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To the primary boys and girls, their teacher, and their librarian

This workbook is designed for pleasant learning about your school library. To color the pictures and to talk about them will help you learn more about what your school library can do for you.

Library is fun!

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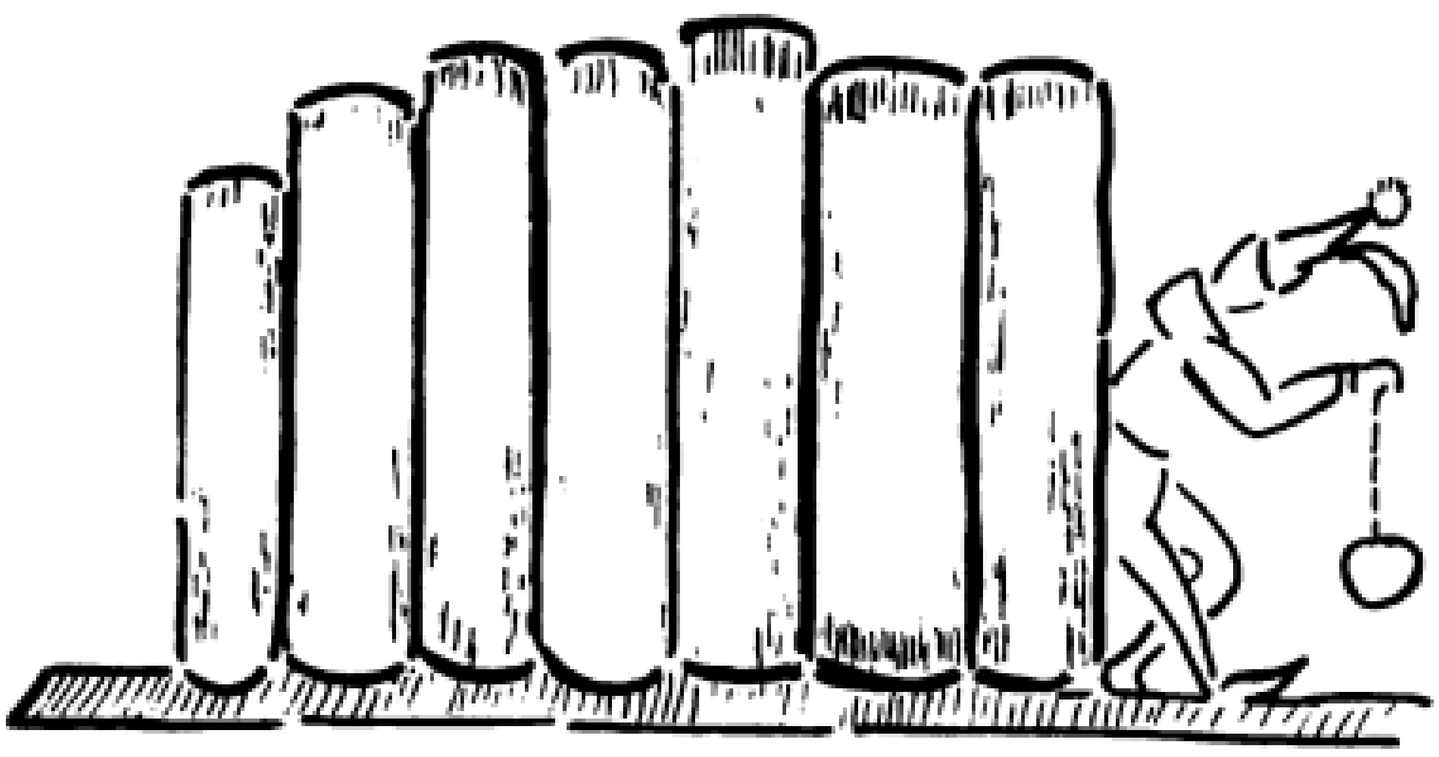
Story of Bookmark

Bookmark says "hello" to you,
He's a gay little library elf;
Please come quietly into the room,
He may be hiding on a shelf.

Bookmark knows just how to act,
He's gentle and courteous, too;
You may not always see him there,
But he's somewhere watching you.



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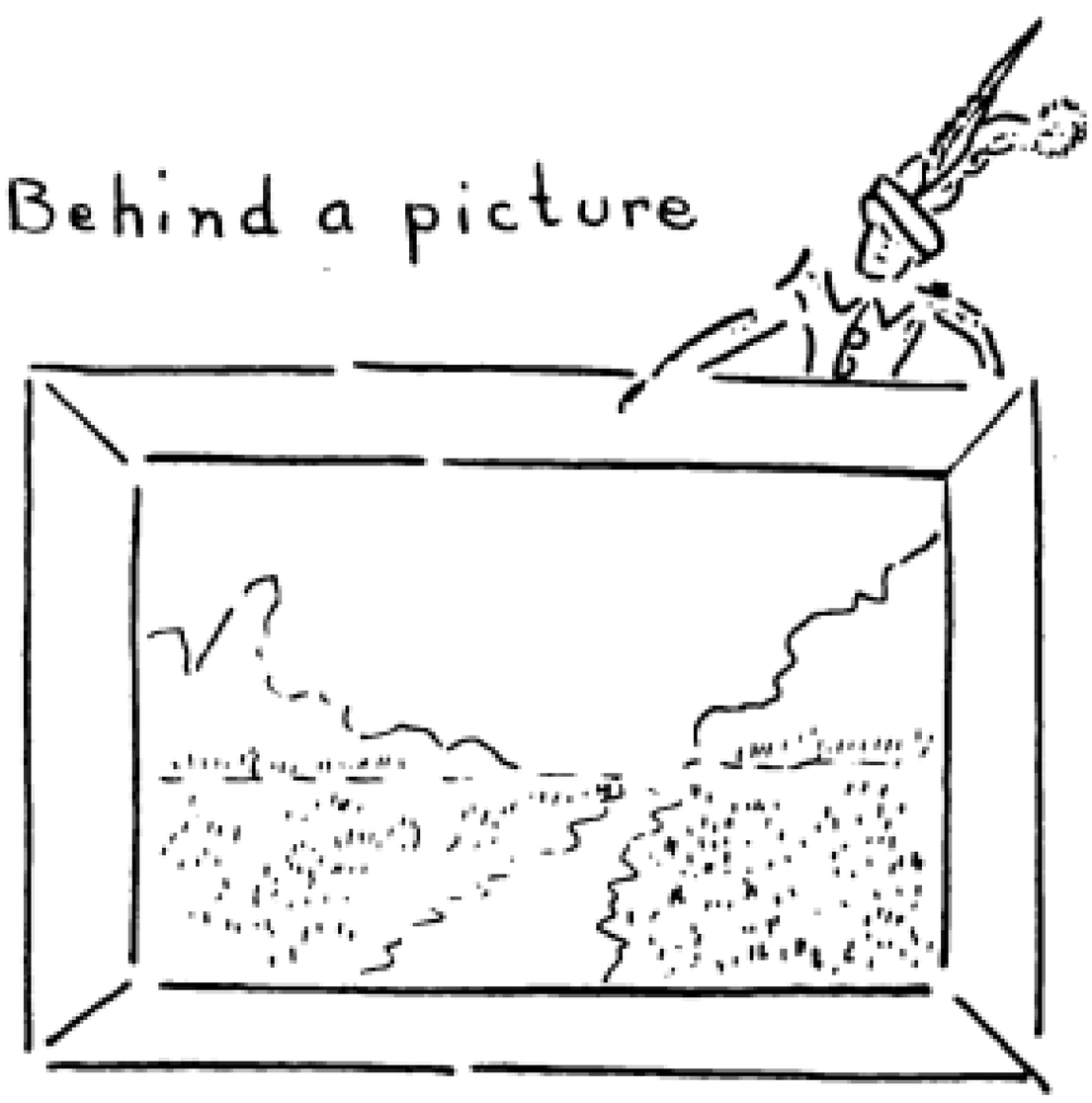

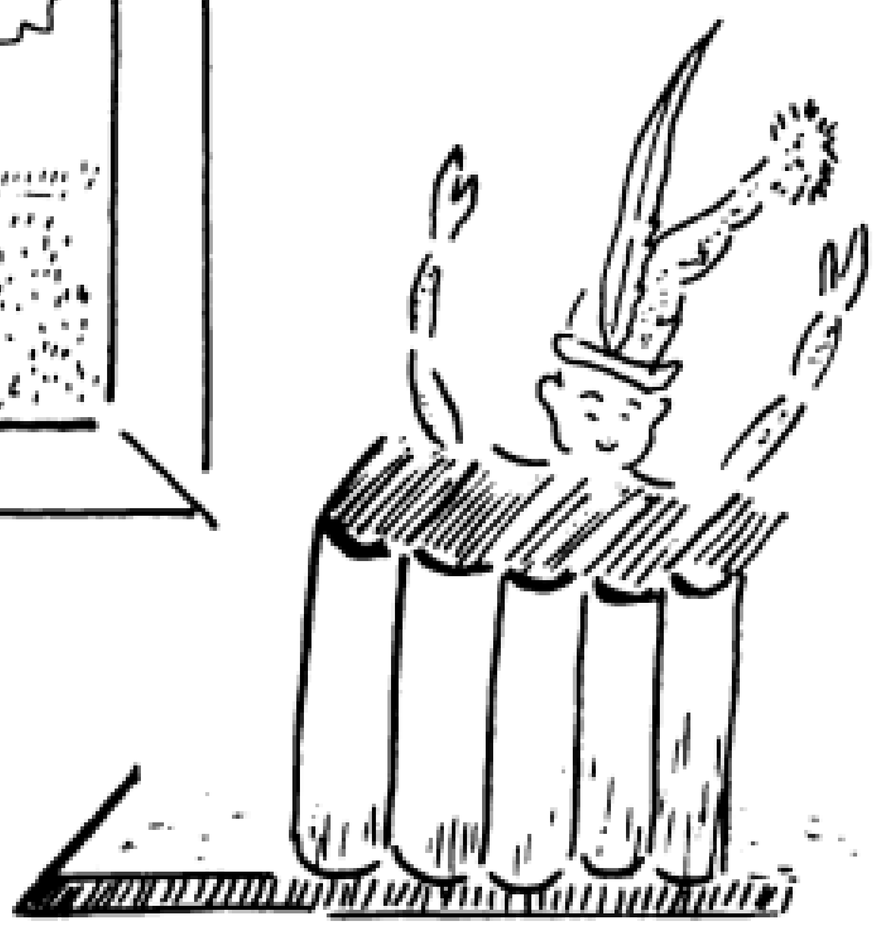
On a book shelf

On the top of a table

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Color this picture.

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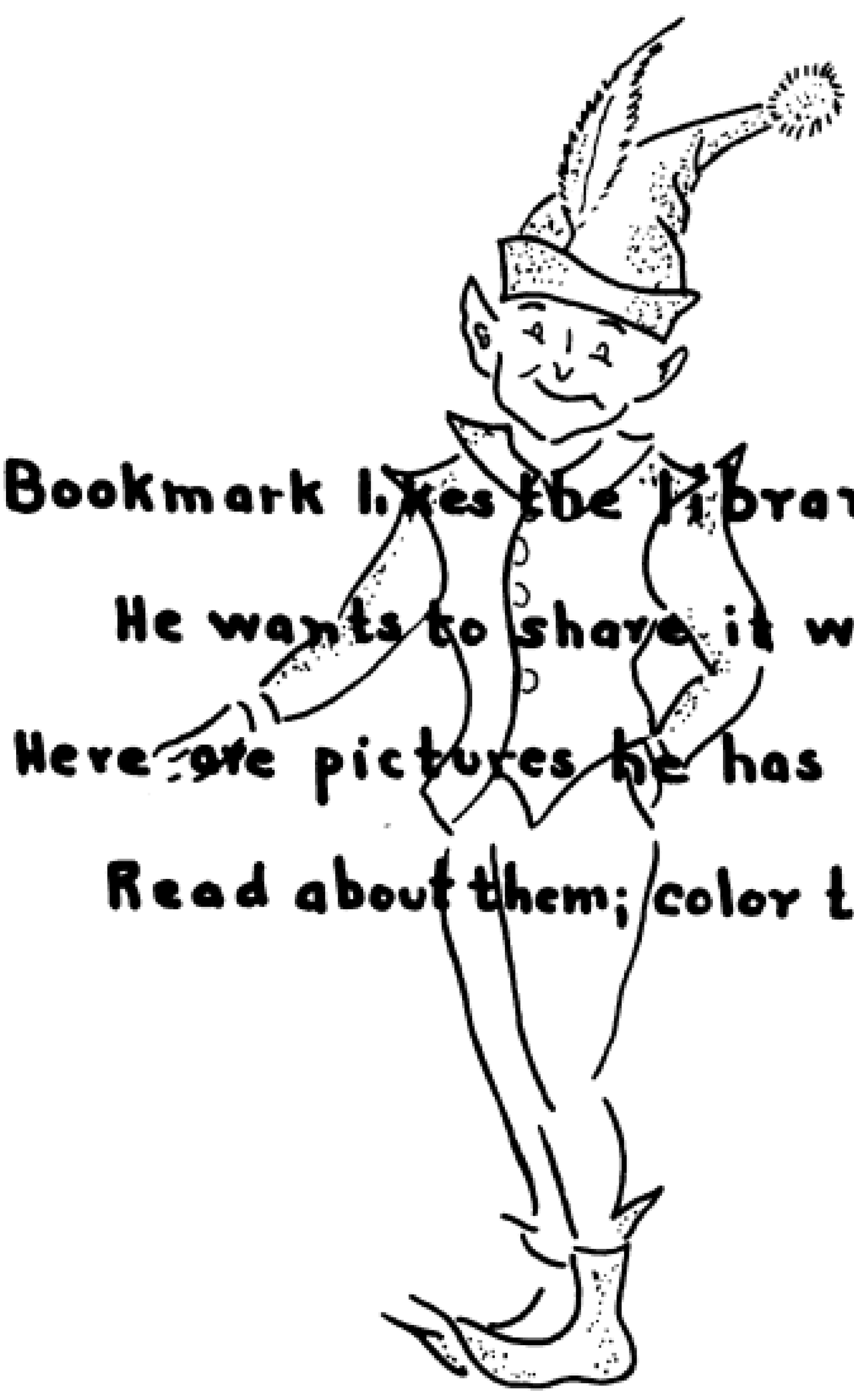

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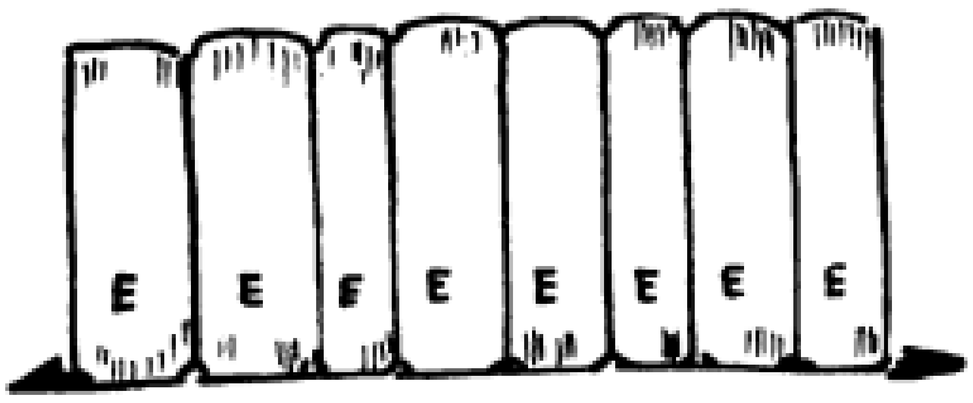
Our library has these things



