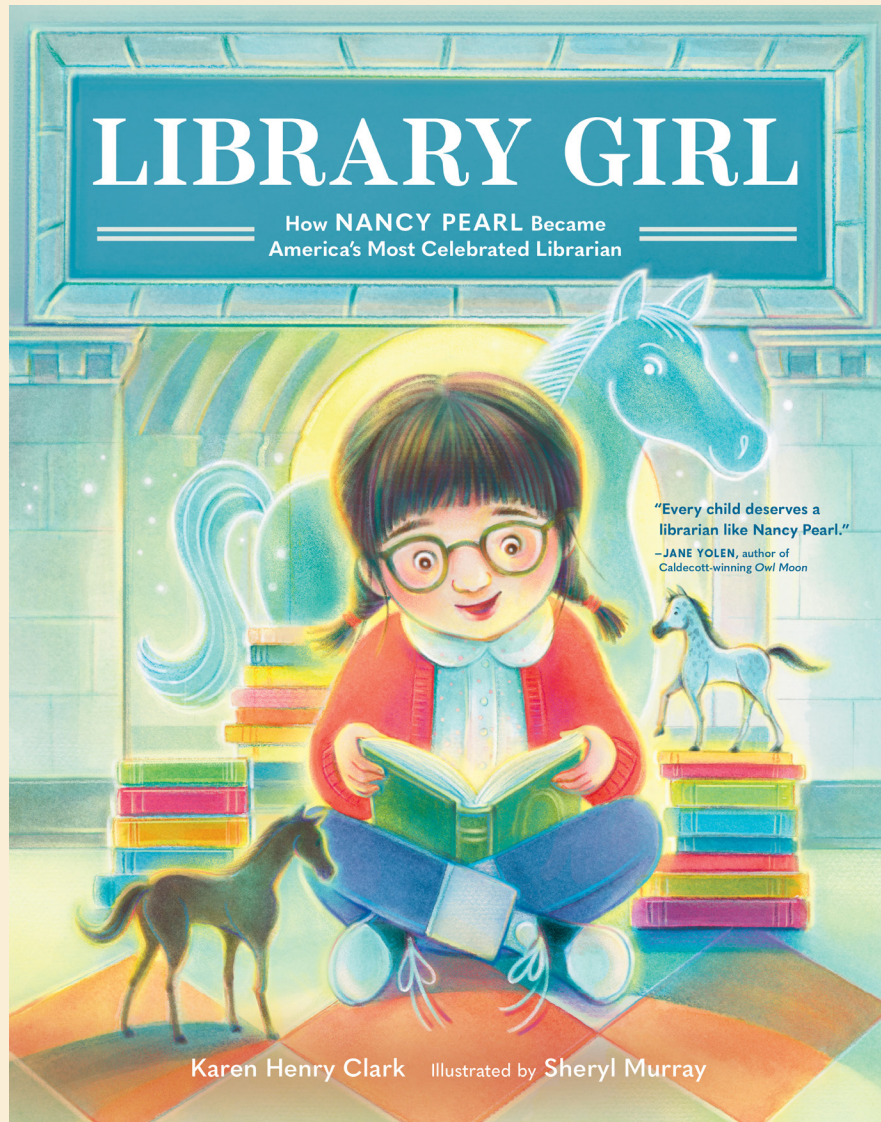


# EDUCATOR'S GUIDE



## LIBRARY GIRL

How Nancy Pearl Became America's Most Celebrated Librarian

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# GET MORE OUT OF THIS BOOK

## GROUP DISCUSSION

### Comprehension

- **Strategy: Key Details**  
Think of 2 key details each from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
- **Strategy: Cause and Effect**  
Think about events in the story that caused other events to happen. Discuss using the sentence stem: “When \_\_\_ then \_\_\_.” or “\_\_\_ caused \_\_\_ to happen.”
- **Strategy: Theme**  
Think of 4 to 6 details in the story that support the theme of: “It’s good to try hard things—even when you don’t feel brave at first.”

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

The mind is a powerful tool. Talk about the benefits of having an active imagination.

- **Ask:** “How can people use their imagination to escape hard experiences that caused them to have feelings like fear, joy, sadness, anxiety, or depression?”
- **Ask:** “Have you ever read about something you’d like to do or be when you grow up?”
- **Ask:** “How can you support someone who is afraid?” “What are some things you can say to them?”
- **Ask:** “What topic(s) would you like to learn more about in a library book?”

## INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

- **Think** about your own connections to favorite stories, people, things, or topics. How do these things support or encourage you? Draw or paint a portrait of yourself in color against a blue background. Add images of thoughts that make you happy or give you comfort and encouragement in white to give the effect of a window into your thoughts. (See the illustrations on the last page in the book.) Add words that describe your thoughts such as: be brave, adventure ahead, show kindness, be helpful, be strong, listen, love, be happy, find joy, be silly, try again, or work hard.
- **Write** a letter to your librarian at school or one in your community and thank them for something they’ve taught you or helped you with. Ask them a question.
- **Create** a community-helper poster celebrating or showing appreciation for what community helpers do in your neighborhood. The poster could include: nurses, doctors, veterinarians, firefighters, police officers, counselors, librarians, teachers, bus drivers, dentists, store clerks, or anyone else who helps make your community a safe place. With permission, post it in a coffee shop, school, hospital, or library.