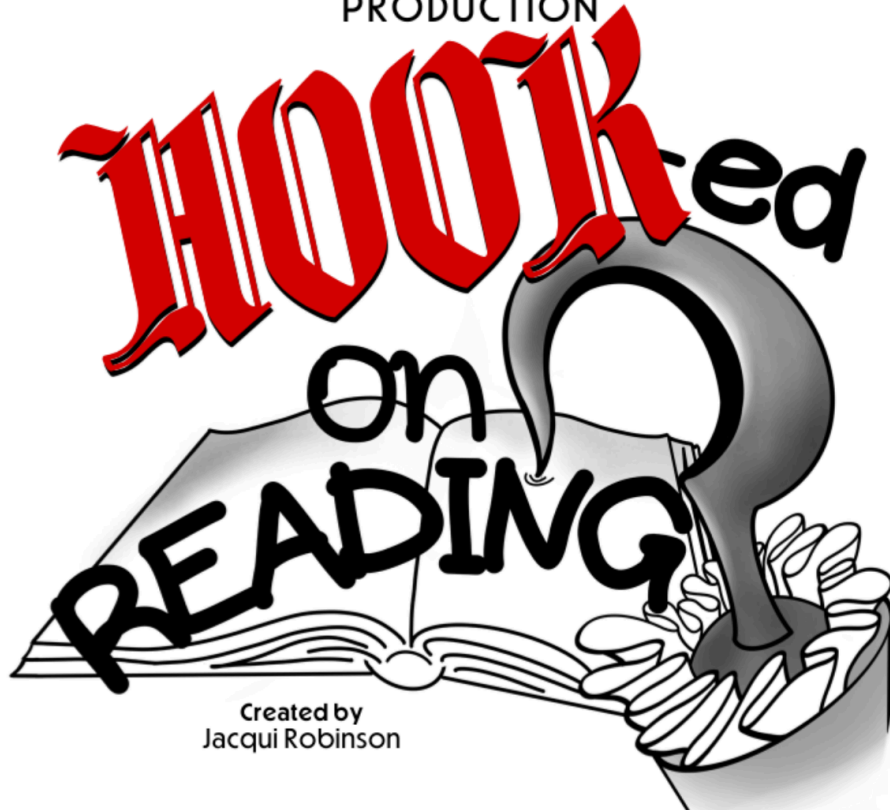


BROADWAY BOOTCAMP
PAGE TO STAGE
PRODUCTION



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July 15	10:30	Montague Library
	1:00	Holton Library
	3:00	Dalton Library
July 16	10:30	Ravenna Library
	1:00	Egelston Library
	3:00	Muskegon Heights Library
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	1:00	Muskegon Twnshp Library
	3:00	Norton Shores Library

Hook-ed on Reading

PETER PAN enters: Hello! Oh I am so excited to be here in a library with all of you! Raise your hands, how many of you have been to a library before? WOW! Now raise your hands if this is your first time visiting this library? WELCOME! This is my first time, too. Wendy told me that I'd be able to find all kinds of stories here, and friendly faces, too. Is that true? [wait for response]

You all look like you are friendly but where are the stories? [searching for the answer "in the BOOKS"] oh, yeah BOOKS that's right!

[leaning in to tell the kids a secret] I know someone who doesn't know what a book is, Captain Hook! He only reads treasure maps! When he gets here I will need your help to encourage him to check out a book from the library today. Can you help me? Great!

[Peter plays kind of bashful] Would you guys be my friends for the day? My friends, the lost boys, are still in Neverland and I am really kind of missing them. Plus all of you have been so friendly and helpful I figured maybe you could be my lost boys? [peter perks up] GREAT now let me show you our secret lost boy call. We usually use it to grab each other's attention, like in the face of danger. [draws imaginary sword and then realizes we are in a library] But I think here we are safe and will use it only if it gets too loud and I need your attention okay?

Do you know how to crow? I'm going to crow and then you echo me! After you crow, too, that will be your sign to listen up and pay attention. Okay? Everyone start to talk... (give them about a minute and then crow). Great job! Let's practice it one more time. Everyone, start to talk! (Give them another minute and then crow.) You've got it!

Okay, when Captain Hook comes in he will be so surprised when he sees how many more Lost Boys I have. Speaking of Hook, where is he? I know he doesn't like clocks but he really should be here by now.

