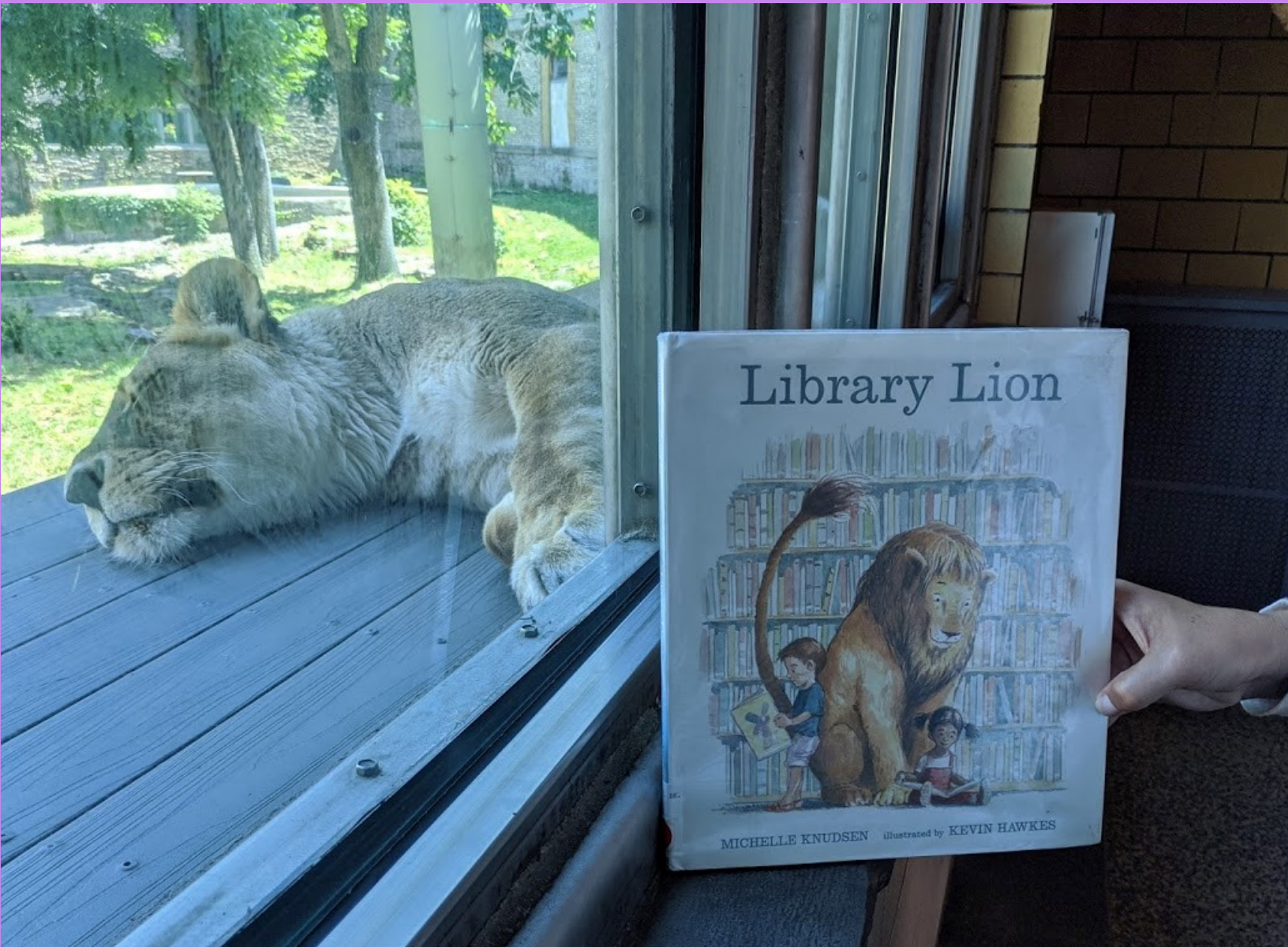


READING FOR FUTURE ZOOKEEPERS



National Zookeeper Week focuses on the profession of zookeepers who care for animals in zoos and educate the public about wildlife conservation. From July 19-25, 2020 the Buffalo and Erie County Library's *Library on Wheels* Bookmobile and the Buffalo Zoo partnered up to pair library books with animals at our hometown zoo. Check out some books, meet the animals, and learn more about the work of zookeepers!





