

# Animal Explorers Trail

Welcome,  
Animal  
Adventurer!



Get ready for a wild adventure through the State Library! As you wander into the playful world of *Monkey Business – It's a Barrel of Fun!*, you'll discover animals, stories, surprises, and fun activities around every corner.

Follow the trail, explore the spaces, and enjoy your journey. You're sure to have a whale of a time!

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## The Story Place Gallery

Explore the exhibition. Look out for the playful activities in each area:

- ★ Match the bird to its flock
- ★ Strike your best monkey pose for a photo
- ★ Share a time you felt like a scaredy cat
- ★ Dream big in the time where pigs might fly!

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## The Story Place Children's Library



### Find Your Favourite Animal

Think of your favourite animal. Can you spot a picture book with that animal on the cover?

Maybe you'll even find a book whose artwork also appears in the exhibition!



### Scurry Like a Squirrel

Scurry to the other end of The Story Place to find a real life animal book (nonfiction).

How do you know it's nonfiction?

Can you find a fun fact about your animal?



### Tip-Toe Like a Mouse

Tiptoe quietly to a cosy reading spot.

Sit down with your animal book and see if you can find:

- ★ The cover page
- ★ The author
- ★ The illustrator

What was your favourite part? Do you have a favourite animal book at home?



### Spin a Story

While you're nearby, try the story wheels.

Spin to make a silly or surprising story, and don't forget to add an animal character.

Tell it out loud or write a story using your ideas when you get home.

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## Level One Community Languages Collection

Say It in Another Language!

Take the elevator to Level One and explore the Community Languages Collection.

Can you discover how to say:

"Kangaroo" in Noongar?

"Cat" in French?

"Dog" in German?

While you're here, find a language game to play with a friend.

Languages are fun! Even more fun when you practise together!

## Creature Catchphrases

Draw a line to match each artwork you see with the animal idiom it represents and its meaning.

Artwork

Animal idiom

Meaning



When pigs fly.

Friends who are very alike.



The elephant in the room.

Something that will never happen.



Scaredy cat.

To be a little bit cheeky or silly.



Birds of a feather flock together.

Someone who gets easily scared.



Monkey business.

A big problem everyone sees but no one talks about.

### While in the exhibition

Can you find another example of an animal idiom hidden in the exhibition?

## Back at school

Name two animal idioms and draw pictures to illustrate their meanings.

Idiom 1.

Idiom 2.

**Monkey Business**  
It's a barrel of fun!



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