

**There's a Dragon in the Library**  
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Puppet Theater Script

Note: This is a combination of a puppet and story theater script. Have children play the characters of Max's Mom, Max' Dad, Mr. Perk (head librarian), Mrs. Good (Max's teacher), and Officer Riley. At the end of the story, use the accordion dragon puppet to portray the monstrous dragon. You can opt to have a boy play Max. You can also have more than one storyteller if you wish, to spread the load of the narration.

**Characters:**

Storyteller  
 Max  
 Dragon Hatching  
 Max's Mom  
 Baby Dragon  
 Max's Dad  
 Medium Dragon  
 Mr. Perk  
 Grown Dragon  
 Mrs. Good  
 Officer Riley  
 Monstrous Dragon (accordion dragon puppet)

**STORYTELLER:** Max loved story time at the library with Miss Donna, the children's librarian. After story time, Max spotted a large speckled egg on the bottom shelf of Miss Donna's bookcase. He moved closer to sneak a better look when the egg began to shake and then...

**DRAGON HATCHING:** [Shake puppet then say:] CRACK!

STORYTELLER: Right in front of Max's eyes, hatched a small dragon! Max ran out of the children's section to find his mom.

MAX: Mom! There's a dragon in the library, speckled and green. He's a hungry thing! He's an eating machine!

MAX'S MOM: [Hold finger up to lip and say:] Shhh. Max, you are so funny. Miss Donna must have had a really good story time.

MAX: There really IS a dragon in the library!

MAX'S MOM: Max, there's no dragon in the library but you have a great imagination! [Laugh.] Come on, Max, let's go.

STORYTELLER: The next week, Max visited the library again. As Max searched the shelves for a book, he spotted a wing around the corner. Max followed the wing and sure enough, he found the dragon. The dragon had grown and was eating a book!

BABY DRAGON: *The dragon opened his mouth and began to munch.  
He filled his tummy with books. Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.*  
[Make globbling sounds.]

STORYTELLER: Max ran out of the children's section to find his Dad.

MAX: Dad! There's a dragon in the library, speckled and green. He's a hungry thing! He's an eating machine!

MAX'S DAD: Shhh. Max, you're right. There is a dragon in the library. Books are filled with dragons of all kinds.

MAX: But Dad, there really IS a dragon in the library!

MAX'S DAD: Max, there's no dragon in the library but you have a great imagination! [Laugh.] Come on, Max, let's go.

STORYTELLER: The following week, Max visited the library again. Sure enough, he caught the dragon hiding behind a beanbag in the children's section. The dragon, which had grown, nibbled on the book, *Where the Wild Things Are*.

MEDIUM DRAGON: *The dragon opened his mouth and began to munch. He filled his tummy with books. Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.*  
[Make gobbling sounds.]

STORYTELLER: Max ran out of the children's section to find the head librarian.

MAX: Mr. Perk! There's a dragon in the library, speckled and green. He's a hungry thing! He's an eating machine!

MR. PERK: Shhh, Max. Really? Can you show me?

STORYTELLER: Max led Mr. Perk to the beanbags. There was no dragon but there was evidence! *Where the Wild Things Are* was chewed at the corner.

MAX: See, Mr. Perk? The dragon was nibbling on that book.

MR. PERK: Max, I think a baby, not a dragon, chewed on the corner of this book. It happens more often than I care to think about.

MAX: But Mr. Perk, there really IS a dragon in the library!

MR. PERK: Max, there's no dragon in the library but you have a great imagination! [Laugh.] Come on, Max, let's go.

STORYTELLER: The following week, Max visited the library with his class. He ran straight to the children's section to find the dragon. The dragon had grown to a monstrous size and his head nearly touched the ceiling. The dragon munched on a fairytale mobile. Then he grabbed another book and began gobbling.

GROWN DRAGON: *The dragon opened his mouth and began to munch.  
He filled his tummy with books. Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.*  
[Make gobbling sounds.]

MAX: You eat like a pig! You're going to eat everything in here!

STORYTELLER: Max ran out of the children's section to find his teacher.

MAX: Mrs. Good! There's a dragon in the library, speckled and green.  
He's a hungry thing! He's an eating machine!

MRS. GOOD: Shhh, Max. How big is it?

MAX: Really big! [Stretch arms out.] He likes to eat books and other stuff. The other day he was eating *Where the Wild Things Are*.

MRS. GOOD: Isn't that one of your favorite books, Max?

MAX: Yes, but it's gone now.

MRS. GOOD: Max, your favorite book isn't at the library today because someone checked it out. It was not eaten by a dragon.

MAX: But, Mrs. Good, there really IS a dragon in the library!

MRS. GOOD: Max, there's no dragon in the library but you have a great imagination! [Laugh.] Come on, Max, let's go.

**STORYTELLER:** The next time Max visited the library, the dragon was so big Max could barely believe his eyes. The dragon's tail stretched from one end of the children's section to the other. The speckled dragon chewed on a copy of the dictionary.

**GROWN DRAGON:** *The dragon opened his mouth and began to munch.*  
*He filled his tummy with books. Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.*  
[Make gobbling sounds.]

**MAX:** [Say to the dragon:] Books are for reading, not for eating!

**STORYTELLER:** The dragon glanced disdainfully at Max and stuck his tongue out.

**MAX:** That's it. I am going to tell someone who will believe me! Officer Riley! There's a dragon in the library, speckled and green. He's a hungry thing! He's an eating machine!

**OFFICER RILEY:** Well maybe we should check it out. Why don't you take me to the library, Max?

**STORYTELLER:** Max and Officer Riley marched to the library. They could barely believe their eyes! Standing outside, Max's mom and dad, Miss Donna, Mr. Perk, and Mrs. Good along with the entire town, watched the spectacle in shock.

**MONSTROUS DRAGON:** [Slowly stretch out accordion puppet] BURP! [Scatter books on the ground.]

**MAX:** "There was a dragon in the library but no one believed me. Now, there's a library in the dragon!"