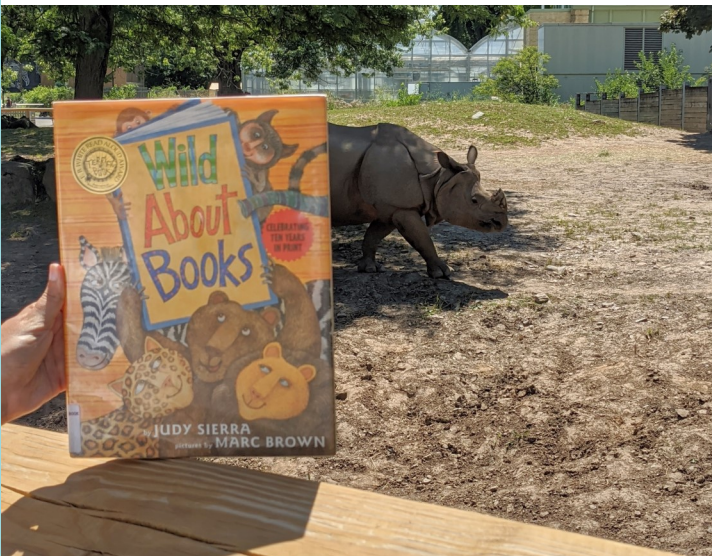
MAMMALS

(a warm-blooded animal with a backbone that feeds its young with milk produced by the mother and has skin usually covered with hair.)

PICTURE BOOKS

- *Polar Bear Night* by Lauren Thompson
- *Lion Lion* by Miriam Busch
- *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
- *The Seals on the Bus* by Lenny Hort
- *Wild about Books* by Judy Sierra
- *How to be an Elephant* by Katherine Roy

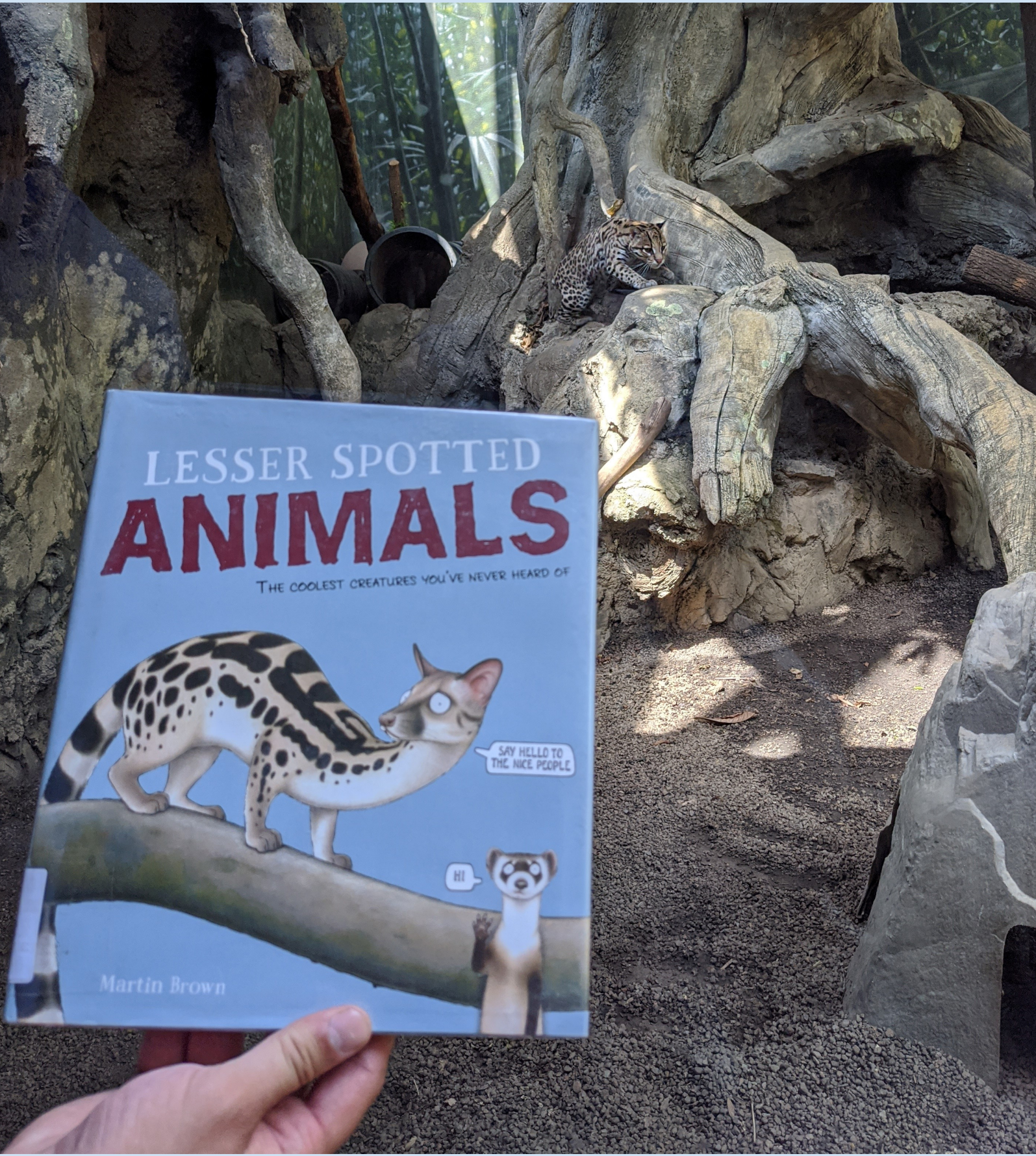
Becoming a zookeeper starts with a passion for animals. Zookeepers recommend becoming involved in learning about animals any way you can. Read some books, watch a documentary and volunteer at your local SPCA or wildlife center.