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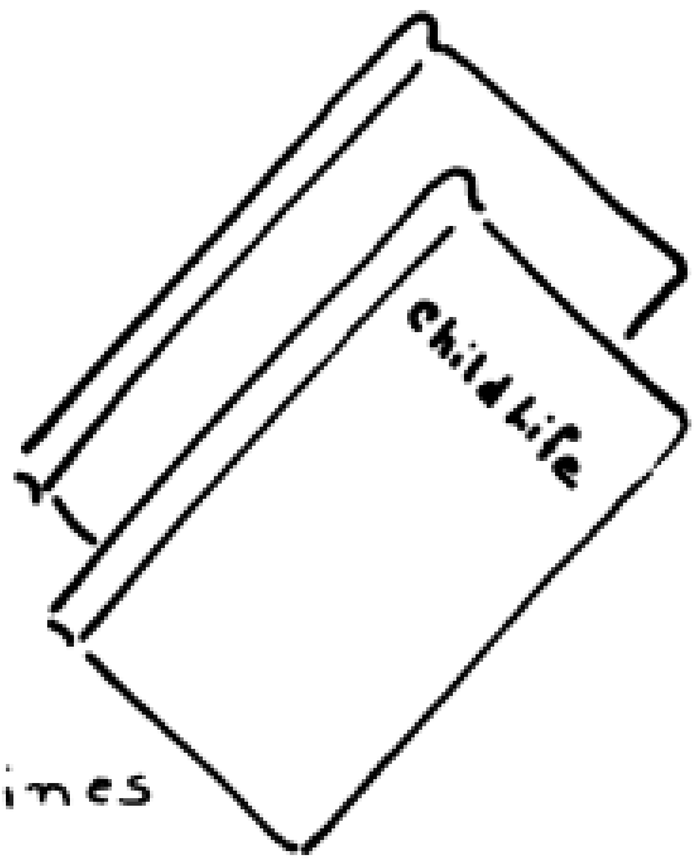

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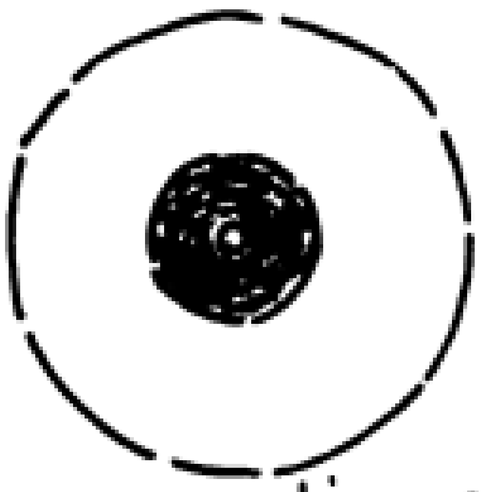

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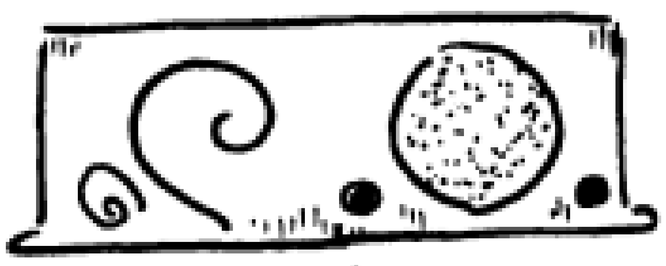

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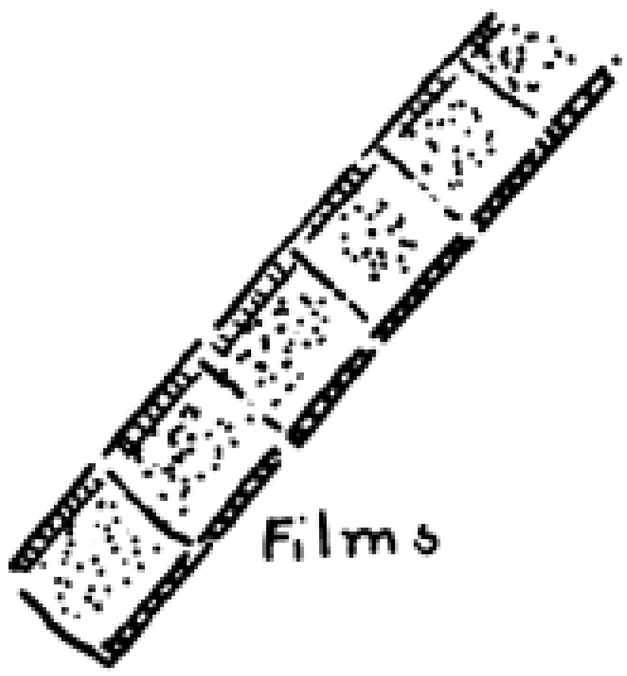

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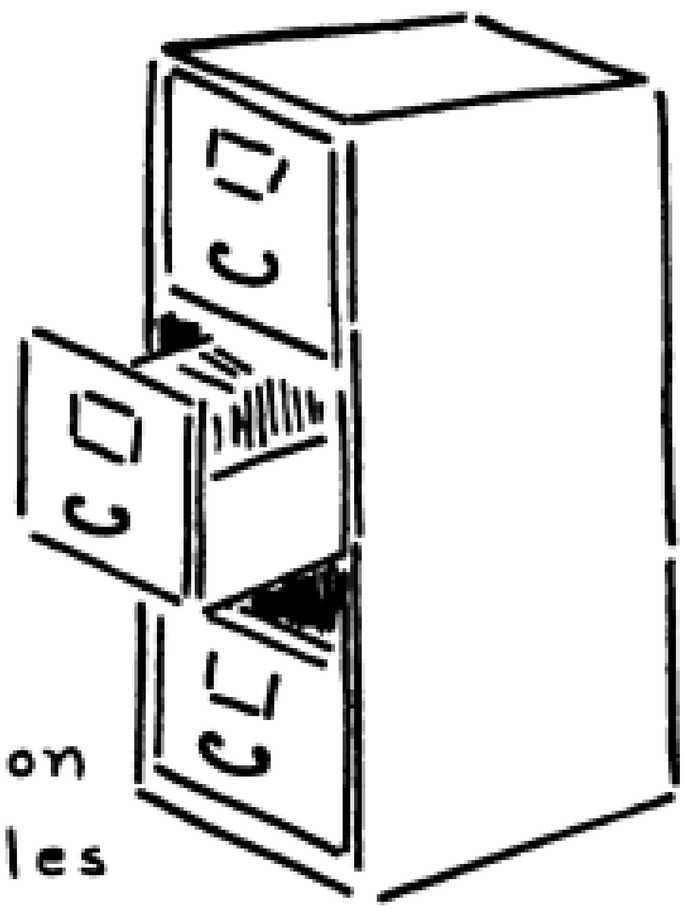

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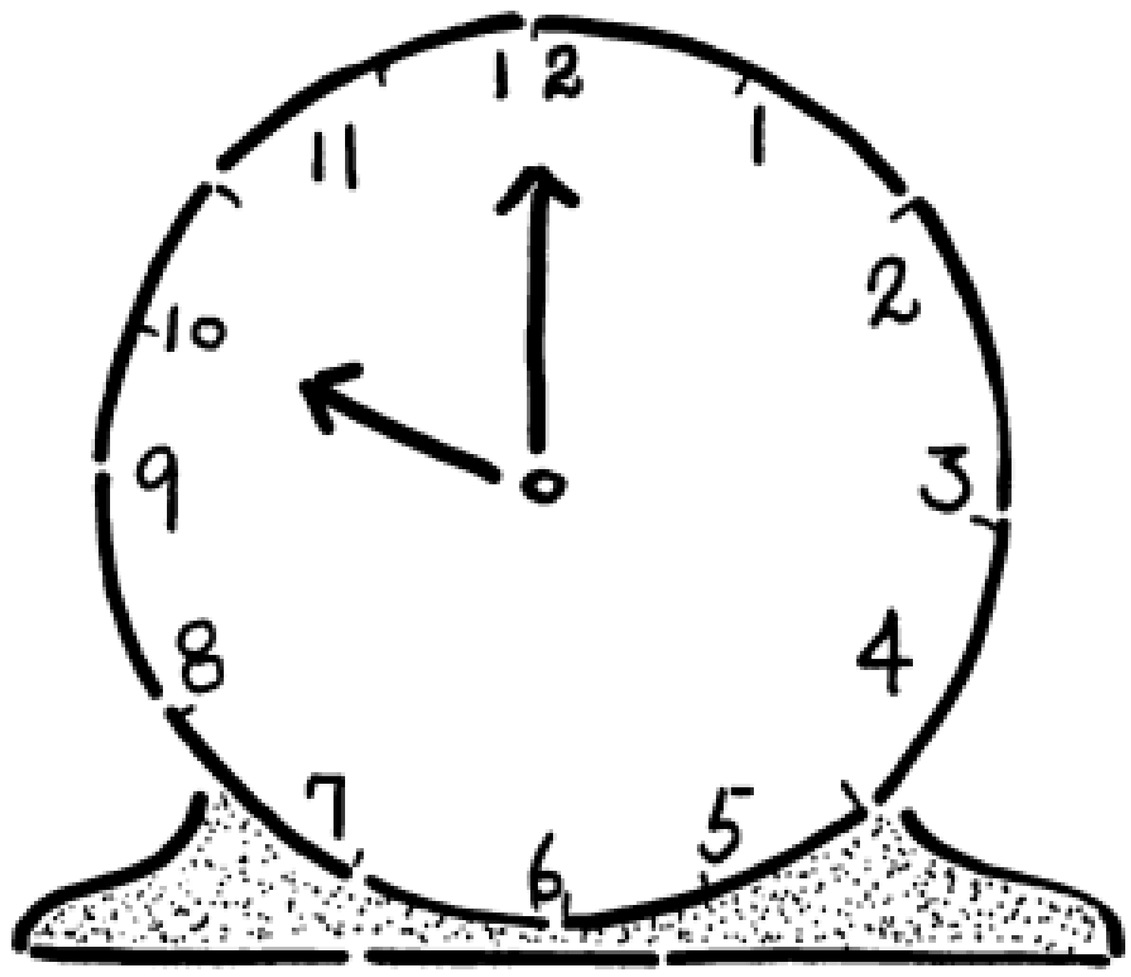

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Our library day

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.

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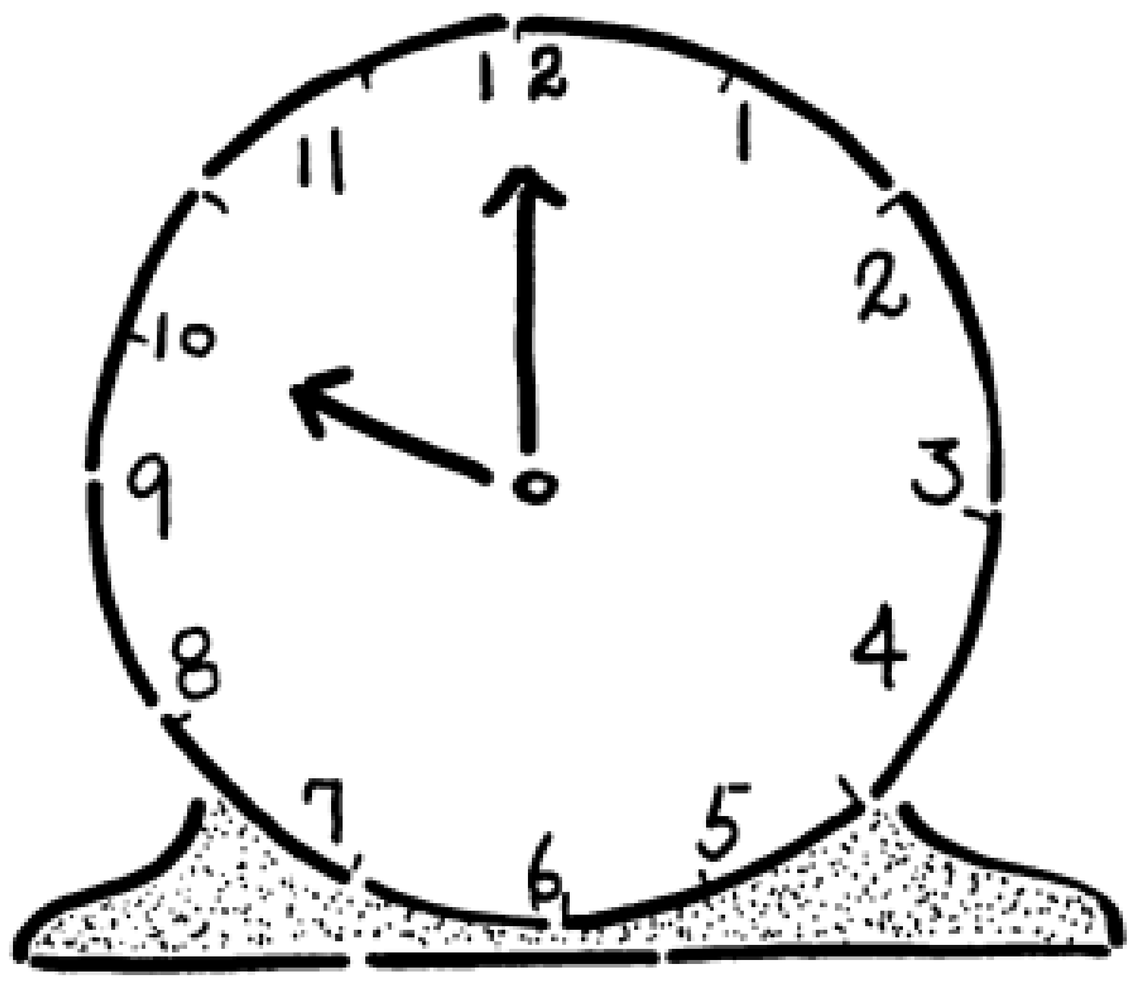

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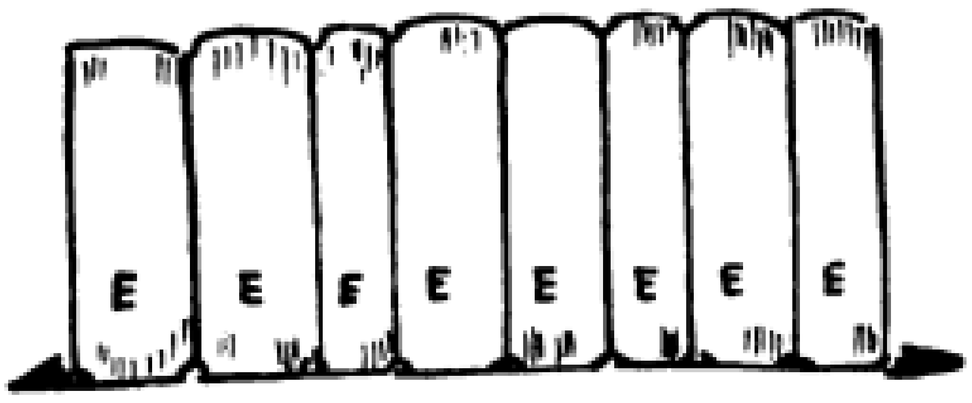

