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Got A Backbone?

All of the creatures in the Learning Center have one! This spring, the vertebrates have taken over. When you enter the Learning Center, you will be surrounded by schools of colorful fish. You can find out more about the creatures in our beautiful aquariums. Next, you can view the anatomy of different birds and discover which ones only come out at night. Maybe you can even use one of the guidebooks to help identify the birds on campus or in your own backyard.

Don't forget to investigate the amphibians. Read about the life cycle of a frog or the daily life of a salamander. Have you ever seen a newt? You can find one in this section. Next, cross over to the reptiles to learn the difference between a crocodile and an alligator. You can read about snakes or observe the two live ones in the tank! Did you know that they can smell you with their tongues?

Last, there are mammals enjoying a habitat towards the back of the library. Look out for large land animals like the elephants, giraffes and rhinoceros. Have fun with your friends by choosing an animal costume and acting out their behaviors. Did you know that a whale is also a mammal? There are games, puzzles and, of course, many books to help you learn all about these animals. Come visit the Learning Center today!

Amphibians



tree frog



salamander

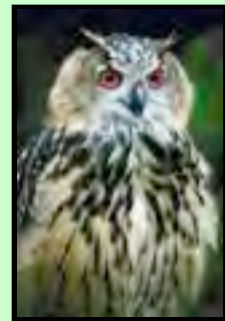
have lungs as adults, but also absorb air through the skin.
live in water and breathe through gills while young.
spend part of their lives in water, part on land.
are cold-blooded.
have moist skin and no scales.
go through a metamorphosis.

Birds



ostrich

have feathers.
have lungs and breathe air.
are warm-blooded.
hatch from eggs.
have a beak, two legs, and two wings.



owl

Fish

breathe through gills and lay eggs.
are cold-blooded.
have fins and scales.
live in water.



clownfish



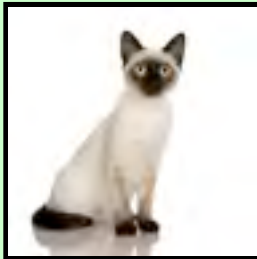
catfish

Mammals

have hair or fur on their bodies.
feed their young milk from the female's body.
have lungs and breathe air.
are warm-blooded.
give live birth.
have insulating fat, specialized teeth, lungs and large brain.



dolphin



cat



elephant



dog



hedgehog



zebra

Reptiles



alligator

have scaly skin.
are cold-blooded.
hatch from eggs.
have lungs and breath air.



turtle

Got A Backbone? Scavenger Hunt

1. Fish eggs that are eaten by people are called...



2. A baby shark or stingray is called a...

3. Why can't fish close their eyes when they sleep?



4. What color is a polar bear's skin?



5. What is a baby horse called?

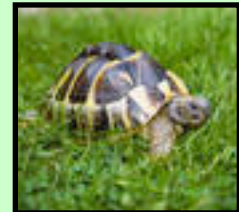
6. What land animal has the largest brain?



7. What do snakes use their tongues for?

8. How is a crocodile's snout different from an alligator's snout?

9. How many bones are in a turtle's shell?

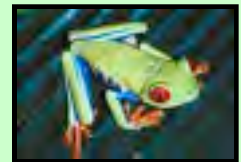


10. Why don't frogs live in the ocean?



11. How does a frog's tongue feel?

12. Why do many poisonous frogs have brightly-colored skin?



13. What is a baby owl called?



14. What is the most common bird in the world?

15. Why do farmers like to have owls around?

Amazing Books! @ your library



Classifying Living Things - Book Series

Classifying Amphibians...Richard Spilsbury

Classifying Birds...Andrew Solway

Classifying Fish...Richard Spilsbury

Classifying Mammals...Andrew Solway

Classifying Reptiles...Richard Spilsbury

Baby Animals - Book Series Written by Alice Twine

Alligators

Baby Elephants

Bears

Cats of the Wild

Ducks

Horses

Kangaroos

Kittens

Penguins

Puppies

Seals



Animals and Their Young - Book Series

Cats Have Kittens...Emily Dolbear

Chickens Have Chicks...Lynn M. Stone

Cows Have Calves...Lynn M. Stone

Dogs Have Puppies...Emily Dolbear

Horses Have Foals...Lynn M. Stone

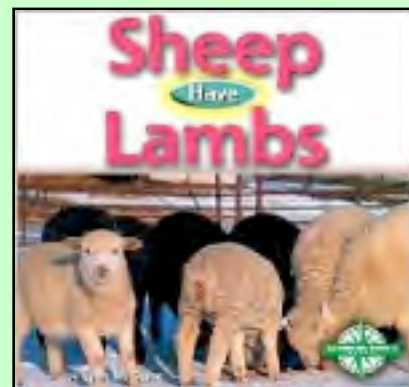
Kangaroos Have Joeys...Emily Dolbear

Pandas Have Cubs...Emily Dolbear

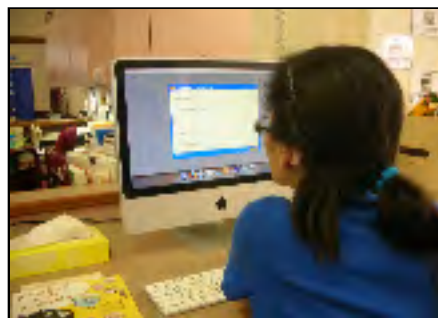
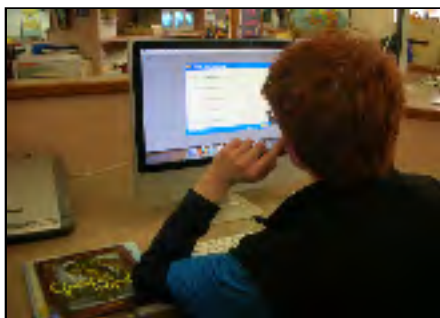
Pigs Have Piglets...Lynn M. Stone

Rabbits Have Bunnies...Lynn M. Stone

Sheep Have Lambs...Lynn M. Stone



Snapshots @ your library



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Students taking their Accelerated Reader quizzes.