[Encourage the kids to search for Hook - keeping them in our designated area. Hook will be hidden in a visible area but hiding behind a map or newspaper upside down. Depending on the space it would be great for Hook to be with the librarians behind the desk, or down an aisle of books that is visible from the audience.]

CAPTAIN HOOK: (in a gruff voice and starting to walk to play space) Ahoy there, Peter Pan! Where on earth are we today?!

PETER PAN: Oh, Hook, I told you about this. We are at the LIBRARY and we are here on a special adventure—

CAPTAIN HOOK: PETER WATCH OUT THERE'S A MOTLEY CREW OF SCOUNDRELS RIGHT BEHIND/NEXT TO YOU!! [Hook steps in front of peter to protect him]

PETER PAN: [Laughs] No they are not [Peter Crows- kids crow back

CAPTAIN HOOK: OH... they are Lost Boys! Ahoy Mateys. [To peter] So why did you say we are here today?

PETER PAN: (cheerfully)-What I was saying was we are at the LIBRARY and we are here on a special adventure to show you the wonders of reading! There's treasure beyond measure in the pages of books.

CAPTAIN HOOK: (skeptically) Books, you say? Bah! I have no use for such nonsense. Give me the treasure! [Hook grabs a book from shelf, table or Peter and shakes it by the cover as if treasure will literally fall out]

PETER PAN: [laughing and grabbing the book from Hook] no, no, no not like that, the treasure is the stories written in the book. [points to show the words on the pages to hook. [hand book back to hook and he examines the book inside and out] (excitedly) Oh Hook, you don't know what you're missing! My Lost Boys and I love hearing all the stories Wendy shares with us. She learned them from her

mother. Do you all have a favorite story? Maybe it is one that you like to read before bed? Or at school? Turn to someone next to you and share what your favorite story is!

Give 30 seconds to share with their buddy, then PETER PAN crows to get attention. AUDIENCE echos. [if it's a small group ask each student to share with Peter individually to take up the same amount of time.]

PETER PAN: (asks the audience) Who has a favorite story to share with Captain Hook?

(Call on 2-3 kids to share their favorite book. Both characters will respond in character, accordingly)

PETER: Hook, don't you see? With books, you can journey to far-off places, have daring sword fights, magic spells, and even meet a princess in disguise!

CAPTAIN HOOK: (intrigued) Hmm, perhaps there's more to this reading business than meets the eye. Very well, Peter Pan, I'll give it a try. What do I have to do?

PETER PAN: Well, I think we should start at the very beginning. Yes, the very beginning is a very good place to start. When you read you begin with A B C... let's hear a tune that will start our adventure in reading with Captain Hook today.

Do-Re-Mi from The Sound of Music

Read a book, a lovely tale, that starts with A and ends with Z.

Follow every word and line, reading words so magically

Stories bring us so much glee, let's explore each library!

Books are full of magic, see, with adventures just for thee!

PETER PAN: (after the song) See, Hook? Reading is like being a guest in a magical world, where anything is possible!

CAPTAIN HOOK: (nodding) Aye, I can see the appeal. But can books really take me on an adventure? Where I can pretend to be anyone I want to be?

PETER PAN: (grinning) Absolutely! And I have some Lost Boys here to help me show you how it is done. You see, in our story of Peter Pan, our characters never want to grow up!

CAPTAIN HOOK: (shocked) Never grow up?!

PETER PAN: Yeah! We never want to grow up! The Lost Boys and I, we are happy to be kids forever in Neverland! I am their leader and protector, and they follow me on adventures, like when we run into a lagoon full of mermaids, or a band of pirates! Let's journey to Neverland so you can see how well they follow my lead. I am going to sing a song, and I want all of you to echo after me. But the main part of the song is when we all sing together, "I'll never grow up, never grow up, never grow up! Not ME!" Try that with me... (*practice that part of the song with movements 3x*) That was great! I'm going to go through the first part of the song and I want you to repeat after me.

I won't grow up...

I don't want to go to school...

Just to learn to be a parrot...

And recite a silly rule...

That was excellent! After that, I'm going to sing... "If growing up means it would be beneath my dignity to climb a tree..." and then we are ALL going to sing, "I'll never grow up, never grow up, never grow up! Not ME!"

Awesome! Let's try it once without music, and then we will see if we can put it all together!

Practice it once or twice without music and then do it with the music twice. This should take between 5-10 minutes.