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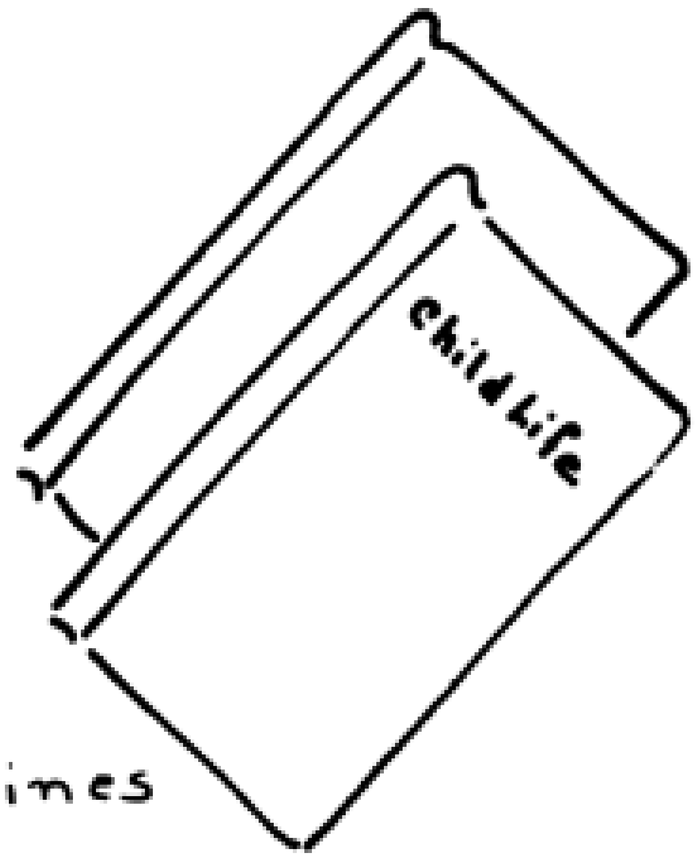

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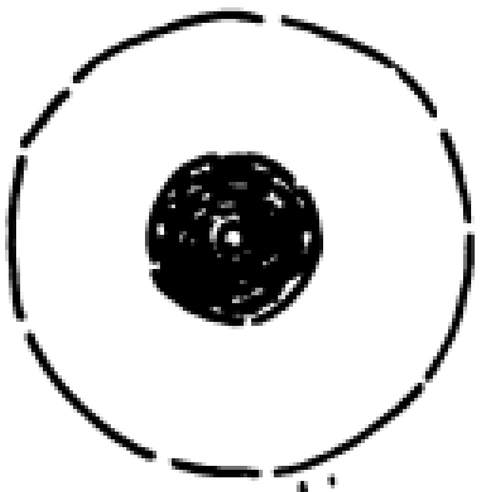

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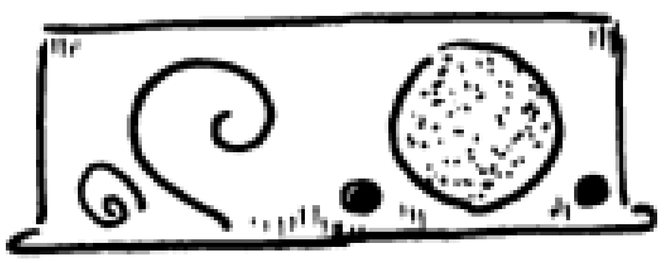

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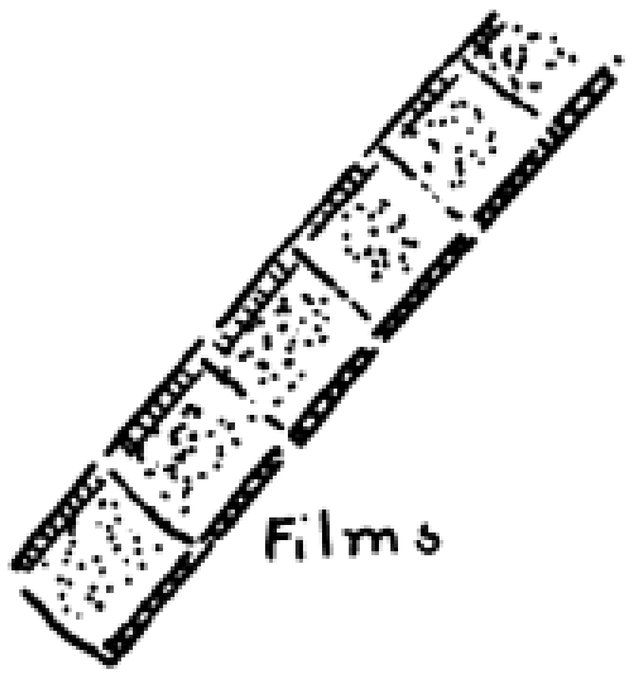

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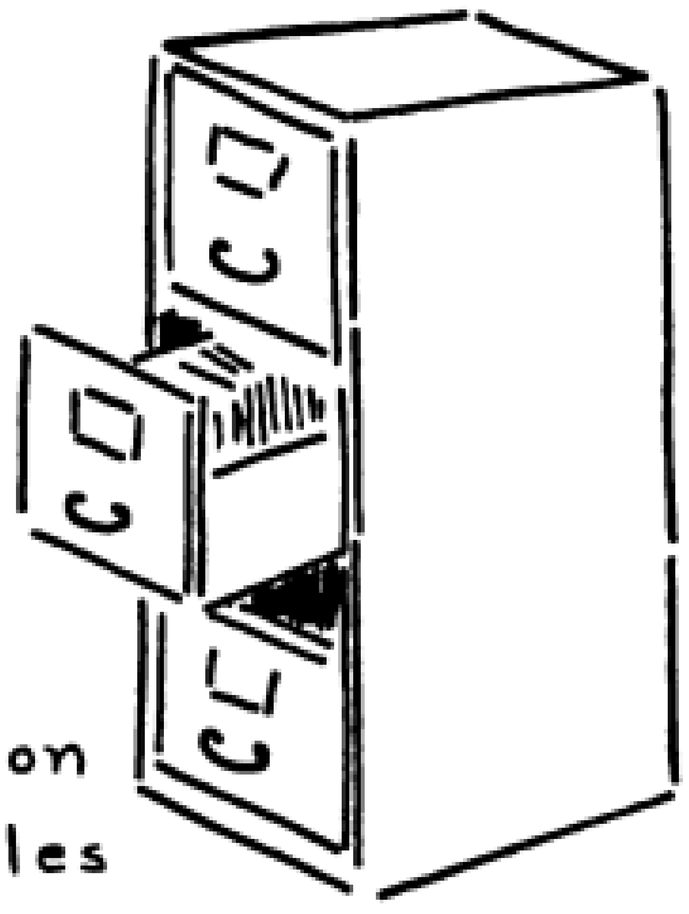

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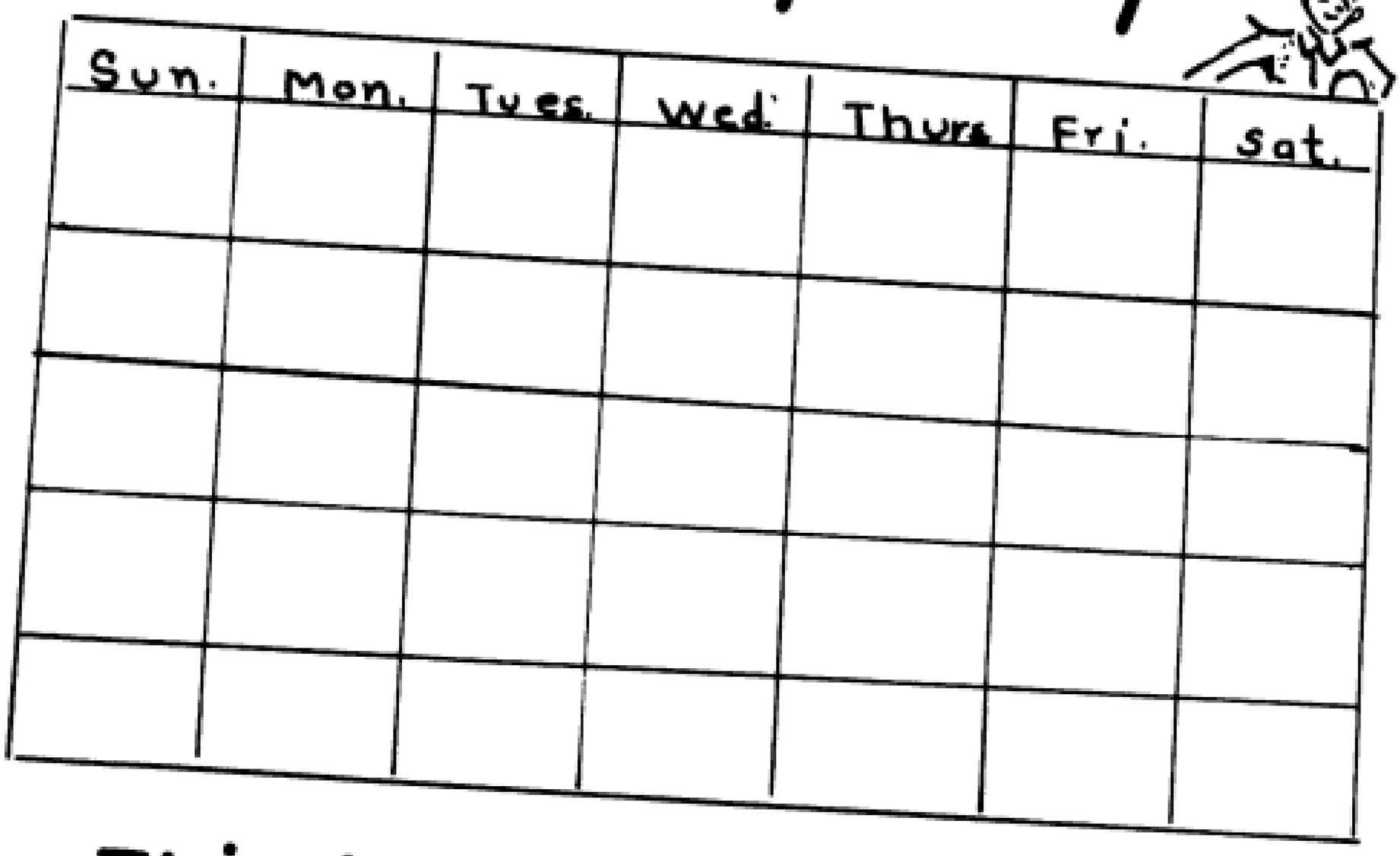

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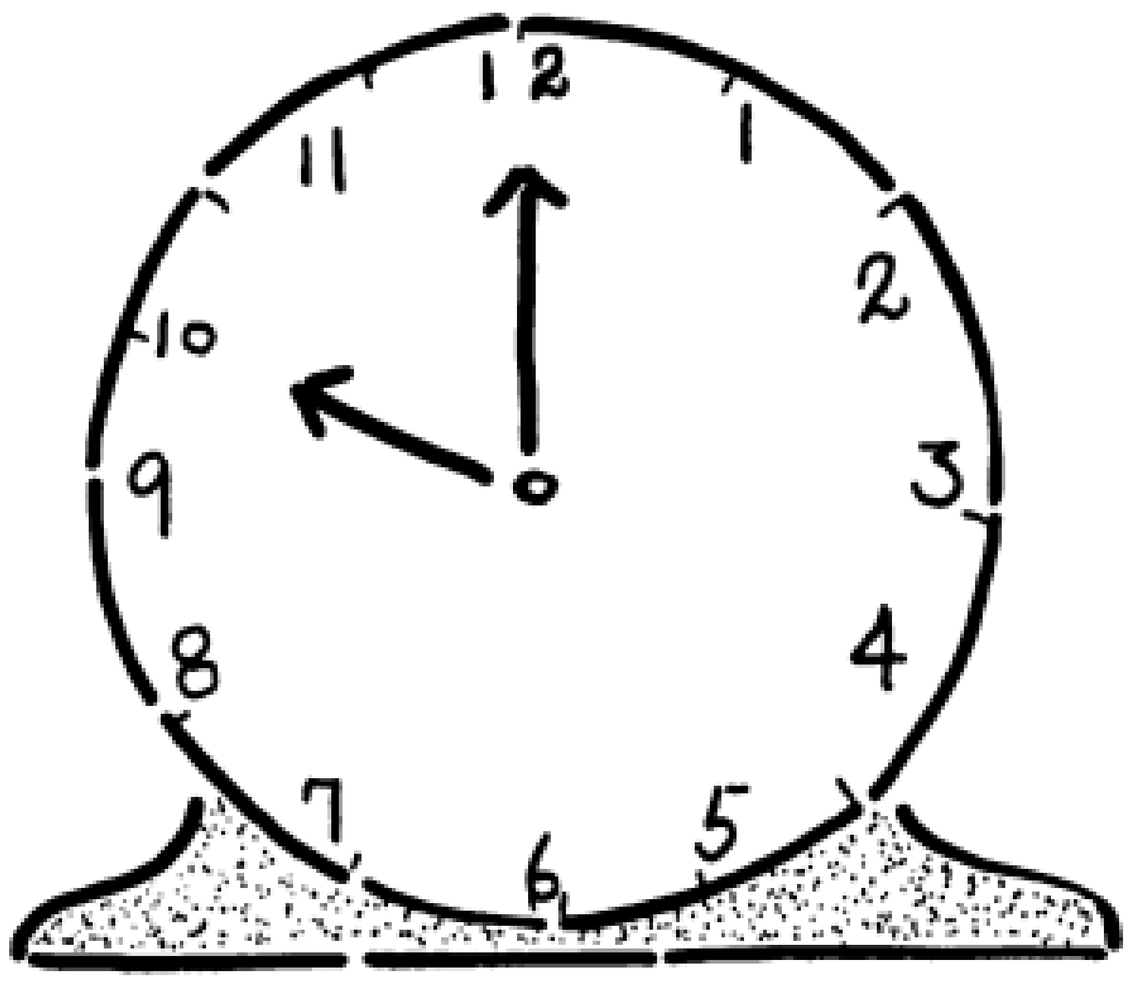