CHAPTER BOOKS

- *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Lions at Lunchtime* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Brambleheart* by Henry Cole
- *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton
- *Return to the Hundred Acre Wood* by David Benedictus
- *Yours Sincerely, Giraffe* by Megumi Iwasa

One of the joys of working with wildlife is the diversity! There are so many different animals to study and care for from the well known species such as gorillas and sea lions, to the lesser spotted ones like the ocelot. **Can you find the ocelot hiding in the picture?** (Pictured: *Lesser Spotted Animals* by Martin Brown)



REPTILES

(a cold-blooded animal that breathes air and usually has skin covered with scales or bony plates.)

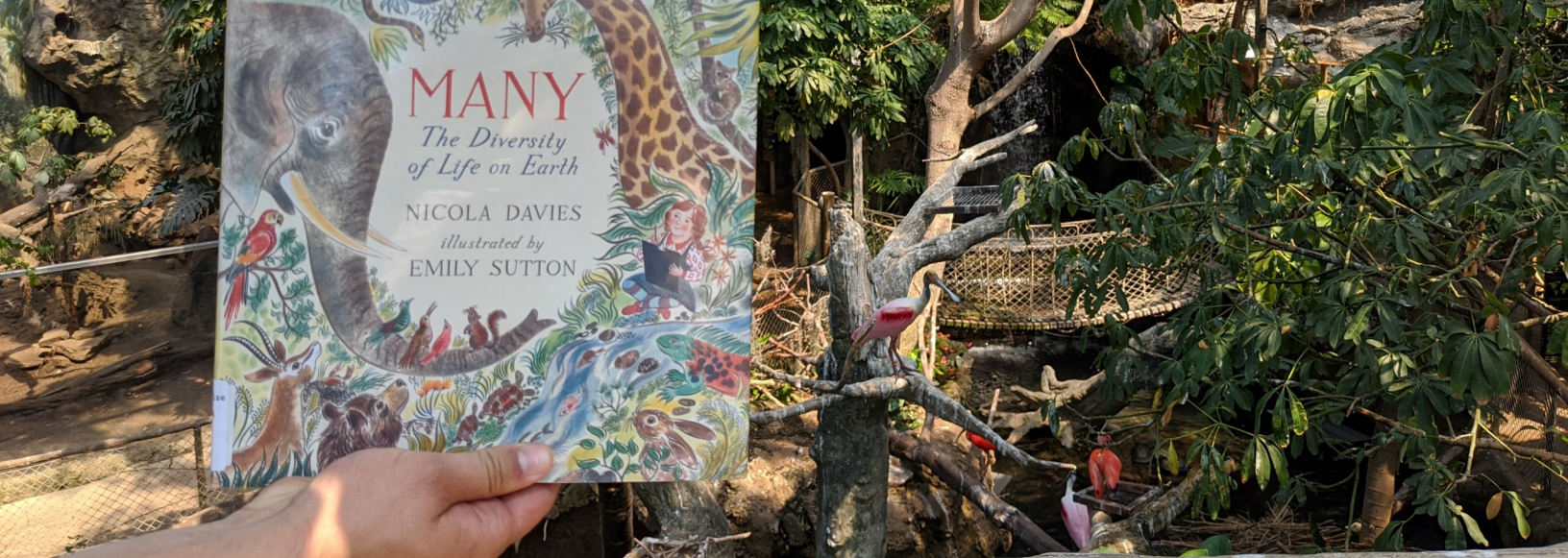
PICTURE BOOKS:

