



Editor's Note

By Sharon Verbeten

I love the strong image of the two boys on our cover; they're clearly enjoying what they're doing. It truly embraces the spirit of

Children and Libraries.

Whenever possible, I like to feature a photo of a child on our cover, and I'd love to feature the kids in your library doing what makes libraries so special—reading, writing, singing, creating, playing, sharing...

We rely on submissions from our readers, so I encourage all of you to send in photos from your events or just a quick pic snapped during any day at the library. Every image can tell that story, if executed well.

Here are some tips for taking great photos for possible publication.

- **Get set.** Set your camera to take high-resolution (at least 300 dpi) photos. Almost any decent digital camera, purchased in the last few years, can achieve this. Set your camera on the setting to take the FEWEST pictures; that way, they will be the highest resolution.
- **Be selective.** Don't try to take a pic of the entire event; single out one or two kids doing something interesting and focus your photo on them.
- **Be creative.** Think of ways photos could show off your library's clever displays, visiting costumed characters, wacky storytime antics, or creative technology programs.
- **Enlist help.** We know you're busy, so enlist the help of a colleague or volunteer, who can both take the photos and secure the identifications and permissions.
- **Be proud!** When you take great photos of your events, post them on your library's Facebook page or blog or email a copy to the child's parent. Don't just let them languish in your camera; put them to good use!
- **Get permissions.** *Children and Libraries* requires a consent form signed by a child's parent or legal guardian to publish photos. We can use your library's form or our own, but it must allow us to use the photo in publication. ☺

Curious George enjoys a supersized pizza at a storytime at Brown County Library in Green Bay, Wis.

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