

Grades 3 to 5

28 programs / 5 minutes

Year of Production: 2002-2007

Whoa, Nellie! Here come The Reading Rangers to help towns in trouble — literacy trouble that is! The Reading Rangers are a group of Wild West cowboys sworn to safeguard the books for all the townsfolk and to encourage reading. Through these short, amusing programs, viewers absorb the message that reading is fun. With zany humor and a knowing nod to popular children's books, programs reinforce language skills and social development.

Programs

Teeny's Bulloney

BPN 823101

If only Teeny had learned to read, he'd keep out of trouble — and danger. Fortunately a Reading Ranger saves the day by introducing him to the local library and starting him on the path to reading. (3:50)

Ranger Danger

BPN 823114

Eeeny, one of the Mayor's tough-guy goons, sits down to write a story. Because he has no sense of story structure, the characters in the story keep changing in ridiculous and funny ways, until they take charge and finish their story off by themselves, scaring Eeeny in the process. (5:27)

Johnny Thesaurus

BPN 823117

Rangers Phil and Gisele are stumped because of their limited vocabulary. When Johnny Thesaurus shows up, he tells them the story of how he came to be a high-plains drifter and champion of the thesaurus. (6:02)

The Iceman Cometh

BPN 823118

Rangers Julie and Julie find a man frozen in a block of ice and take him to the town scientist. While waiting for the ice to melt, they try to guess how they will understand anything the iceman says. This prompts a discussion of language through the ages. (4:43)

Shake and Bake

BPN 823121

William Shakespeare himself takes Ranger Patty through a gospel musical extravaganza that explains the difference between adjectives and adverbs. (5:43)

Mayor Steals the Adjectives

BPN 823163

The Mayor steals all of the adjectives so none of the townsfolk can describe anything. (3:35)

Buford's Antonym Showdown

BPN 823164

Buford, the fastest antonym slinger in the west, challenges a Reading Ranger to a showdown. (3:35)

Sarsa-pa-looza

BPN 823165

A stranger comes to town and has trouble with words that aren't pronounced the way that they are spelled. (3:35)

Trouble in Happy Cactus

BPN 832166

The townsfolk of Happy Cactus can't read so Ranger Gisele explains why reading is important. (3:35)

Highway to Spell

BPN 823167

The Reading Rangers catch the bandits because the bad guys have trouble reading the signs. (3:35)

The Musical

BPN 823168

Rangers Julie and Jackie help Ranger Nicole put her poetry to music for The Reading Rangers Musical. (3:35)

Treed Mayor

BPN 823169

Ranger Milton and the Mayor learn about homonyms when they're chased up a tree by a bear. (3:35)

Bard of Docville

BPN 823170

Ranger Jackie is having difficulty getting her new love to come to his window until Ranger Julie helps her with rhyming. (3:35)

Capital Letter Rag

BPN 823171

Ranger Nicole sings a song to help Milton learn about capitalization. (3:35)

Ring of Elverb

BPN 823172

Ranger Julie meets Elverb, who explains verbs to her. (3:35)

Nouning Around

BPN 823173

Humbug, the keeper of the nouns, explains nouns to the mayor. (3:35)

The Ballad of Captain Fivestar

BPN 823174

This episode deals with assessing whether or not a book is too difficult or too easy to read. (3:45)

The Mighty Period

BPN 823175

The importance of punctuation, specifically periods at the end of sentences is discussed in this episode. (3:45)

Visualizing

BPN 823176

Learn how to use your imagination to understand what you are reading. (3:45)

Dr. Know It All

BPN 823177

This episode deals with understanding that information is often learned through reading. (3:45)

Docville Spring Fair

BPN 823178

The focus of this episode deals with the importance of reading, whether the book is fiction or non-fiction. (3:45)

Telegram Sue

BPN 823179

Speaking clearly when you read aloud is the focus of this episode. (3:45)

Sir Edmund Woodbury

BPN 823180

This episode deals with the importance of not judging a book by its cover. (3:45)

The Docville Star

BPN 823181

In this episode the citizens of Docville start their own newspaper, The Docville Star. (4:00)

Classified Ads

BPN 823182

In this episode the Mayor learns the importance of truth in advertising. (4:00)

Journalism Part 1

BPN 823183

In this episode a new reporter at The Docville Star learns the fundamentals of journalism; who, what, where, when and how. (4:00)

Reviewers

BPN 823184

In this episode the citizens of Docville learn about the importance of different opinions in their newspaper. (4:00)

Journalism Part 2

BPN 823185

This episode deals with investigative journalism. (4:00)