Activity Kit

“[A]n inclusive volume that celebrates the bookstore as a cozy, comfortable—and crucial—corner of community.”

—Publishers Weekly
DREAM BIG, DEAR READERS, WHEREVER YOU ARE

Part lullaby, part love song, Good Night Little Bookstore gives a nod to its classic predecessor as it champions the vibrant independent spirit of local bookstores. Host a fun storytime in your bookstore or library using the ideas and materials in this kit!

STORYTIME IDEAS

- Invite young children to come in their pajamas for a very special storytime held any time of day. Favorite snuggly stuffed animals are welcome!

- Use the handouts in this kit to keep the children occupied as the group gathers, or as fun take-home activities at the end of storytime.

- Ask participants to name their favorite bedtime stories. Which books do they ask for again and again?

- Play a version of Duck-Duck-Goose called Asleep-Asleep-Awake. Have the children sit on the floor in a circle. One child goes around the circle, gently tapping each head or shoulder saying “Asleep,” until she surprises one child by declaring “Awake!” The “Awake” child chases the tapper as they run around the circle to the vacated space.

- Have the group offer their best snoring sounds. Who is the loudest? The most unusual? The silliest?

- It’s time for a bedtime story! Invite the children to pantomime brushing their teeth, doing a big stretch, and a powerful yawn before snuggling down with their stuffed animals for a reading of Good Night Little Bookstore!
GOOD NIGHT, PICTURE BOOKS, FACE-OUT IN ROWS

What's your favorite book? Draw it below!
GOOD NIGHT, MYSTERIES
AND COMICS GALORE

When the streetlights come on, it’s time to settle down with a good book!
Circle all the people reading. Can you count them?

I count ____________ readers.
This bookstore cat is called ________________________________.
GOOD NIGHT, DOOR SIGN: CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT

Let’s play bookstore! Make an open and closed sign for your pretend store.

Cut out the sign and fold. Tape sides and bottom edge together. Punch holes where indicated and attach yarn or string to hang your sign on a doorknob or desk.

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