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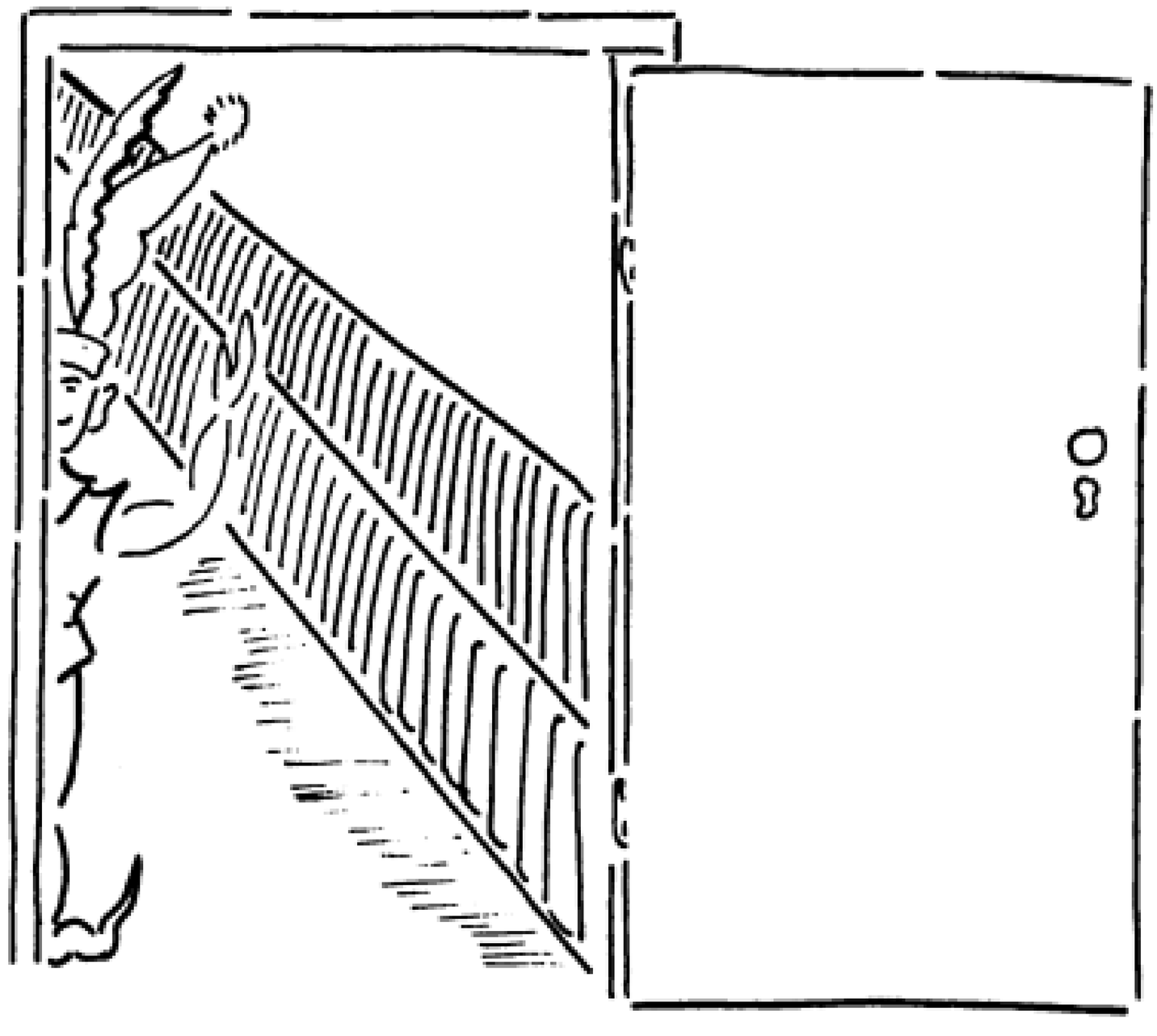
Our library door



This is our library door.

We enter this door very quietly.

We walk softly into the library.

We like the library.

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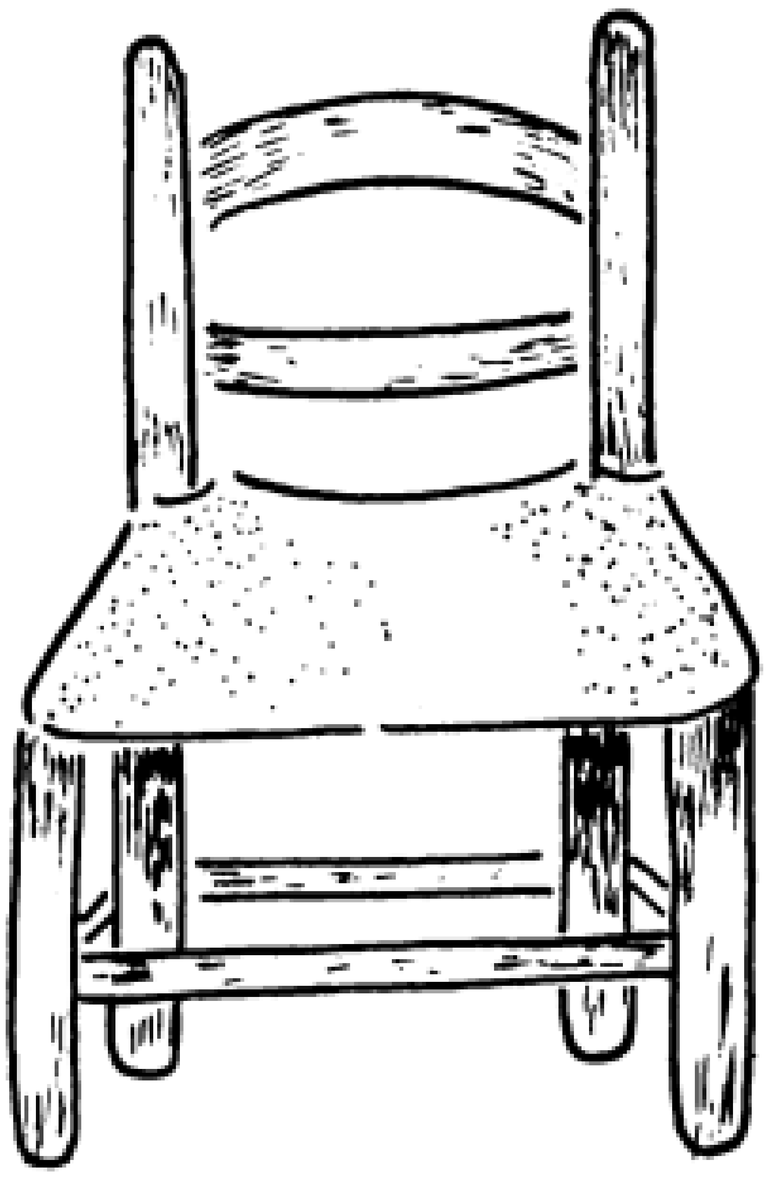
A chair in our library



This is a library chair.

This is a pretty chair.

We have good posture in the pretty chair.

We like the pretty chair.

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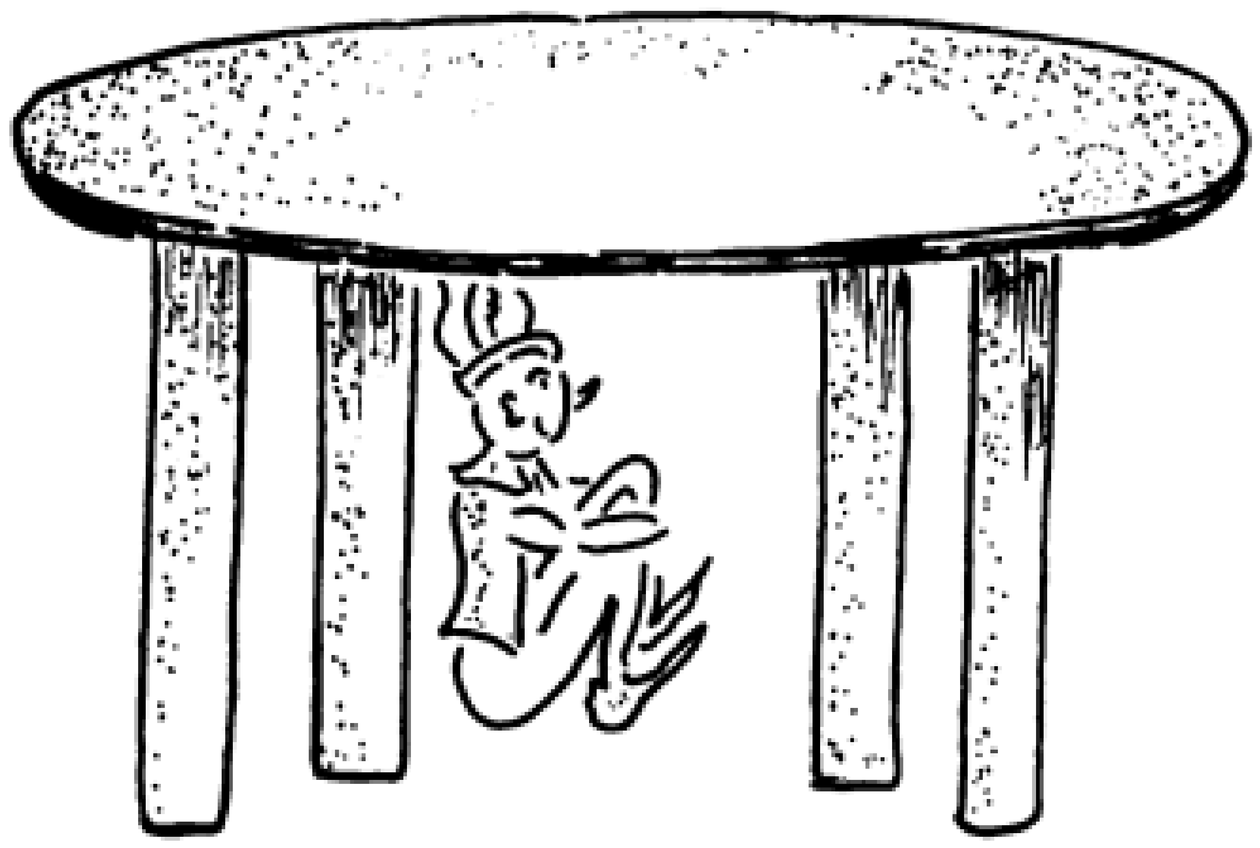
A table in our library



This is a library table.

This is a pretty table.

We like the pretty table.

We like to sit at the pretty table.

We read at the table.

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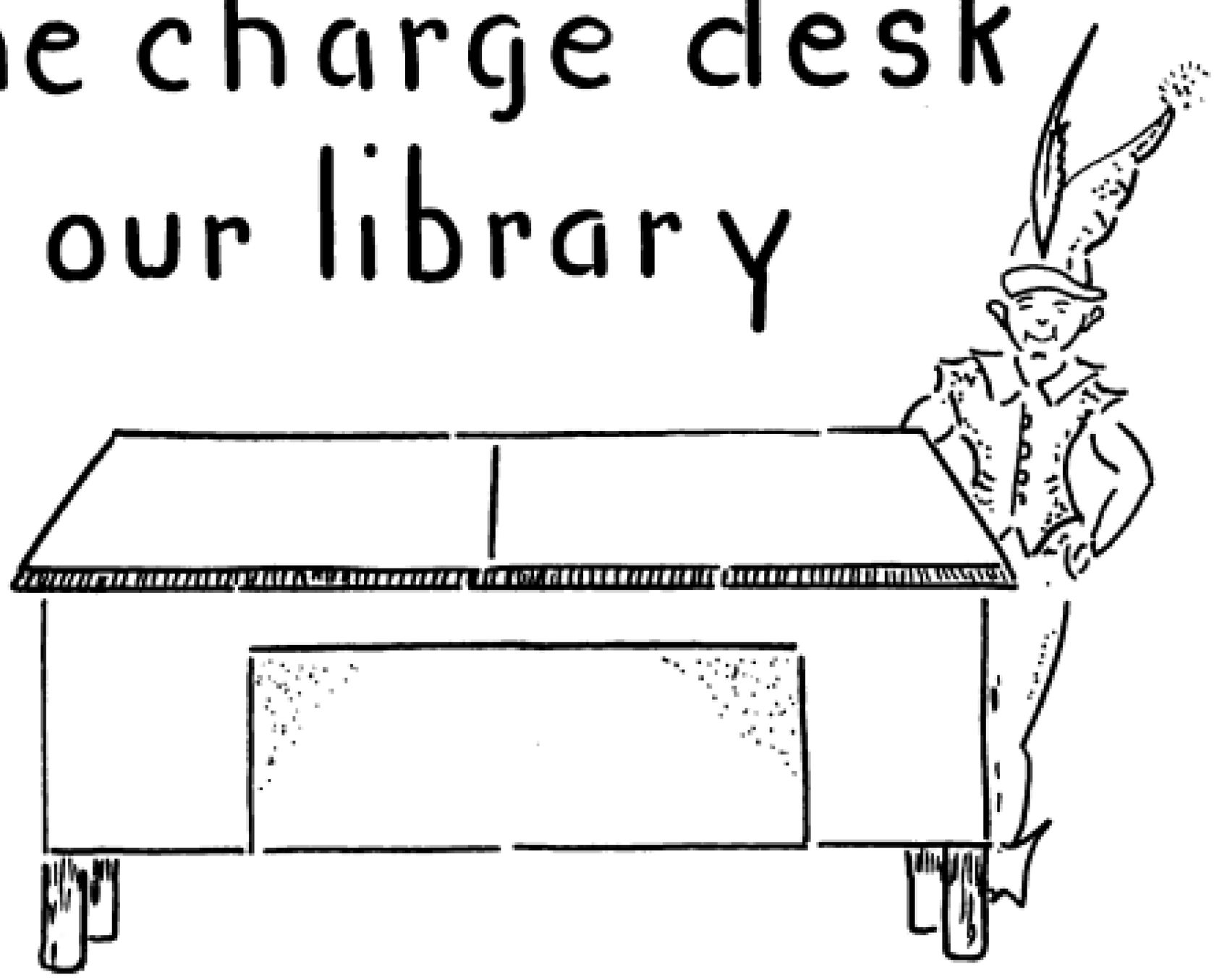
The charge desk in our library



We charge books at this desk.

We read the books.

We may take the books to our schoolroom.

We may take the books home.

