Story Time: "Library Lion"

Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to understand and interact with books and text.

Materials Needed:

- The book "Library Lion" by Michelle Knudsen and Kevin Hawkes (<u>Available online</u> at Storyline Online if you don't have a copy of the book available.)
- Optional Index cards

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

Directions:

Step 1: Read the story "Library Lion" or watch a video version at the link above. Talk about the story with your child. Why did the lion love the library so much? How did he feel when he couldn't go in the library anymore?

Step 2: Draw a picture or write a story about the Library Lion. What kind of animal would you like to see at story time? What would your library rules be?

Step 3: Encourage your child to be a pretend librarian. Most public libraries aren't open right now, but you can have a library at home. Gather a few books and pillows. Maybe you'll add a stuffed animal or two. Let your child retell or read favorite stories to the stuffed animals.

Extension: Use index cards to make pretend library cards for your library. Older children can read and record stories for younger children. Perhaps grandparents can record themselves reading stories, as well.

(*Note - Internet resources suggested only for use with adult permission & supervision.)

