

*(Performed by Sarah Batchelder & Becca Bommersbach with library puppets at Wright Elementary School, Tucson, AZ in May 2018 as a part of promoting the library's Summer Reading Program. Written by Sarah Batchelder.)*

A snake took a slide in the month of May.

He met a T-rex along the way.

"Where are you going my slithery friend?"

"Hisssss. I'm going to the library around the bend."

"Why are you going? Is there something to stomp?"

I need some excitement and something to chomp!"

"I'm sssssorry to hear that your ssstomach feels hollow.

Mine does too. But don't worry, just follow.

In a couple more blocks we'll arrive at the door

And get out of the shimmering heat once more.

The people who work here are really quite nice,

Even if they never have my favorite snack – mice."

"Mice? Really? That's foul! Ick!

I don't think I'm picky. But mice – that's sick."

"Well you don't have to worry – like I already said,

The people are nice and they'll make sure you're fed.

We'll have a quick snack and then we will see

All the things you can do there with me."

"Really? Like what? Can we jump up and down?

Sing really loud? Or spin round and round?"

"You know that we can't. Unless... I confess,

What day is today? Maybe, there's instant recess...

If that is the case, then you just never know...

I might have to learn how to launch balls of snow.

They have these fake snowballs for throwing inside.

But I'm a snake with no arms, so I usually hide."

Well I don't know what day it is.

And school's out for summer – so don't give me a quiz.

I'll follow you to the library, sure!

Fun stuff & food – I see the allure.

But what if I lost my library card? Or even worse yet, a dvd?

Will the library send the police after me?"

"You silly old T-rex, they wouldn't even try,

They don't want to see a dinosaur cry.

They'll ask you some questions and get you all set.

So you can play games on the computer, you bet!

And if you have fines, it's not ALL misery and woes,

Take it from me, I know how it goes.

My mom used my card and lost lots of books.

But the staff are all nice; there's no funny looks.

Just get a new card – pick out a new style.

And then you'll see – there's no reason not to smile...