CAPTAIN HOOK: (enthralled) By Jove, that was exhilarating! I never knew being a Lost Boy could be so thrilling. (tears of joy turn into sad, silent tears at first building to sobbing)

PETER PAN: (smirking) And we're just getting started, Hook! (to the kids) Now, let's journey through Neverland to find our friends— (noticing hook) Hook? Are you alright?

(let's make this a shtick and peter really has to work at calming down Hook trying different techniques. The kids will really appreciate this I am sure, most likely will be shouting out ideas to try to get him calm. Maybe start with patting his head, asking him to breathe, ending with a hug, maybe even rocking back and forth, I think it would be great to sing him a song while that's happening like a pirates life for me but Sung à la lullaby that hook eventually sings along with to regulate from the outpour of emotions.)

PETER PAN: Hook, my goodness, what's wrong? You were so happy just a few seconds ago but I don't think those were happy tears at the end there...

CAPTAIN HOOK: (sniffing) No, Peter, you are correct, those were very sad tears. You see, being a pirate isn't just adventure and treasure. It's pretty lonely, Peter. Do you know what it's like to have no one to talk to?

PETER PAN: (concerned) What about your crew?

CAPTAIN HOOK: (sighs) We're all miserable, Peter. We've all been cast out as scallywag rogues. But there's a side to us pirates that nobody knows. We're constantly misunderstood, Peter. Nobody knows that we have feelings.

[Cue music for "Poor Pirates" from SpongeBob the Musical]

HOOK:

Think of how hard we have had it (so hard)
'Bout our ships there is not much to eat (not much to eat)
And dentists hate pirate insurance (yo-ho, no!)

ALL:

Which is why we've so many gold teeth (we've too many gold teeth)

HOOK:

Laundry stays damp and me boots start to sink
And me fingernails filthy and dirty
The internet loads unbelievably slow

ALL:
And our bedtimes are at seven thirty

HOOK and ALL:
Poor pirates, p-o-o-r, p-o-o-r
Poor pirates, p-o-o-r, p-o-o-r
Poor pirates
Can't deny this simple truth
We're poor pirates, p-o-o-r, p-o-o-r
Poor pirates, p-o-o-r, p-o-o-r
Poor pirates
Have it so much worsen than you

PIRATE:
We've got pirate parades to which nobody comes

PIRATE:
Captain Kidd hosts a marathon but nobody runs

PIRATE:
Long John Silver invented the bloomin' onion

PIRATE:
But d'you think he gets credit for that?

ALL:
No!

PIRATE:
Captain Bombum, no one knows his first name

PIRATE:
And Old Greenbeard's been driven completely insane

PIRATE:
Hardly anyone celebrates our one holiday (arggggh!)

PIRATE:
Talk Like a Pirate Day

ALL:

We are poor pirates, p-o-o-r

Poor pirates, p-o-o-r

Poor pirates

Can't deny this simple truth

Can't deny that we're poor (pirates are people too!)

Poor pirates, p-o-o-r

Poor pirates, p-o-o-r

Poor pirates

Can't deny this simple truth

That pirates p-o-o-are

People too

Yo-ho! Ha!

[End of song]

PETER PAN: (smiling warmly) Hook, that was quite a performance! You know, I never realized how tough it must be to be a pirate. All those storms, the lonely nights... But here in Neverland, we don't care about your past. You're always welcome to join us as a Lost Boy.

HOOK: (looking to the audience, uncertain) Really? You mean it? I can be a Lost Boy?

[wait for audience replies]

PETER PAN: (nodding) Absolutely! In Neverland, we stick together through thick and thin. We face adventures head-on, as one family.

HOOK: (smiling, touched) I... I don't know what to say.

PETER PAN: (playfully) How about "I'm ready for an adventure, Peter!"?

HOOK: [jumps up with excitement] I'm ready for an adventure, Peter!

PETER PAN: That's the spirit, Hook! (to audience) Come on, let's journey through Neverland to find our friends, the mermaids. Lost Boys, attention!!

(HOOK snaps into a "lost boy" salute to Peter, encouraging the kids to follow along.)

PETER PAN: Follow me!

[Cue Music "Following the Leader" from Peter Pan (Disney Jr. Version)]

PETER: Following the leader, the leader, the leader
We're following the leader
Wherever he may go

ALL: Following the leader, the leader, the leader
We're following the leader
Wherever he may go

(starting to circle back to the seating spots - everyone will sing the last time through in the original spaces)

ALL: Following the leader, the leader, the leader
We're following the leader
Wherever he may go [x2]

(These mermaids will be three friends who are selected before the show begins to read these lines. The director will find them in the audience ahead of time and go over the lines with them before the show begins. Cue them to come up and stand next to you.)

