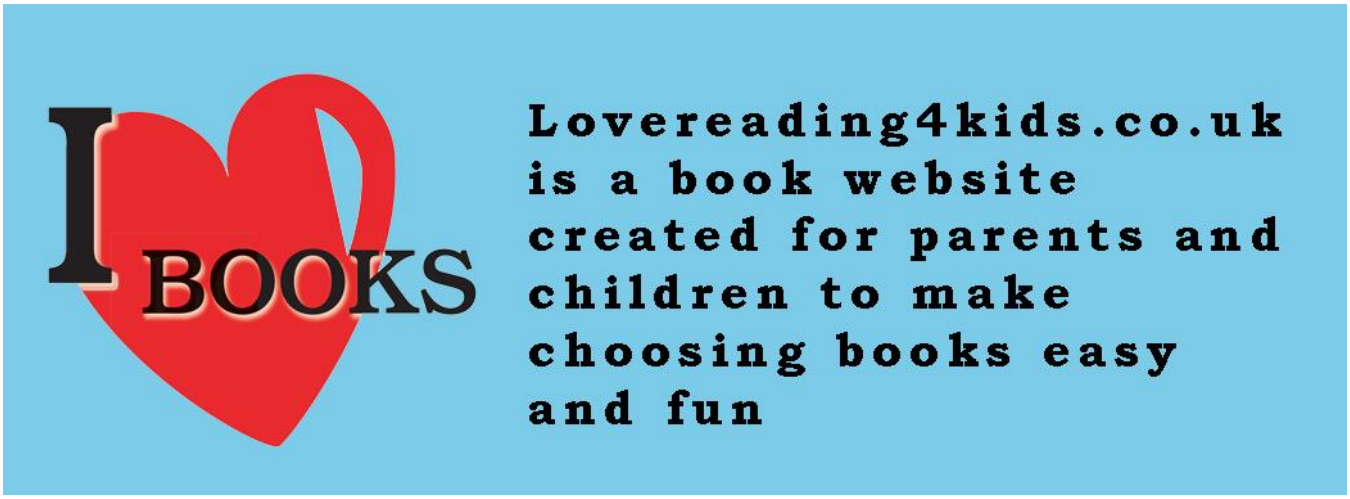


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Rita is a librarian. She loves working at the library.



Lots of people visit every day to learn something new, research something old, or to read for fun.

Today is a very special day. The library is five years old, which means they are having a...



Lots of children have arrived for Story Time, but Rita notices a boy who doesn't want to come in.





"I don't like books," he tells Rita.

"Oh," says Rita. "Well, do you like parties?"

Evan nods.

"Why don't you join us? We are reading all about parties today."



"Does anyone else like parties?" she asks. "YES!" they all shout, and Rita laughs.

"Surprise!" Rita shouts.

Everybody sings:

"Happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday to you!



Happy birthday
dear library!

Happy birthday to you!"

"Can you help me blow
the candles out?" says Rita.

With a big puff, they blow all the
candles out, just like the characters
in the books they read earlier.

Evan loves the book! He's learnt a lot, especially about rockets and satellites going around the Earth.

"Wow!" says Evan, turning the pages.



"This is amazing!"

"I'm going to find you some more books about space," says Rita.



"Thank you," says Evan.

Next steps

- Did the children know what a librarian was before they read this book? Do they know any librarians? Discuss what a librarian does.
- In the story, Evan said he didn't like books. But in the end, he discovered some that he loved. What made him like books? Have the children ever thought they didn't like something, and then found out they did after all?
- Evan liked the books about space best. What books do the children like best? Do they have a favourite author, illustrator or character? What is their favourite book at the moment?
- In the story, the library had a party that Rita organized as a surprise. Ask the children if they like surprises. What's the best surprise they can think of?
- Libraries contain books on almost anything you can think of. As a game, ask the children to suggest some things they'd like to make a book about, and then make up titles for these books. Then, as a follow-up activity, help the children to make the books.

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