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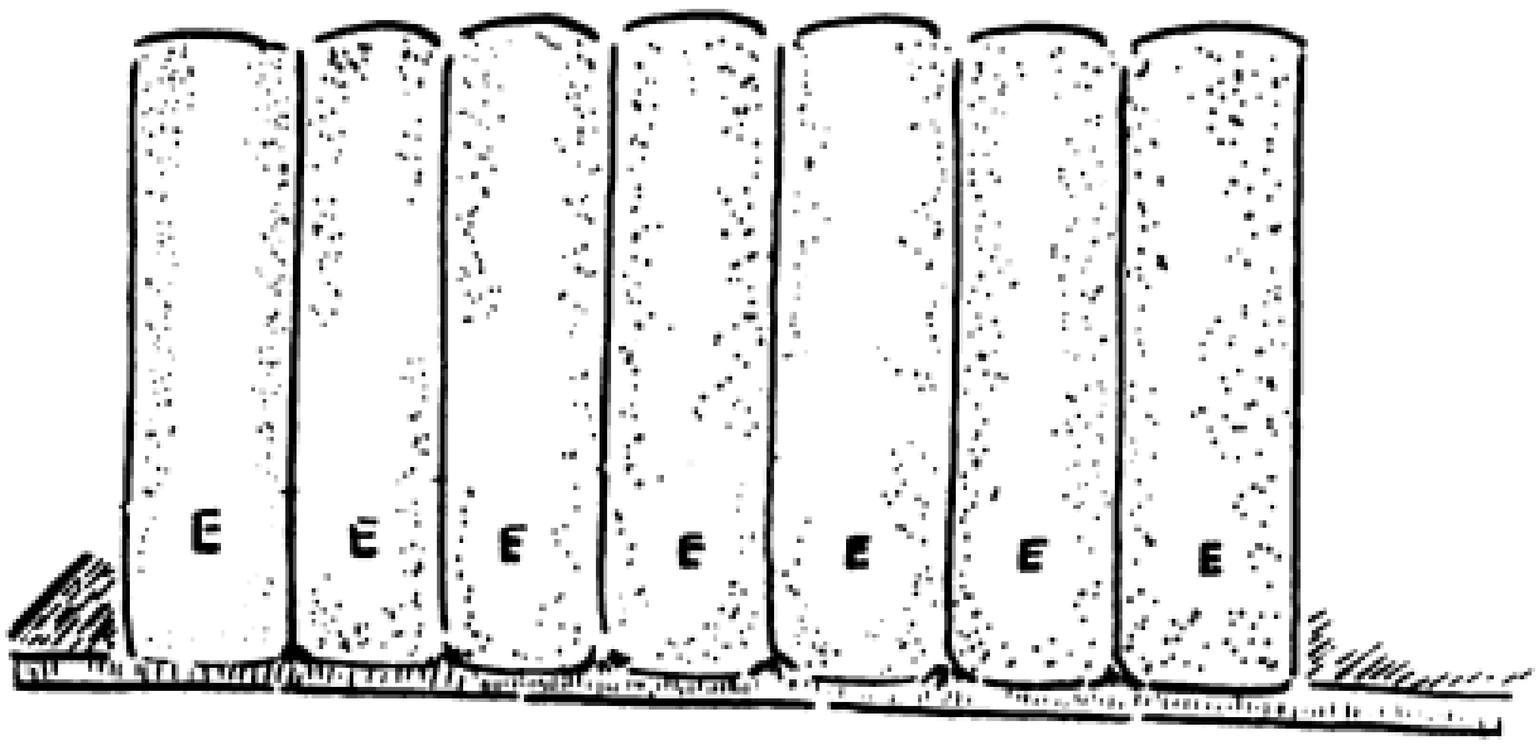
Books for us in our library



Our library books are marked with an E.

E stands for easy.

We read the easy books.

We like the easy books.

The easy books have pictures.

The easy books are pretty.

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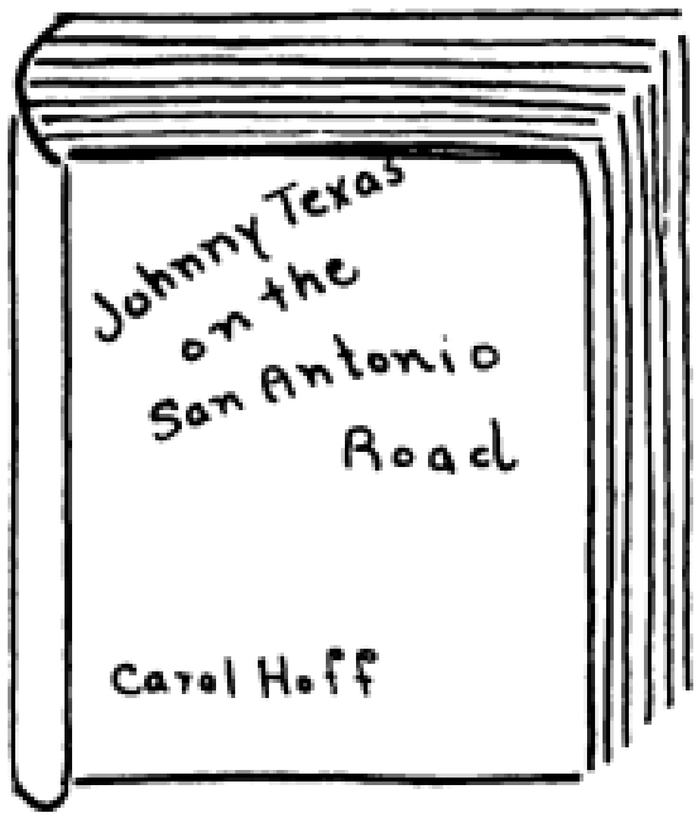
We learn these parts of our library books



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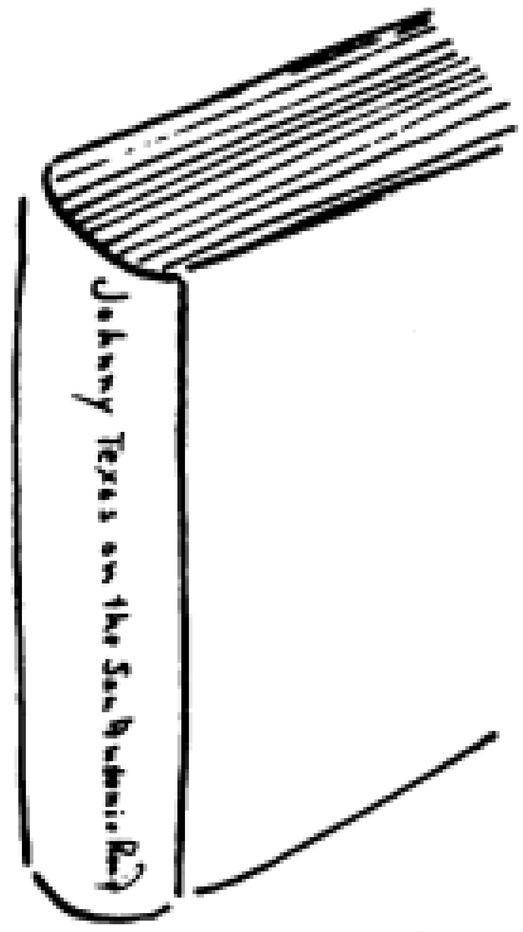

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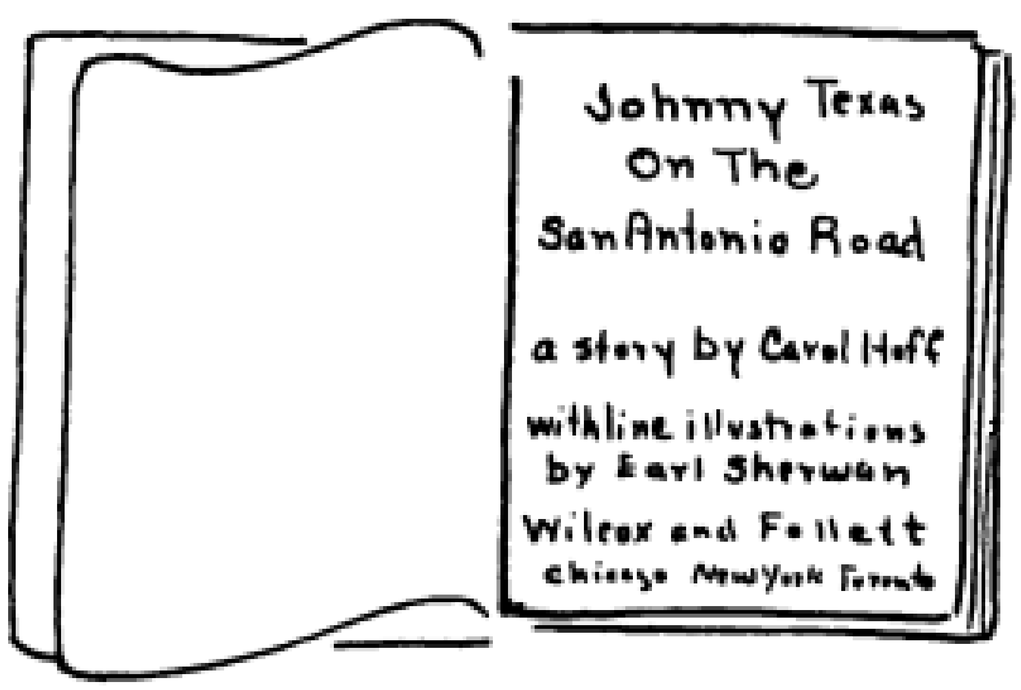

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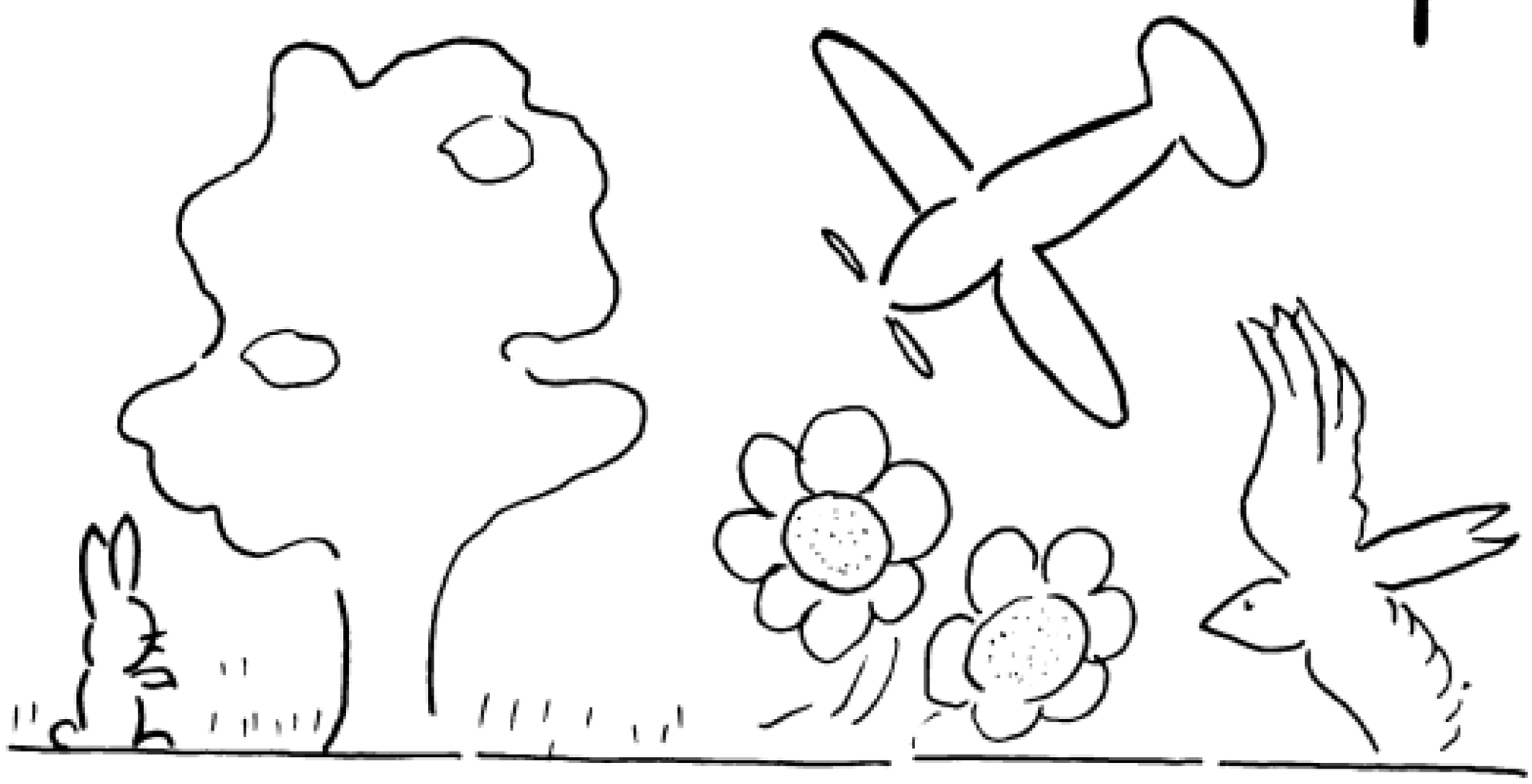

Our books are shelved by subjects.

The subjects tell what the books are about.

There are books about birds.

There are books about airplanes.

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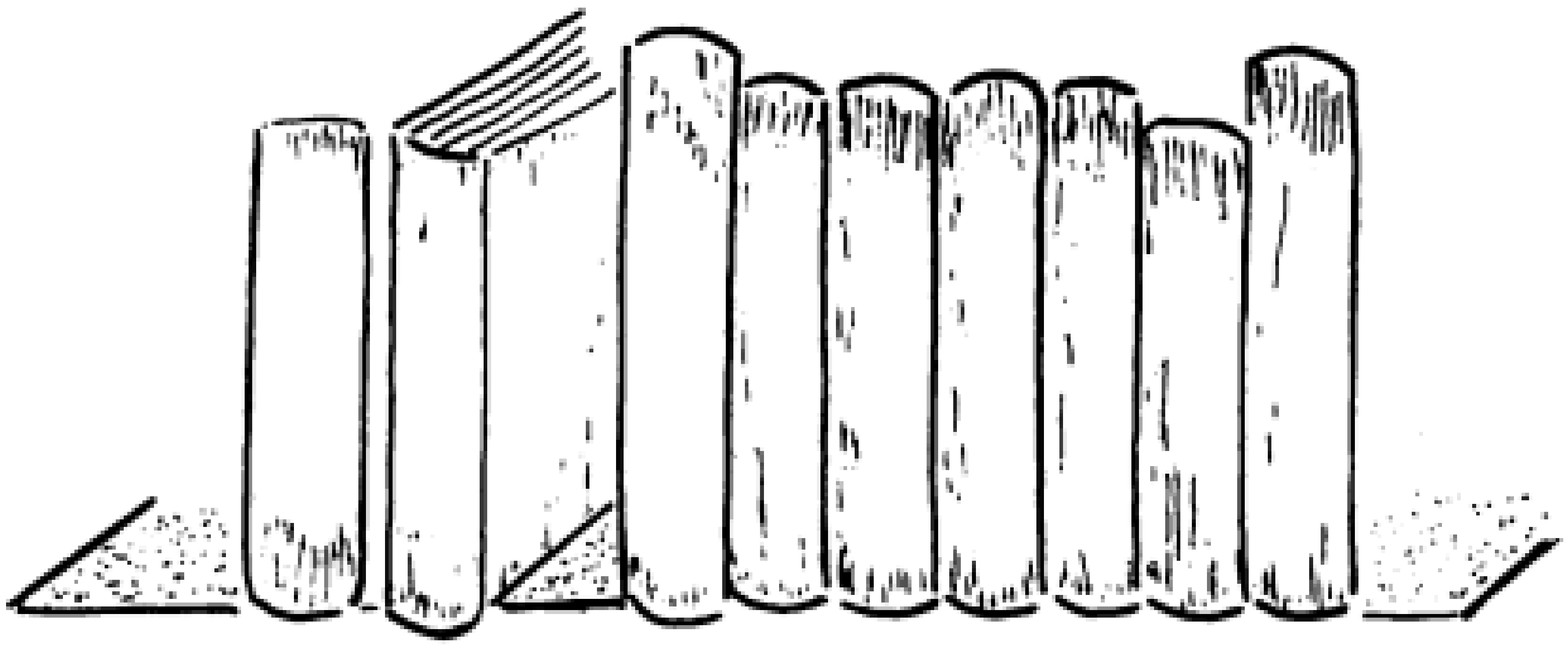
How we take our library books from the shelves



We take our books slowly from the shelves.

