Storytime at Home
Our Everyday Heroes

We appreciate our community helpers more than ever right now. Make sure your child knows their importance with these fun books. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them. Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do by Kathryn Heling & Deborah Hembrook (TumbleBooks)
Dojo Daycare by Chris Tougas (TumbleBooks)
Dot the Fire Dog by Lisa Desimini (Scholastic BookFlix)
A Very Busy Firehouse by Alyse Sweeney (Scholastic BookFlix)
Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown (Brightly Storytime, Overdrive)
When Daddy’s Truck Picks Me Up by Jana Novotny Hunter (Overdrive)
Curious George, Plumber’s Helper by H.A. Rey (Overdrive)

WRITE & TALK
Get out of the house and take a drive! Make a list of community helpers, drawing a picture next to each one to help with identification. Drive around town to where each helper works. Let your child check off each one as you see it. Talk about how each person helps us. Take it a step further by writing each helper a letter. Have your child draw a picture for each one, and then write a note underneath. Put it in the mail for your friendly mail carrier to pick up.
He’ll Be Coming in His Mail Truck
(To the tune of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain")

He'll be coming in his mail truck when he comes, (drive a truck)
He'll be coming in his mail truck when he comes,
He'll be coming in his mail truck,
He'll be coming in his mail truck when he comes.

He'll be wearing his blue jacket....... (grab shirt like suspenders)
He'll bring a package for me...... (gesture like giving a package)
He'll bring mail for mom and dad..... (gesture like hand out letters)
He'll pick up letters from our mailbox.... (take letters and put in sack)

Five Brave Firefighters
Five brave firefighters
Sleeping in a row
Ring goes the bell
And down one goes....

Hurry, Hurry
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck (x3)
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding.

—Hurry, hurry, turn the corner…
—Hurry, hurry, climb the ladder…
—Hurry, hurry, spray the water…

The Elevator Song
(to the tune of "Do Your Ears Hang Low?")
Oh the city is great and the city is grand.
There's a whole lot of people on a little piece of land,
And we live way up on the 57th floor,
And this is what we do when we go out the door.

We take the elevator up and the elevator down,
take the elevator up, take the elevator down
Take the elevator up and the elevator down
And we turn around.