

Places to Look for Lost Library Books

First things first, try to remember what the book/s looked like:

How big was it? Was it thick or thin? Do you remember anything about the cover? Did it have a distinctive color? Was it hardcover or paperback? If you're not sure, ask Mrs. Berner. Or have her look up the cover on Amazon. Also, keep in mind, all library books have spine labels, barcode labels and library labels so they tend to stand out.

Now, try to think about the last place you remember having the book?

Here's a list of **actual** places where people from all over the U.S. have found their missing books. Even if you don't find yours in one of these locations, it might help you think of other areas to search.

Around the House

- In the car (also check under the seats)
- Under the baby's car seat
- In the trunk of the car
- Under the spare tire
- In the *other* car
- In the garage
- Behind or under the washing machine or dryer
- In the stroller bag
- In the recycling bin
- In your folder or binder
- In your backpack
- In your *other* backpack.
- In your sibling's backpack
- On top of the piano, in the piano bench
- Ask the housekeeper if s/he's seen it
- In the reclining chair *between the arm and the seat cushion*)
- In the closet (*check all closets*)
- Under the dirty clothes
- Inside a couch that folds out into a bed
 - In the toy box
- In the bathroom
- On the back porch
- In the dog house
- In the tree house
- In the back yard
- Packed with the holiday decorations
- Under the TV set stand
- On top of the VCR/DVD player or
 - Under or in back of the sofa (*also check under cushions*)
 - Under or on top of the kitchen or dining room table
 - Behind the refrigerator *because it fell off of the top*)
 - In the freezer
 - On top of/behind/under the oven
 - On top of/behind/under the dishwasher
 - On your bedroom bookshelf
 - On one of the other bookshelves (*Check all the books turned around backwards & behind other books*)
 - On/in your desk at home, on/in your sibling's desk
 - Under your bed, under your sibling's bed
 - Between the sheets at the foot of your bed
 - Between your bed and the wall
 - Between the mattress and box springs
 - In the trundle bed
 - In the crib
 - On top or behind the dresser
 - In the dresser drawers
 - In the basement
 - In the play house
 - On top of the stereo
 - In the magazine rack
 - On the coffee table
 - Under the rug
 - Ask your sibling if they've seen it
 - Ask other relatives if they've seen it
 - At the lake house
 - On the boat
 - Ask your parents if they've seen it

Around Town

- At the doctor's or dentist's office
- At the another public library
- At the babysitter's house
- At a relative's house
- At your daycare/after-school care facility
- At your friend's house
- At your Mom or Dad's house
- At Mom or Dad's work place
- At another relative's work place
- Wherever you went on errands recently (*bank, grocery store, post office, etc.*)
- On the boat, airplane, train, restaurant, hotel

At School

- In the vehicle of whomever you ride to school with (*or home from school with.*)
- Wherever you hangout after school
- On the classroom or teacher's bookshelf
- In my neighbor's or friend's desk (*ask their permission before looking*)
- Way back on the top shelf of your locker
- Way back on the top shelf of your friend's locker
- In the cafeteria, gym, band room, etc.
- In the school office or library where your sibling attends school.
- In one of the "Lost and Found" areas
- Ask your friends if they've seen it

Last but not least, think about the last time your parents told you to clean your room. Now, think about the various places you shoved piles of things, so that they'd think you actually cleaned it. ;-) Make sure you check all of those places, too.