



SIX ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CILIP CARNEGIE AND KATE GREENAWAY MEDALS

Activity 4: Leader of the Pack

Choose your favourite books from the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Archive to make your own pack of book cards with your family or friends – and then play some fun games.

You will need:

- a pack of playing cards, or some stiff card
- plain paper
- glue
- felt tips or coloured pencils

First of all, make your book cards. If you are using playing cards, just cut the paper to cover the cards. There are 52 cards in a pack, but if you want to do it with fewer cards, you can play with 26 cards (if there are only two of you playing).

If you're not using a pack of cards, cut your stiff card into 26 or 52 card shapes. Each card should be 6.5cm x 9cm (make sure they're all the same size!).

Now you can get creative! Choose your 13 favourite book jackets and draw them onto the paper. Draw each jacket four times if you're

making 52 cards (or twice if you're making 26 cards). It's much quicker if you do this with your friends! Now stick the illustrations onto the cards, or onto the stiff card.

Once you've finished you'll have your very own pack of book cards.

Now the games can begin! You can play snap with the cards by dealing them out and taking turns to turn them over. When two identical cards are shown, the first person to shout 'book snap!' takes all the cards. When one player has won all the cards, she or he is the winner.

You can also make the game more fun by talking about the plot

or naming characters before the player picks up the cards. If you can't find anything to say, or if you can't name a character from the book, you're not allowed to pick up the cards, and the game continues!


The cards can also be used to play pairs. Lay the cards out in a grid pattern (13 × 4 if you have 52 cards or 13 × 2 if you're playing with 26 cards) and



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take it in turns to turn two cards over. When you find a matching pair, you keep them and take another turn. The person who finds the most pairs is the winner.

"There are chance events. There are coincidences, and something people call luck. And there are happenings so perfect that they get called miracles."

Extract from Tamar by Mal Peet, CILIP Carnegie Medal winner, 2005



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