

EYE SPY ANSWERS FOR THE 2013 BOOK FESTIVAL POSTER

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<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/hostyourown/poster.html>

Thanks to the Mensa® Education and Research Foundation for developing the Eye Spy activity for this year's festival poster.

1. Question: How many children do you see in the poster?

Answer: Three children are visiting the reading tree, two boys and a girl. There are two children in the tree and one on the ground leaning against a blue bear. Can you find them all? Where would you rather sit – on a branch or with a bear?



2. Question: How many books are in the deer's antlers?

Answer: This deer has nine books in his antlers. We can tell that this deer is male because only male deer have antlers. Would you like to know more about deer? You can read about them and even hear the sound they make in [this article](#).



3. Question: What is sharing a book with the ladybug?

Answer: The spider and the ladybug are politely sharing the book. [Look at this picture of another spider with a web in a tree](#). How many spots do you see on the ladybug's back? We count six!



4. Question: How many books is the elephant reading?

Answer: The elephant is reading two books at once! Can you do that? The elephant in this picture is an African Elephant (you can tell by the three toes on the hind foot). Elephants are the largest land mammal, and you can [find amazing pictures of them here](#).



5. Question: A friendly animal from Texas is balancing five books on his head. Do you know what that animal is?

Answer: That's an armadillo. The Aztecs called them a word that meant "turtle rabbits." One species of Armadillo is called the "screaming hairy armadillo." How would you like that name? Look at a [picture of one](#). If you like these fascinating creatures, you can read Lynne Cherry's book, [An Armadillo from Amarillo](#).



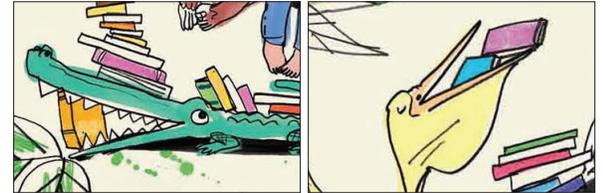
6. Question: Can you find a duck with her legs crossed?

Answer: The duck is next to the girl on the branch with the polka-dotted book. Have you read [Make Way for Ducklings](#)? There are lots of books for children about ducks, including Patricia Polacco's [Rechenka's Eggs](#), This is [NOT a Good Idea](#), and [Duck and Goose](#). Which one is your favorite?



7. Question: Can you find two animals with books in their mouths?

Answer: Both the crocodile and the pelican have books in their mouths. Whose mouth would you rather be in? Pelicans have teeth, too, along the edge of their bills, but they are mostly famous for their bills, which can hold three gallons of water! You can't always see the bill, as you can tell in [this picture of pelicans](#), but you can in [this drawing](#). What would you tell those baby turtles?



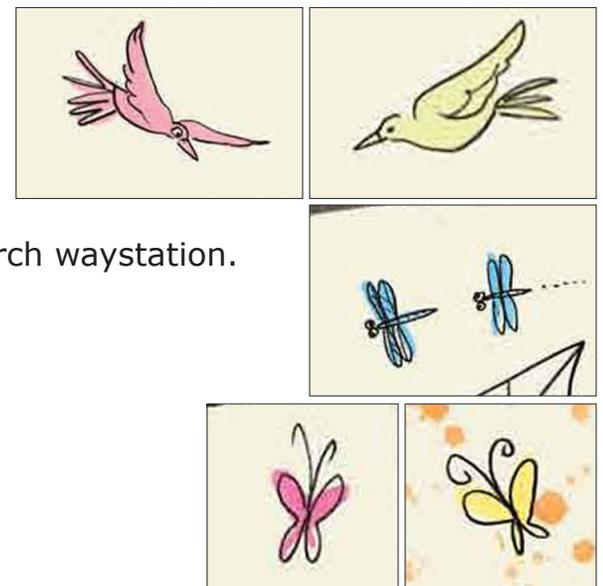
8. Question: How many books can you find with polka-dot covers?

Answer: Three of the books in the poster have polka-dot covers. One is dangling from a string next to the yellow umbrella in the upper left hand branch, one is being held by the girl reading next to the duck, and one balanced on the armadillo. Did we miss any?



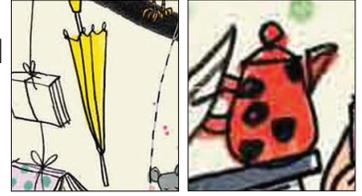
9. Question: Can you spot six things that are flying?

Answer: There are three pairs of things flying. Can you see the two birds, one pink and one white? There are also two blue dragonflies under the cheetah, and two butterflies. The butterflies are different because they aren't next to each other. You can watch a video about the migration of the Monarch butterfly [here](#) and you can find out [here](#) how to make your backyard an official Monarch waystation.



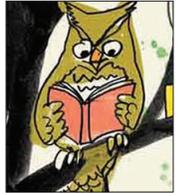
10. Question: In addition to books and animals, there are some other items in this amazing book tree. Can you find a yellow umbrella and a polka-dot tea pot?

Answer: The umbrella is hanging next to the peacock on the upper left-hand branch. The polka-dot teapot is on a stack of books next to the girl on the branch. Have you ever seen a picture of [Teapot Rock](#)? Can you see the spout? You can learn the song I'm a Little Teapot [here](#).



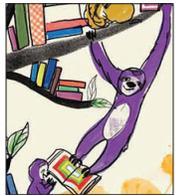
11. Question: Owls are symbols of wisdom. Can you find the owl reading in the tree?

Answer: The owl is one of the symbols of the goddess Athena, the goddess of wisdom in Greek mythology. Our owl is on the second branch from the bottom on the right, and he is quite interested in his book. Do you think he's reading D'Aulaire's [Book of Greek Myths](#)?



12. Question: Can you find the mom and baby pair sharing a book? What kind of animal do you think they are?

Answer: Did you guess lemur or monkey? They are a mom and baby sloth! Sloths have a reputation for being lazy because they are so slow, but they're very cute and interesting creatures. Read more about them [here](#) or read [A Little Book of Sloth](#).



13. Question: Three of the animals in the poster can also be found on the cover of Festival poster illustrator Suzy Lee's book "Open this Little Book." Can you find them?

Answer: The white rabbit, the ladybug, and the frog can all be found on the [cover](#). Only the brown bear is missing. Maybe he's the blue bear's relative!



14. Question: There is an orange spotted cat lying on its back. Can you find it? Even though you can't see its trademark tear lines, can you guess which kind of cat it is?

Answer: The fastest land animal in the world, the cheetah. You can [read more about cheetahs](#) and see a video of a cheetah running [here](#).



15. Question: Can you find the animal that is asleep?

Answer: The hippo is asleep under the tree. In Alice in Wonderland, Alice falls asleep under a tree while she is reading. Do you ever fall asleep while you are reading? You can [color a picture of Alice asleep under the tree](#).

