

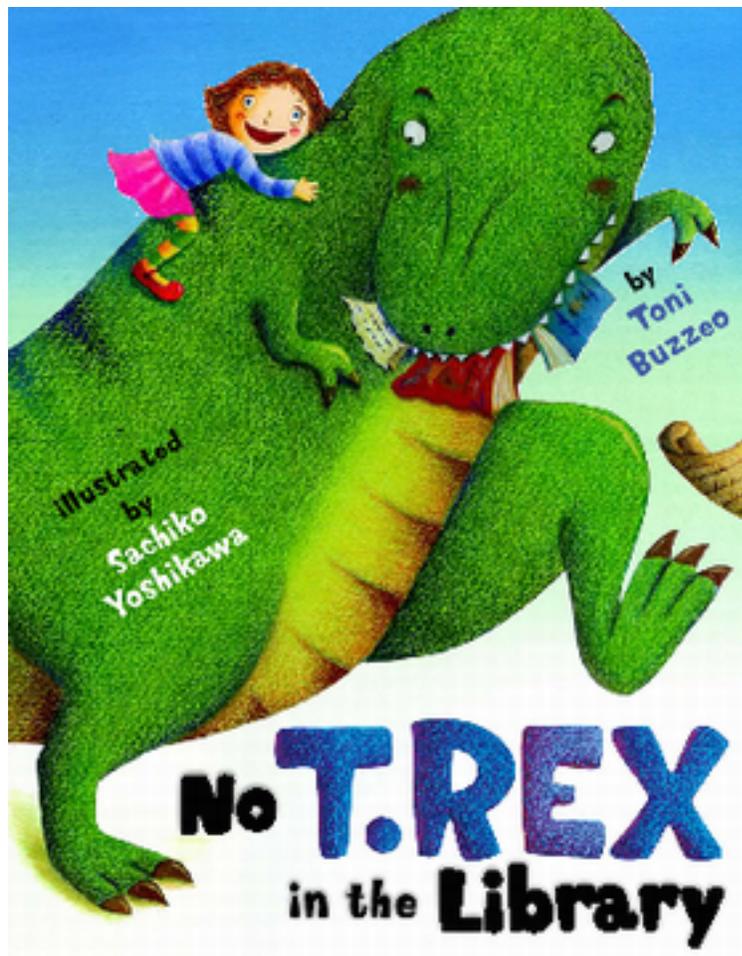
No T. Rex in the Library

by Toni Buzzeo

Read the book aloud to children first, so that they can enjoy the illustrations and become familiar with the story. Then, hand out a set of photocopied scripts to six students. Ask the remaining children to be the audience. If you have plenty of time set aside, allow students to practice their parts individually or as a group until they are reading fluently. If time is limited, have performers face the audience and simply read their parts on the first run-through. Once all readers are comfortable with their parts, have a second reading with the opportunity to use props while reading.

Roles

- Tess
- Mommy
- T. Rex
- Pirate
- Narrator One
- Narrator Two
- Narrator Three



Adapted from the book *No T. Rex in the Library* by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2010.

No T. Rex in the Library Script

Narrator One: It's Tuesday morning in the library.

Tess: **ROAR!**

Narrator Two: Tess is out of control.

Mommy: (shout) **TIME OUT!** No beastie behavior in the library.

Narrator Three: Tess snarls. She snorts.

Mommy: Just ten quiet minutes, Little Beastie. And then I'll be back for you.

Narrator One: **BAM!** Books tumble, topple, flop open on the floor.

Tess: Ooops! The books . . .

T Rex: **ROAR!**

Narrator Two: Tess gasps and grins. She grips a claw.

Narrator Three: And then . . .

Narrator One: T. Rex zips through the children's room.

Narrator Two: Tess bumps along on his back.

Tess: (cheer) **Yee-haw!**

Narrator Three: Readers scatter in the wild clatter of the history books tumbling down.

Tess: (shout) Watch out! The books . . .

Narrator One: Now knights in gleaming armor lay siege.

Narrator Two: They hoist their flags and wheel their steeds.

Tess: (shout) Charge on!

Narrator Three: T Rex tilts and whirls through the door.

Tess: (shout) Wait! The books . . .

Narrator One: Water spills as the story pit fills with fish and aquarium treasures.

Narrator Two: Orcas spout high.

Narrator Three: Swordfish, jellies, and squid reel by the knights doing synchronized swimming.

Narrator One: T. Rex cannonballs through them all...

Narrator Two: . . . and bubbles up clutching the treasure.

Narrator Three: A swashbuckling pirate surfaces nearby.

Narrator One: He brandishes a hook for a hand.

Pirate: **Arrr!** Return me booty, scurvy dog.

Narrator Two: T. Rex escapes through the Wild West display.

Narrator Three: He stomps past books on the floor.

Tess: (cry) Be careful! The books . . .

Narrator One: A posse of cowboys gallops up off the pages, their lassos atwirl overhead.

Narrator Two: T. Rex reels through sagebrush and books.

Narrator Three: Cattle stampede at his heels.

Tess: (plead) Take care! The books . . .”

Narrator One: T. Rex thrashes and trashes the shelves.

Narrator Two: Grabbing masses and mounds and mountains of books, he builds an escape to the stars.

Narrator Three: From M to Mars—

Tess: (whisper) *Please don't.*

Narrator One: From J to Jupiter—

Tess: (exclaim) *No! No!*

Narrator Two: From S to Saturn—

Tess: (beg) *Please stop. They're ripping!*

Narrator Three: And on to. . .

**Narrators One,
Two, and Three:** RIIIIIIIP!

Tess: (shout) **TIME OUT!**

T. Rex: **ROAR!**

Tess: (growl) You're out of control! No beastie behavior with my library books.

Narrator One: T. Rex fidgets.

Narrator Two: He fusses.

Narrator Three: He flings out his tail.

Narrator One: **BAM!** Books tumble, topple, flop open on the floor.

T. Rex: Roar?

Narrator Two: Tess pushes and pokes him.

Narrator Three: She presses him into his book.

Tess: Just ten quiet minutes, Little Beastie. And then, I'll be back for you . . .