

The Library and Timeless Stories

One Saturday Pam called Kim early morning. The girls decided to go to the library and finish their English assignment. Pam and Kim loved Mrs. Sanders' class because she made learning fun. The class had been studying poetry, and the girls loved to read about "Little Pig Shipley". Pam read the poems in Braille from Building on Patterns weekly and loved Little Pig Shipley. Pam shared the poems with Kim who simply loved to memorize the poems. While Pam was blind and Kim had low vision, the two girls could pass for twins. Both had long pretty brown hair and dark brown eyes.

"I will come by your house and we can walk to the library together," Pam said to Kim. Kim agreed so the two girls walked toward the library, passed the restaurant and pond. Since Pam lived at the end of the street, she walked to Kim's house first.

As the two girls were walking, Kim saw one of their friends from school, Sammy. Sammy lived near the pond and was sitting in his wheelchair beside the water with his mother, Ann. Sammy was a cute skinny boy with blonde hair and blue eyes. Sammy looked just like his mother, Ann.

Sammy, like Kim, had low vision but Sammy also had other disabilities as well. Ann once told them Sammy had trouble walking which was the reason he was in a wheelchair. The girls loved Sammy because he was funny and they always had fun going places with him.

"Hi Mrs. Clark," Pam and Kim called out.

"Hello, Girls!" she answered as did Sammy.

"Mrs. Clark, if Sammy wants to go with us to the library, we would love it!"

Pam said.

"Sure, Sammy would you like to go?" Ann asked Sammy.

Sammy agreed, so Kim pushed Sammy while Pam used her cane and the three friends went to the library.

The day was beautiful, sunny, slightly cool and a perfect day for a walk. Sammy was making the girls laugh and telling more jokes before the three went inside the library.

After the three friends found a table near the poetry books, Mrs. Lamb brought favorite books for the kids.

"Sammy, I know your favorite book is The Boy and the Wolf and when we get back from the library I will show you real objects from the story using your yellow trays," Kim smiled.

"Great!" Sammy said happily.

Sammy, Kim and Pam stayed most of the day in the library. After the girls finished their poetry lessons for class, they found Sammy scanning a book of Helen Keller when Mrs. Lamb told the children it was getting late.

"I love it when you all are here; however, it is getting late. You three do not want to worry your family, do you?" She said through a smile.

"I just called our mothers, Mrs. Lamb, and you are correct. It is time to leave, but you will see us again next week," Pam smiled.

"I certainly hope I see you every week," Mrs. Lamb said.

"Sammy, we stayed too long for our lesson to go over the Hungry Caterpillar, but we will do it next time," Kim said.

After the friends left the library, Pam, Kim and Sammy went home. Before the girls dropped off Sammy, he began laughing because the books he checked out from the library were falling off his lap.

The girls laughed because Sammy loved books more than anyone they knew.

Sammy's mother, Ann, heard laughing and came out of the house.

"Another fun day at the library, and I guess we will be reading The Gingerbread Man yet another week," Kim teased.