We take our books carefully from the shelves.

We straighten the other books.

Each boy takes a book.

Each girl takes a book.

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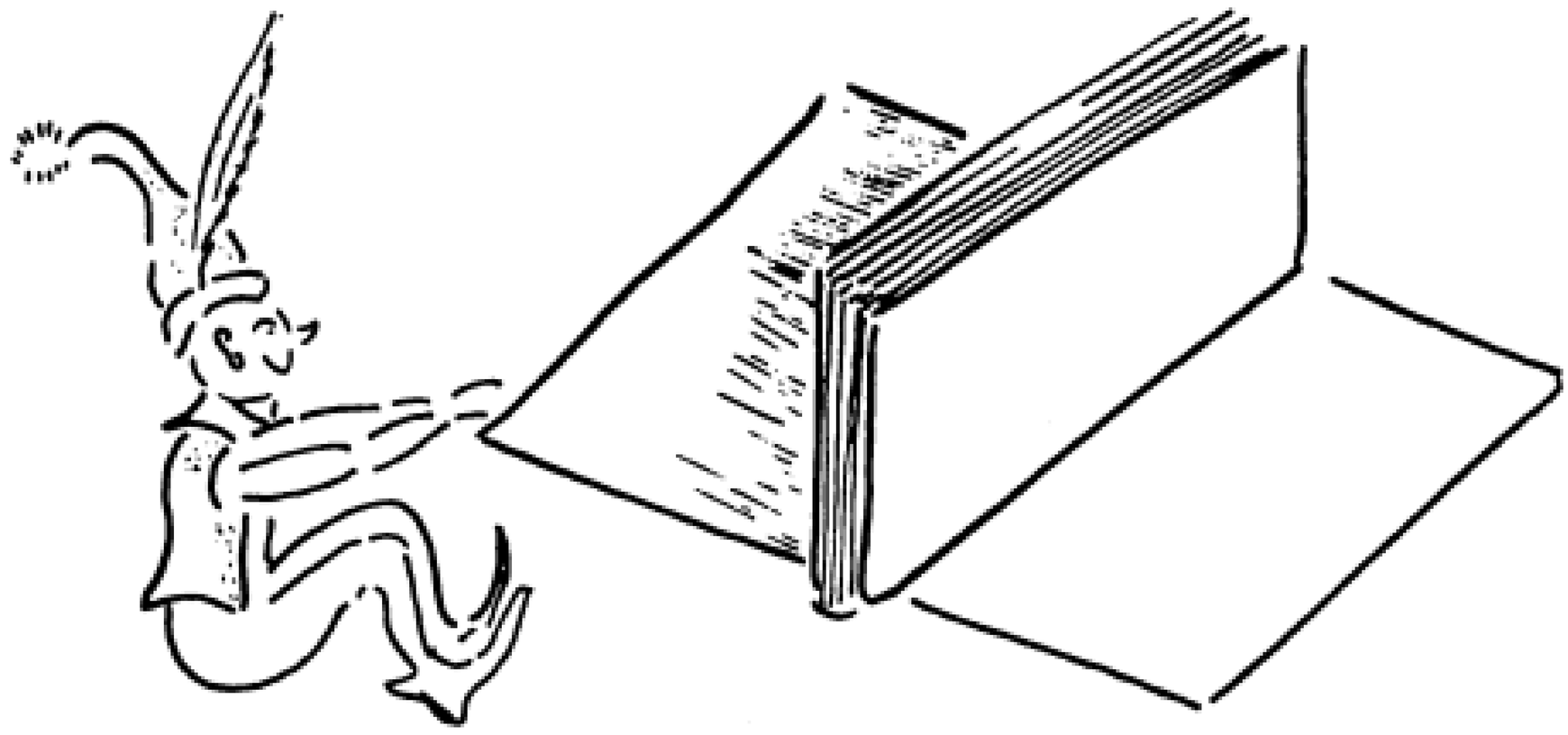
How we open our new books



We put the spine of the book on a table.

We hold the book straight.

We put the front cover down.

We put the back cover down.

We press a few pages down.

We press more pages down.

We press the pages slowly.

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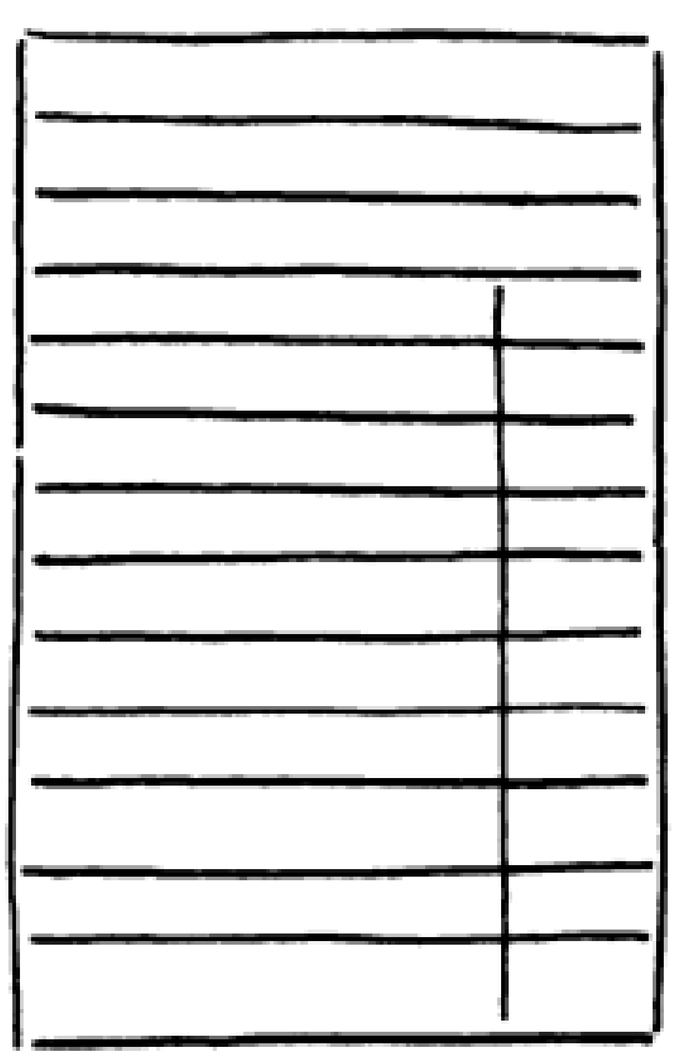
Our librarian uses these tools to charge books to us



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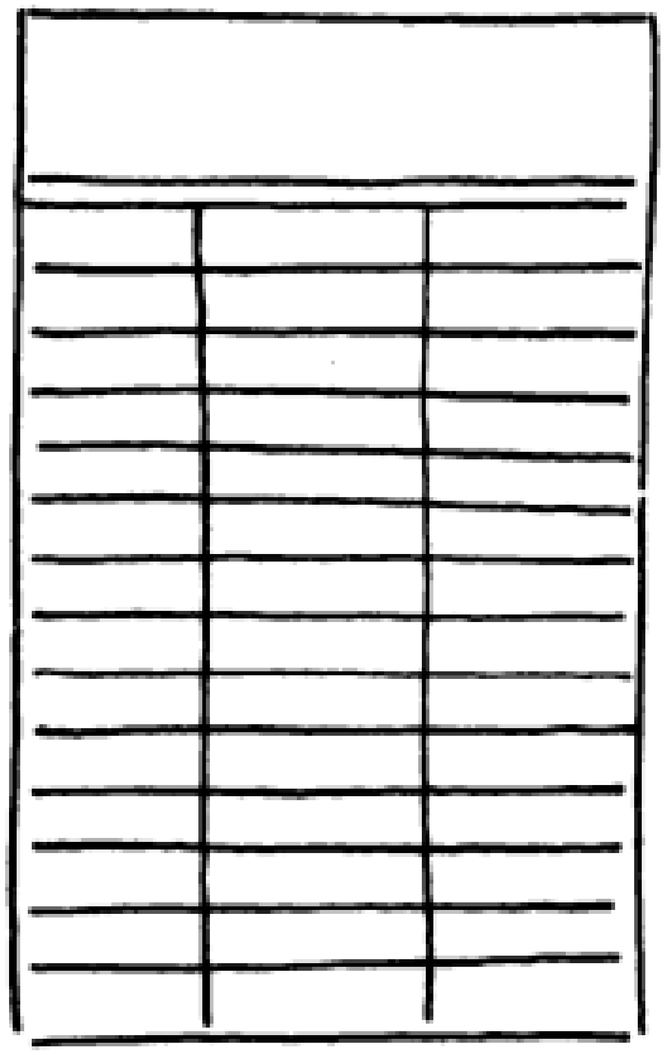

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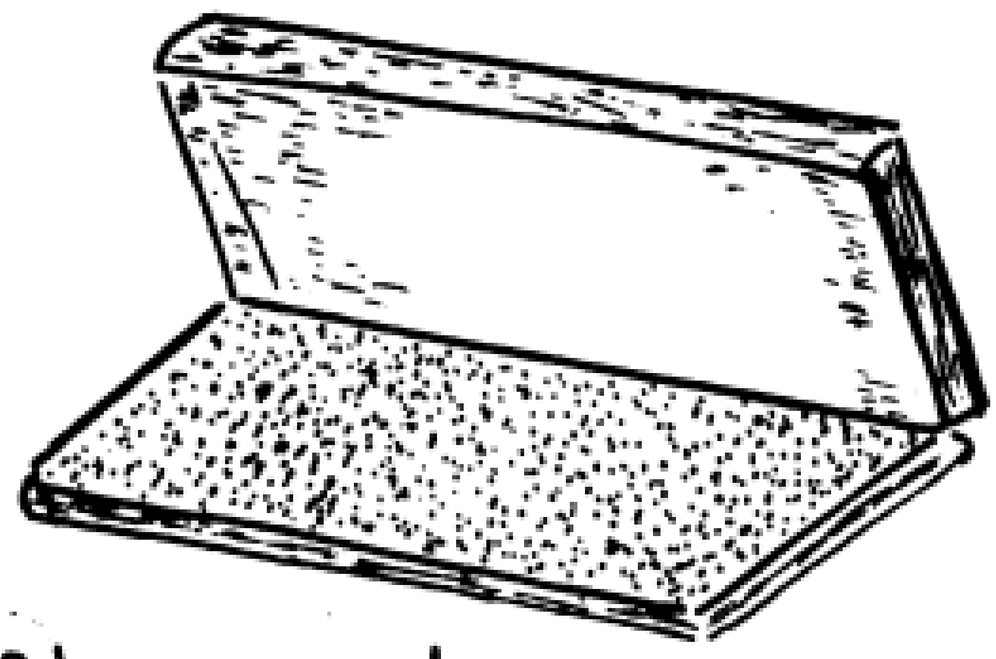

Stamp pad

Date stamp

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We keep our library books clean

In the space below, draw
around either your right or left hand.

We keep our hands clean.

We keep our books clean.

We like clean books.

Clean books are pretty.

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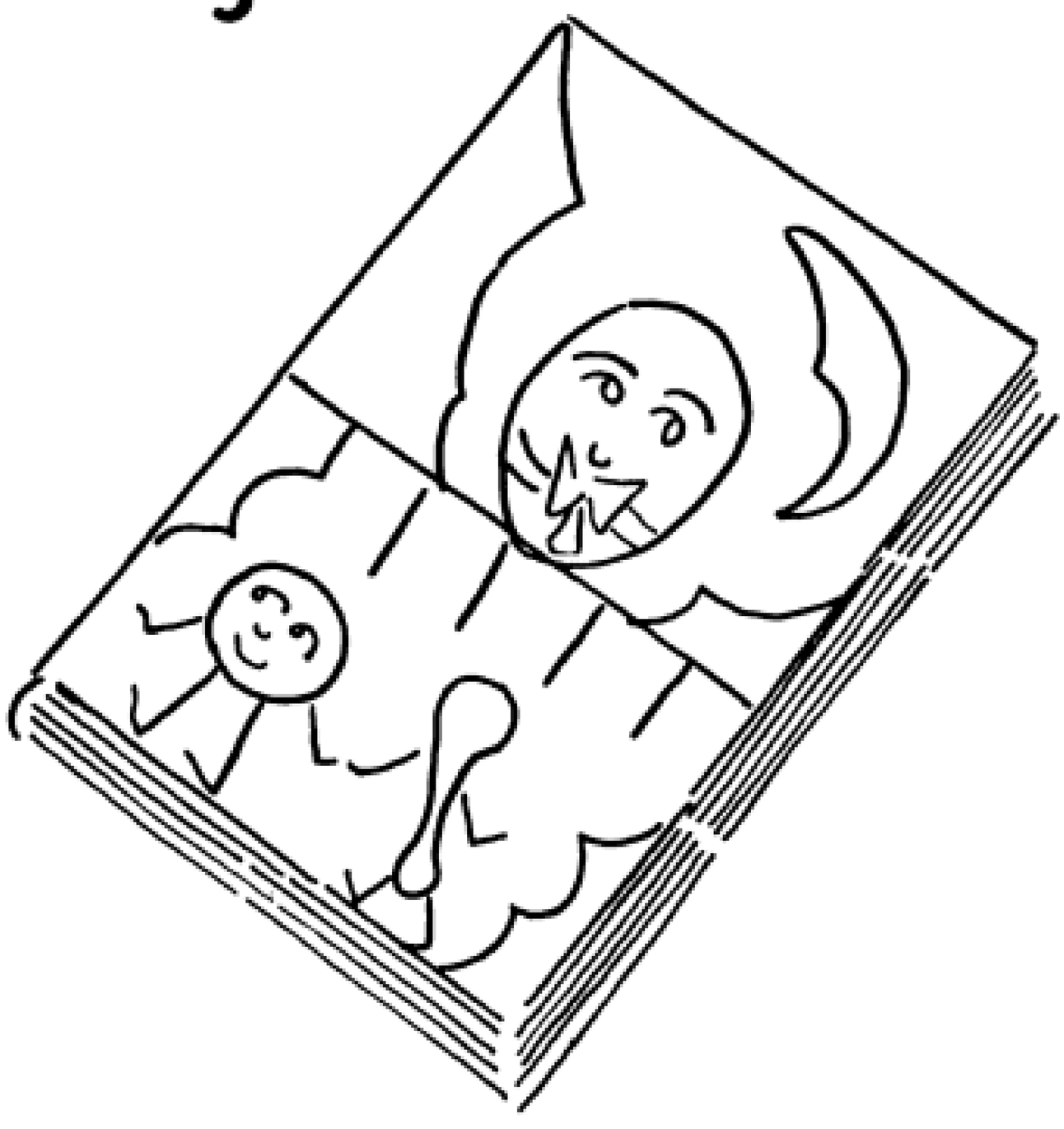
A book jacket in our library



This book has a jacket.

The book jacket is pretty.

The jacket keeps the book clean.