(Hook needs to sneak away to check out books on shelves during this part.)

AQUA: Hi, friends! Welcome to our ocean home, where the water is cool and the fish are our pals!

PEARL: Let's go explore together! We can swim through caves and play with fish.

AQUA: Yes, let's see what fun things we can find today!

CORAL: Maybe we'll even meet some new ocean friends.

PEARL: Come on, let's dive in and start our adventure!

CORAL: I can't wait to hear the sounds of the sea.

PETER PAN: We can all pretend to be mermaids, too! Show me how you move your arms to swim like a mermaid, or any other creature under the sea. Wow! That's really great! *Wait... Under the...Under the*

Sea? [sings it] *UNDER THE SEA!* Does anyone else know that song? My friend Ariel taught me a dance to that once, would like me to teach it to you? Okay, Let's do it – WAIT?! Where is Hook?

[Kids help Peter find Hook again.]

PETER PAN: Thanks for helping me look, Mermaids. I'd like you all to meet my friend, Captain Hook. What happened?

CAPTAIN HOOK: Ahoy, mermaids! And sorry Peter I saw some glints of gold on those books over there and had to get a closer look.

PETER PAN: That's okay, I'm glad to see books are catching your eye, Hook! We were just about to learn "Under the Sea" from The Little Mermaid. Her story is very interesting! It's all about teaching a mermaid about the joys of staying underwater with all her fish friends. Just like we don't want to grow up, she doesn't want to stay under the water.

CAPTAIN HOOK: Well, go on then. Let's give it a try!

Take 10-15 minutes to teach and practice "Under the Sea" then perform it!

[REHEARSE THIS MUCH AND TIME IT. THEN DECIDE IF WE NEED TO ADD ONE MORE SONG FEATURING PIRATES AND/OR THE MARY POPPINS OPTION BELOW TO CLOSE THE SHOW...]

PETER PAN: (excitedly) Hook, isn't this fun? The mermaids were amazing, right? (Pauses to look around) Huh, where did he go? Again? (Spots Hook) There he is!

PETER PAN: (approaching Hook) Hook, you disappeared again! Oh, you're reading a book! What caught your attention this time?

CAPTAIN HOOK: (holding up the book) Yes, I found this book. Doesn't it look cool? So far it's about a boy who's name I can't pronounce...

PETER PAN: (taking a closer look) Oh, it's Aladdin! It's a story about a young man who finds a magical lamp with a genie inside. They go on incredible adventures together. Do you lost boys know that story?

PETER PAN: (encouragingly to Hook) Are there any other books that caught your interest?

CAPTAIN HOOK: (glancing around quickly) No, everything else looks rather... boring.

PETER PAN: (smiling knowingly) Oh no, Hook. The cover is not the book. Just because a book may not look as exciting as this one doesn't mean the stories inside won't take you on thrilling journeys. Remember what Uncle Gutenberg used to say...

Uncle Gutenberg was a bookworm

And he lived on Charing Cross

The memory of his volumes brings a smile

He would read me lots of stories

When he wasn't on the sauce

Now I'd like to share the wisdom

Of my favourite bibliophile

He said a-Cover is not the book So open it up and take a look

'Cause under the covers one discovers that the king may be a crook

Chapter titles are like signs and if you read between the lines

You'll find your first impression was mistook

For a cover is nice but a cover is not the book!

CAPTAIN HOOK: (thinking) You're right, Peter. Maybe there are treasures inside these books that I haven't discovered yet. But where do I begin?

PETER PAN: (enthusiastically) There are so many books and adventures waiting for you here, Hook! All you need to do is ask a librarian to help you find the ones that will interest you.

LIBRARIAN: (with a smile) Come with me, Captain Hook. Let's check out some books together.

CAPTAIN HOOK: (excitedly) Hidden treasures, you say? Lead the way, my dear librarian. I'm eager to discover these new horizons.

CAPTAIN HOOK: (to the Lost Boys) Thank you so much, Lost Boys. I would have never understood how fantastic reading is without your help today.

PETER PAN: And so, Captain Hook sets sail on a new chapter of his adventures, exploring the wonders of books and the joy of reading. Thank you all for joining us in Neverland and the library today. Remember that the cover is not the book—so pick out your own adventure and share it with somebody special this summer.

Last goodbye from putnam?