

Come out, come out, wherever you are. I've been waiting for you. Welcome back to Miss Robins place where "Different isn't bad" and kids can be themselves. This is a podcast just for you!

From time to time, I want to read you stories from famous children's authors and soon to be famous authors just like you. It's Miss Robin's way of showing her brave, kind and different heart. Don't worry, Stubby will be back next week.

John Epsosito or Papa E as his grandkids call him wrote this silly story many years ago when his daughter Amy was a little girl. He used to sing songs and read her books before going to bed. When his daughter Amy was about 5 years old he said to her, "We should write our own book for other kids to enjoy. "Let's write a book about books," Amy replied.

That's when he wrote the story you are about to hear.

Do you have a favorite bedtime story?

This story is about books coming to life!

One little book wakes up in the middle of the night and disturbs all the other books.

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night?

I have!!

Instead of getting upset at the little book, the other books in the library join him. They have a party!

How fun would that be?

So now, without further ado, what you've been waiting for:

"Late Night Library"

Ready Set, Here we go!!

## **Late Night Library**

by John D. Esposito

It was dark in the library late one night.  
The books were all sleeping, nestled in tight.

There were books about people, books about cars. There were books about bugs and planets and stars.

The books were tired from being so read. They pulled closed their covers and laid down their heads.

But one little book on the edge of the shelf, fell to the floor and woke up itself!

Hey! Said the others. We're trying to sleep.

So he tried to climb back without making a peep.

The book tried and tried to not make a sound. But each time he fell with a BANG to the ground.

Soon they all were awake, late that night. You'd never believe the hilarious sight!

Some books were laughing while others would dance. Some books were singing, on shelves they would prance!

There was so much noise from the books in the crowd. You could hear them outside, it had gotten that loud!

A policeman came by when he heard all the chatter. He peeked in the window as he stood on his ladder.

He stared with both eyes what he saw made him frown, the books looked so silly all jumping around!

So he called the librarian, and lo and behold, he knew she would say something loud something bold!

"I'll take care of this matter," she yelled back at him.

"No parties on my watch, this madness must end."

"SHHH!" She said harshly as she watched all the motion.

“It’s four in the morning, stop all this commotion.”

“Get off of the tables, the chairs and the floors. Get back on your shelves like you were once before.”

Looking all tidy with just the right space. No one would know there’d been a party in place! The books closed their covers, they decided to chill, then the room got quiet as their pages grew still.

Locking the door the librarian smiled. She knew in her heart she’d be back in awhile. Turning her back she went on her way, returning again the very next day.

*So now it’s your turn, kids. Pause the podcast and discuss the questions with someone you love and trust.*

1. What caused all the books to wake up?
2. Why do you think they decided to have a party instead of sleeping?
3. Who was the first person to catch them singing and dancing?
4. What did the Librarian tell them to do?
5. If you lived in a library what kind of book would you be?

Thank you for sharing your time with me. These short children’s stories feel like the old time “Sit around the Radio” broadcast popular in the past. It’s a place my heart often yearns to return to. A place where families gathered together, listening to stories that made them laugh and cry!

Do you have a favorite book you like to read with your family? Maybe you know someone who writes their own stories? Maybe that’s you. Well, Miss Robin would love to hear about it.

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Can’t wait to hear from you.