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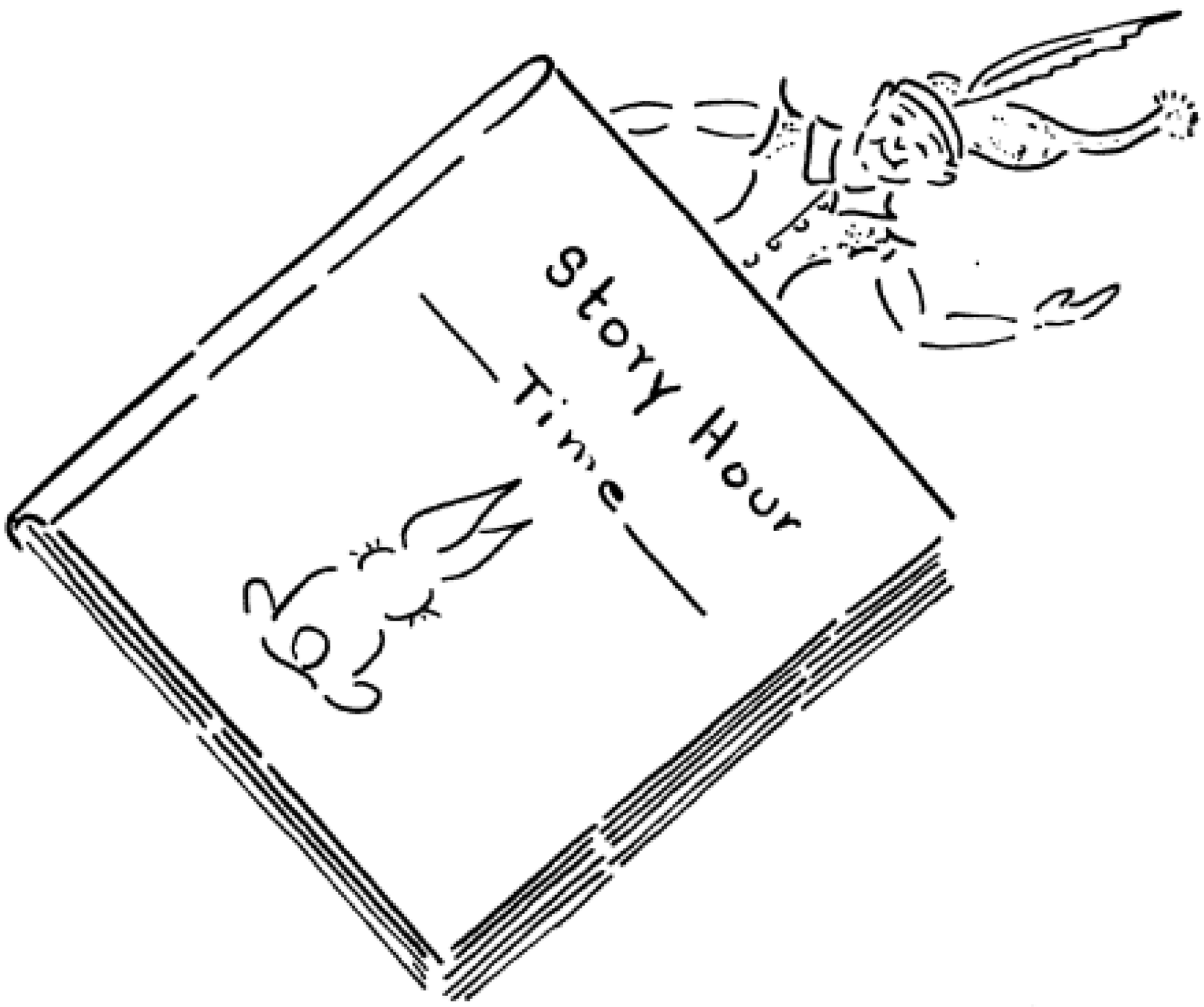

This is a story-hour book.

Our librarian reads this book.

We like this book.

We like the story hour.

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Story Hour

Story hour is such fun,
When books seem to take wing;
Almost before you know it
You're a rabbit, or a king.

Or, you may be a pirate,
Who sails the white sea foam;
Or, maybe you're an Indian brave
With a forest dell to roam.

Perhaps you will go skating
Down a silky rainbow trail;
Or, maybe you'll go up the hill
To help Jill fill her pail.

No matter what the story is,
There is magic in the land;
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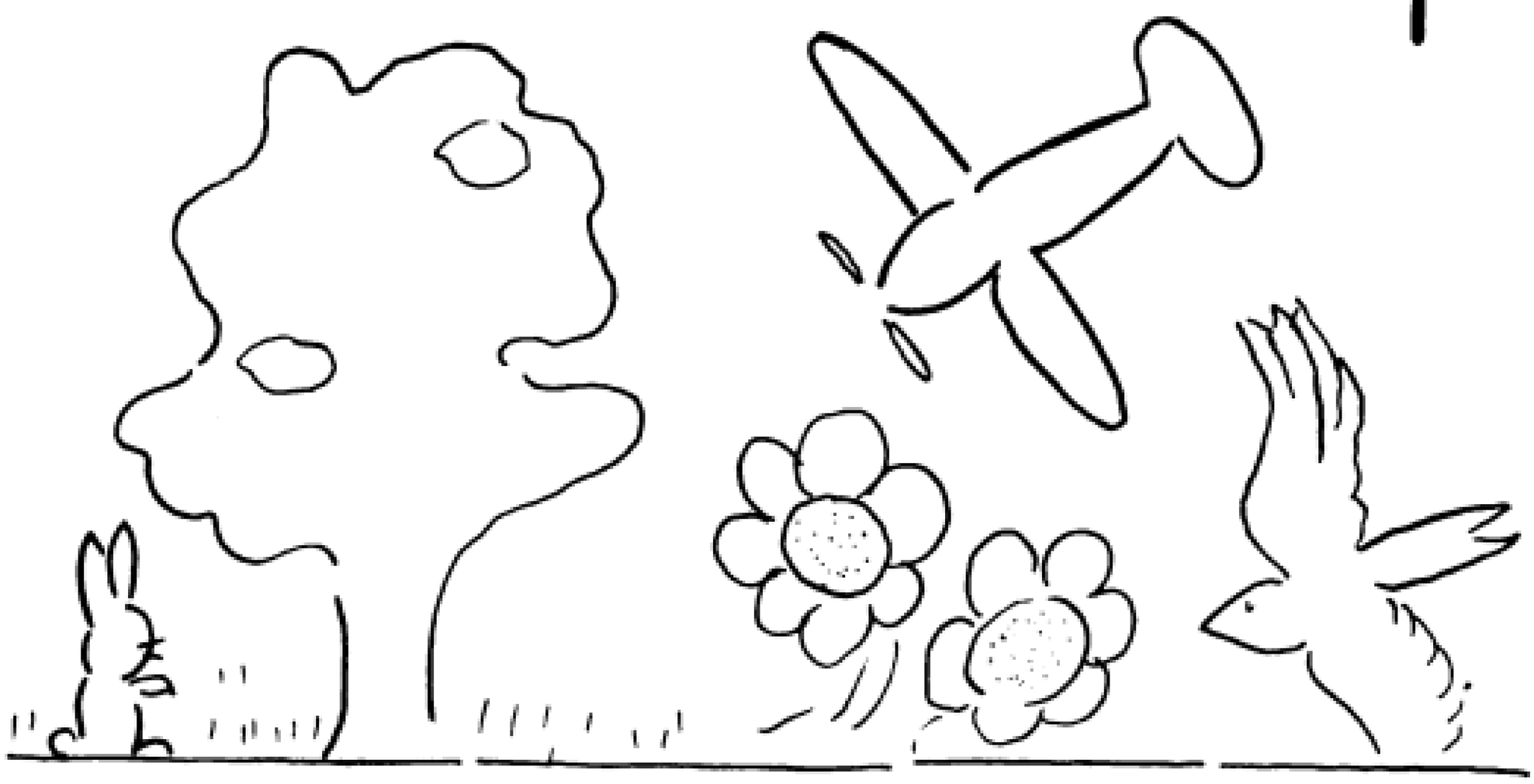

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The subjects tell what the books are about.

There are books about birds.

There are books about airplanes.

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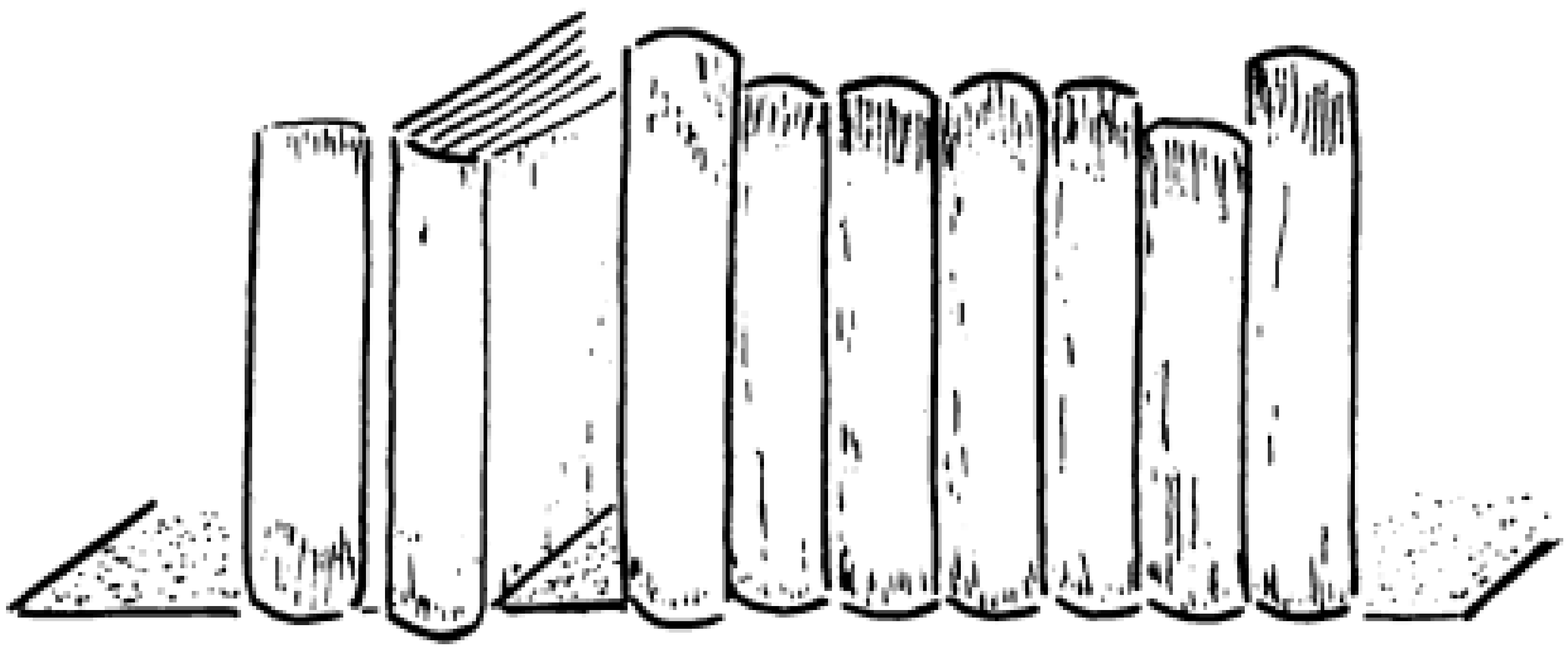
How we take our library books from the shelves



We take our books slowly from the shelves.

We take our books carefully from the shelves.

We straighten the other books.

Each boy takes a book.

Each girl takes a book.

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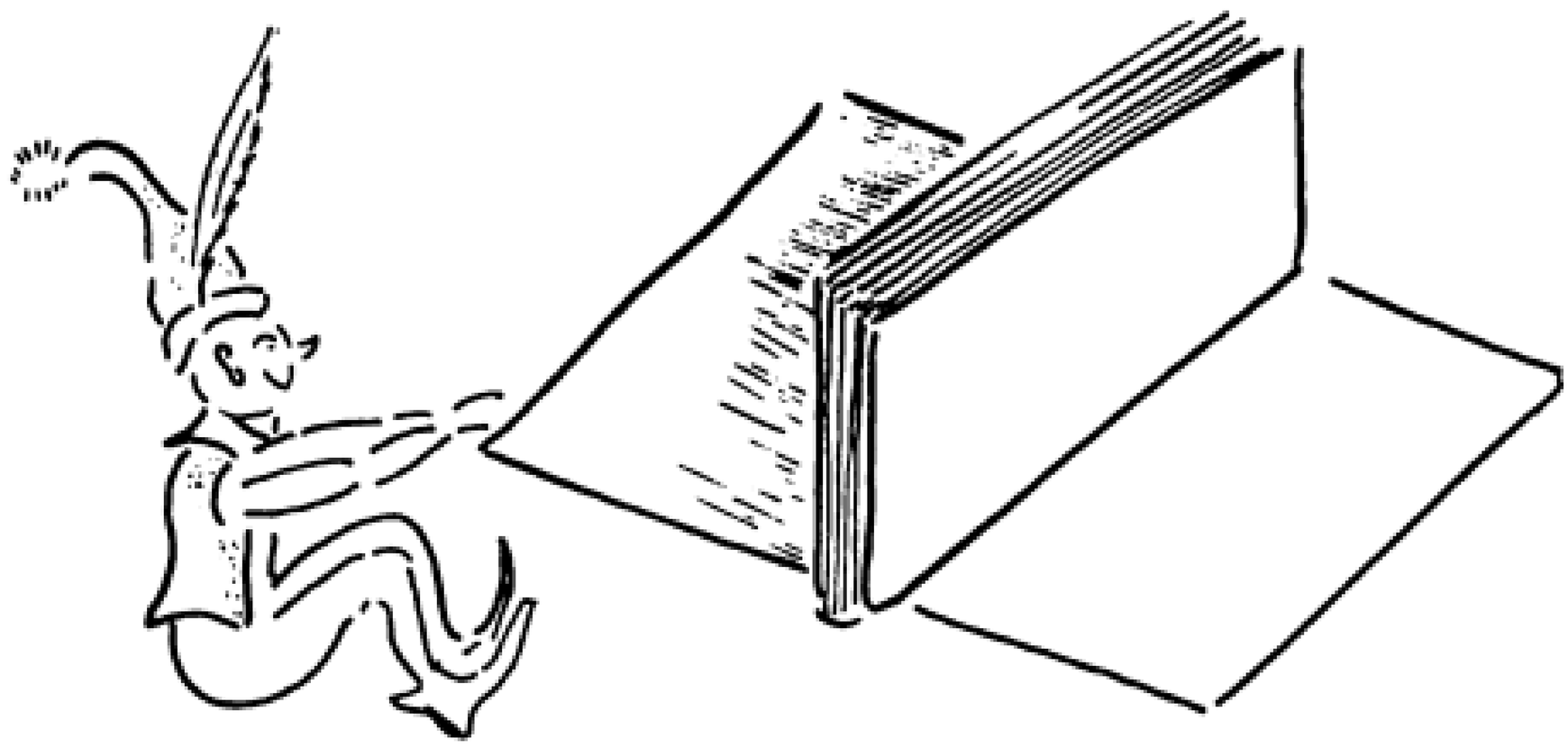
How we open our new books



We put the spine of the book on a table.

We hold the book straight.

We put the front cover down.

We put the back cover down.

We press a few pages down.

We press more pages down.

We press the pages slowly.

