Curious George: Librarian For a Day

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Book Review

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Like many of the Curious George programs on PBS-TV as well as the different books, the reader is taken on a journey with a small, child-like, monkey named George, as he goes on yet another curious adventure. In Librarian For a Day, the librarian, Mrs. Dewey leaves George in charge. George finds himself in quite the dilemma, as he has never organized books appropriately for a library before. He makes attempts to organize them by color, then by size. He finally receives help and realizes that the books are alphabetized by classification, and is able to finish fixing the books before the librarian comes back.

This story is appropriate for young readers from preschool through 2nd grade. It provides readers with knowledge about libraries, tools for organizing, as well as patience when learning new skills. The artwork used for the Curious George series pairs with the animated TV series, which offers the use of vibrant colors and realistic settings that keep young readers engaged. Librarians may find this book useful in introducing the concept of library organization and how young readers can use the library to find all sorts of wonderful books.