- *Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to be in This Book)* by Julie Falatko
- *Turtle Tug to the Rescue* by Michael Slack
- *Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Library* by Julie Gassman
- *Apex Predators* by Steve Jenkins\
- *Nate the Great and the Missing Birthday Snake* by Andrew Sharmat
- *Hidden Wildlife: How Animals Hide in Plain Sight* by Jim Arnosky
- *Trickiest! 19 Sneaky Animals* by Steve Jenkins



CHAPTER BOOKS:

- *Squirm* by Carl Hiaasen
- *The Serpent's Secret* by Sayantani Dasgupta
- *An Anthology of Intriguing Animals* by Ben Hoare
- *Afternoon in the Amazon* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Mythical Beasts and Magical Monsters*
- *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett



BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

Many wild animals are seeing a decrease in population due to habitat loss, poaching, climate change, exotic pet trade, and other dangers. The loss of these species would not only impact the animal world, but would have a negative effect on the environment and human populations. Zoos offer a safe place for vulnerable species and allow the public to become connected to and educated about vulnerable wildlife.



PICTURE BOOKS:

- *Many* by Nicola Davies
- *Green Planet* by Moira Butterfield
- *Extinct* by Lucas Riera
- *Rotten!* by Anita Sanchez
- *Different? Same!* by Heather Tekavec
- *The Family of Earth* by Schim Schimmel

CHAPTER BOOKS:

- *Gorilla Dawn* by Gill Lewis
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *On the Origin of Species: Young Readers Edition* by Charles Darwin (adapted by Rebecca Stefoff)
- *50 Things You Should Know About the Environment* by Jen Green
- *Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds* by Sarah Jose



No two days are alike for the zookeepers! On any given day, zookeepers must provide food and enrichment for their animals, clean enclosures, provide public education and feeding programs, and even help with veterinarian procedures. Due to the amount of work and knowledge they must apply to their jobs everyday, zookeepers need to have formal education and training. Most zookeepers have a degree in science and there are even some colleges that provide animal science programs. The most important thing is to get involved any way you can! Volunteer or intern at the zoo or any animal organization and continue to learn as much as possible.



CHECK US OUT!

The Bookmobile has many more books and the Buffalo Zoo has many more animals for you to see! Be sure to check out our websites and social media to keep up to date with news, events, as well as book suggestions and animal encounters.



Library on Wheels Bookmobile

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Phone: 716-858-7157

Email: bookmobile@buffalolib.org

Instagram: [bflobookmobile](https://www.instagram.com/bflobookmobile)

About: Mobile library with community, school, and lobby stops around Erie County. Carries popular books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks.

Buffalo Zoo

Website: buffalozoo.org

Phone: 716-837-3900

Facebook and Twitter: BuffaloZoo

Instagram: [buffalo_zoo](https://www.instagram.com/buffalo_zoo)

YouTube: The Buffalo Zoo

Address: 300 Parkside Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214

About: Third oldest zoo in the U.S. with a focus on conservation efforts and education.