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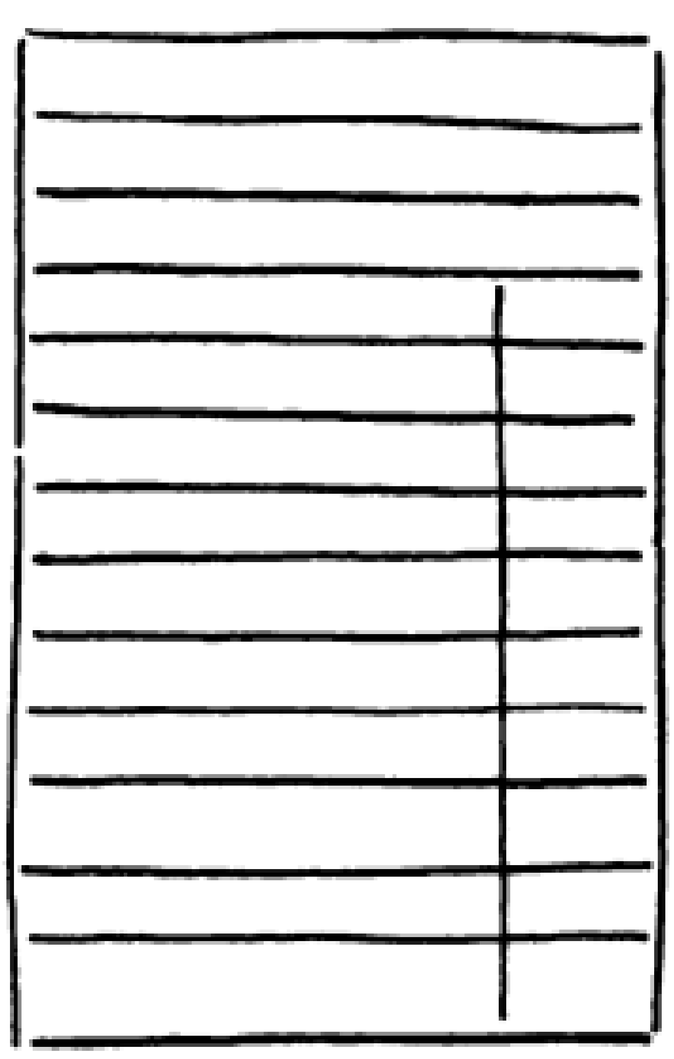
Our librarian uses these tools to charge books to us



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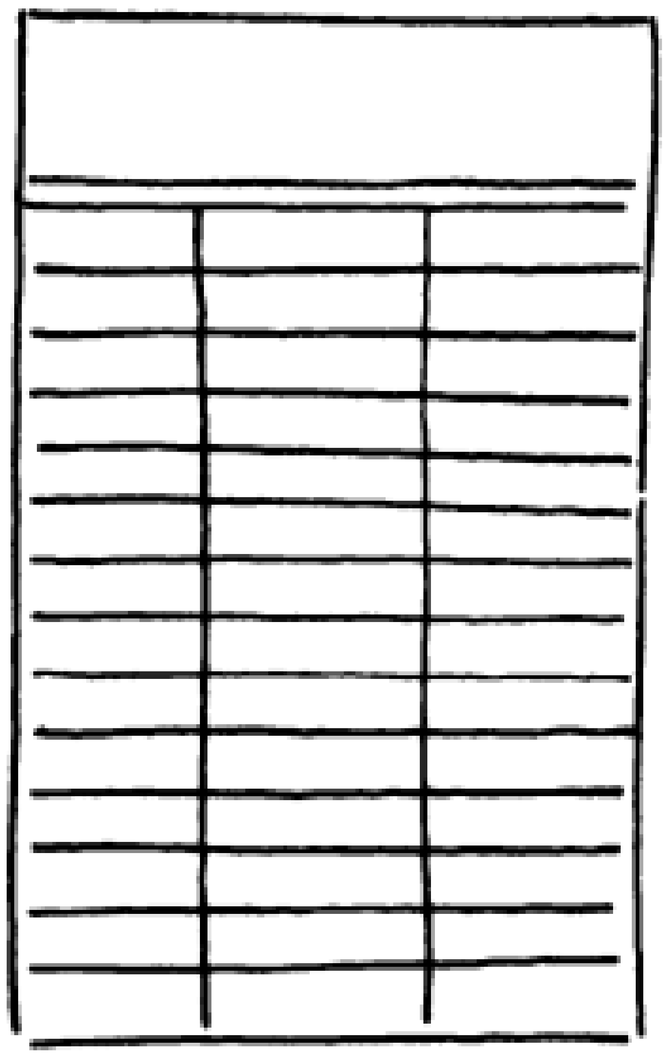

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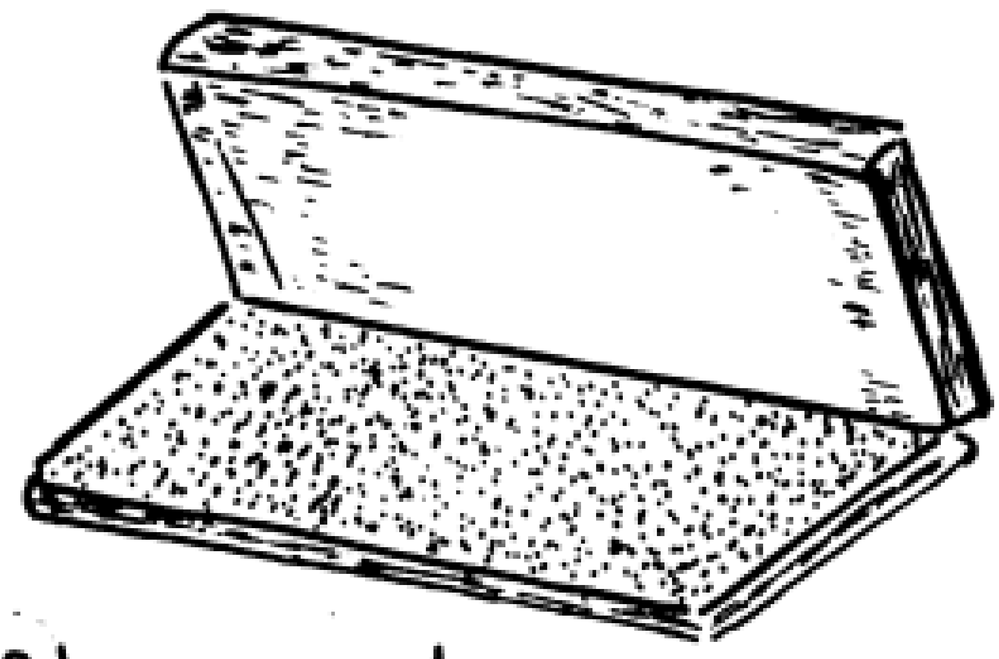

Stamp pad

Date stamp

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We keep our library books clean

In the space below, draw
around either your right or left hand.

We keep our hands clean.

We keep our books clean.

We like clean books.

Clean books are pretty.

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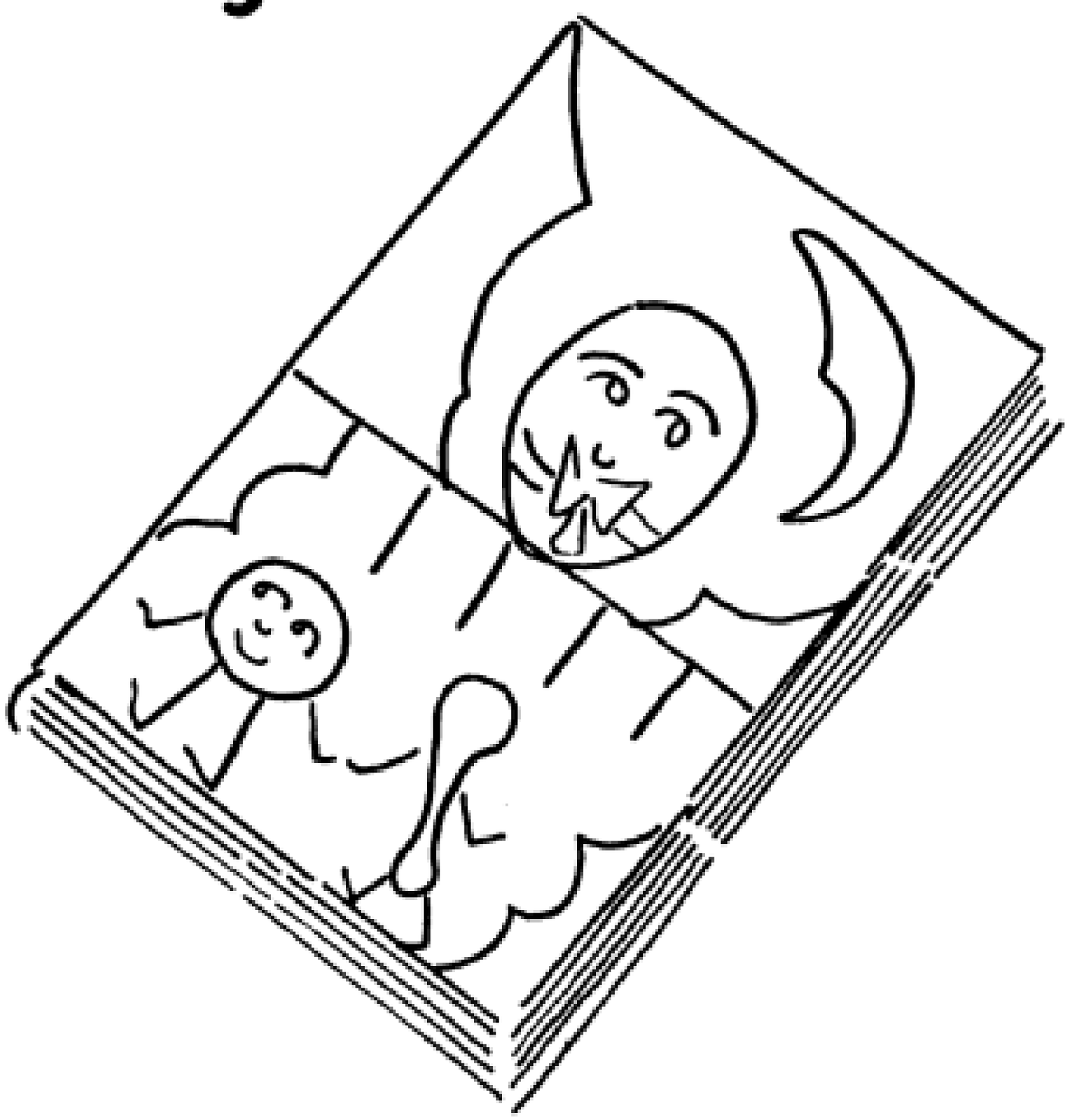
A book jacket in our library



This book has a jacket.

The book jacket is pretty.

The jacket keeps the book clean.

The jacket is colored.

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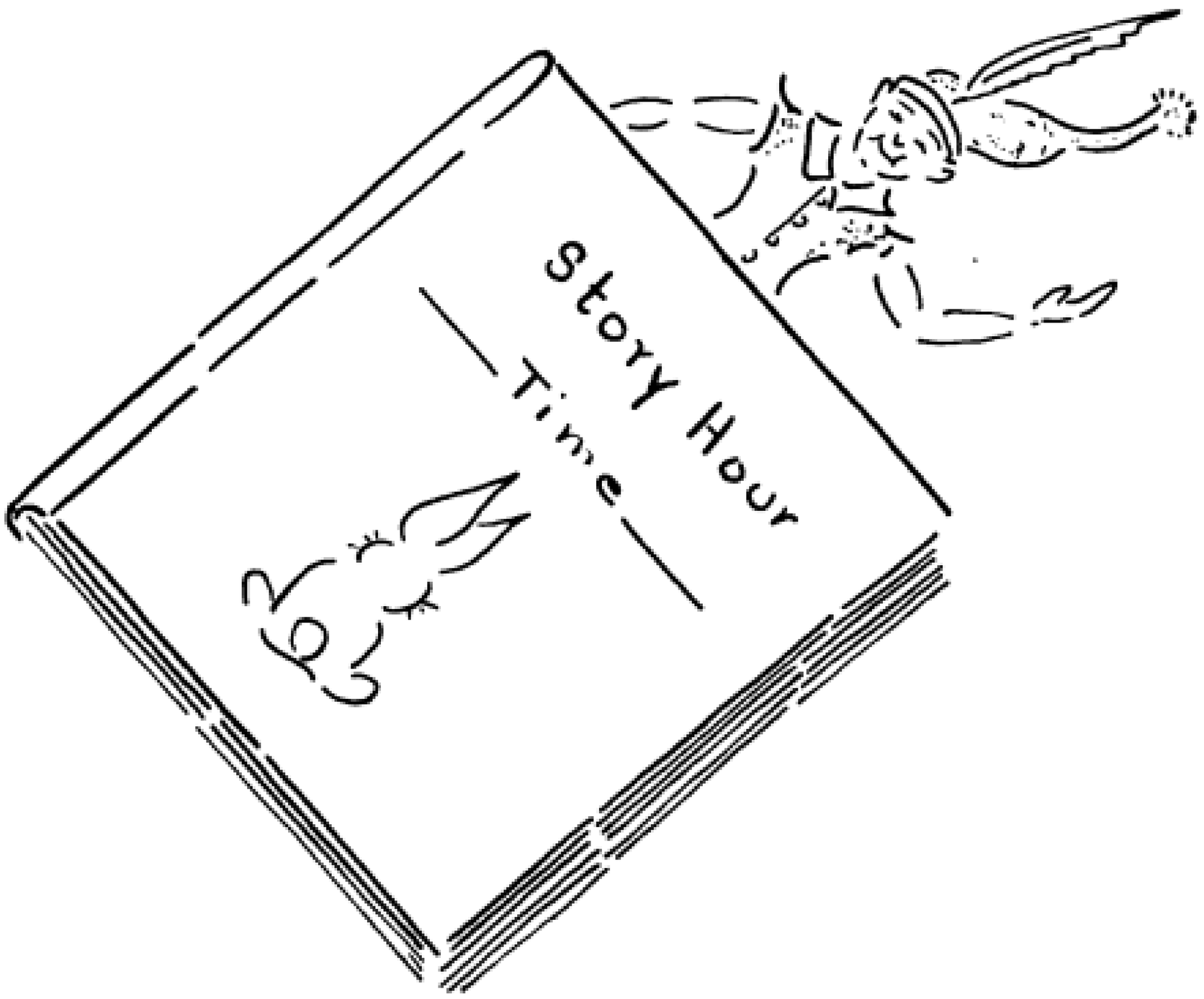
A book in our library



This is a story-hour book.

Our librarian reads this book.

We like this book.

We like the story hour.

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Story Hour

Story hour is such fun,
When books seem to take wing;
Almost before you know it
You're a rabbit, or a king.

Or, you may be a pirate,
Who sails the white sea foam;
Or, maybe you're an Indian brave
With a forest dell to roam.

Perhaps you will go skating
Down a silky rainbow trail;
Or, maybe you'll go up the hill
To help Jill fill her pail.

No matter what the story is,
There is magic in the land;
Come quietly to the library,
Story hour is at hand.

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With a wave of his hand Bookmark says "goodbye,"
He had a good hour with you;
He wants you to read, to have jolly times,
To return books when due.

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