

Things are weird these days, especially for a librarian when the library is closed. How do we serve our patrons when the building is locked and the books are sealed up inside? My colleagues and I at the Kirkland Town Library hope you all know about our online resources, including multiple ways to access free e-books and audiobooks at our website (kirklandtownlibrary.org). We're hoping that even though our doors are closed we are still reaching you through our email newsletters and Facebook page, or through email if you send us a message. We're here! We miss you! And we're always trying to think of ways to help our community.

Today I thought the best way to use this space to help would be to bring a little smile, maybe even a chuckle, to you. Let me present some of the best worst jokes my family and friends have to offer!

My coworker Chelsea offered this gem:

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes? A: A fsh. (Say it out loud for the full effect!)

My coworker Jennifer shared this joke from her daughter, Cora: "I was using an apple slicer while preparing Cora's snack the other day. It wasn't working well and Cora said, 'Wow mom, that apple must be really hard core!'"

Another coworker, Aileen, shared this book-related joke: Q: What kind of book has the most stirring chapters? A: A cookbook.

My eight-year-old niece had to share a joke with her class over Zoom, and it's pretty good:

Q: What did the cat say while chewing on a DVD? A: "The book was better."

My brother-in-law brings us a library joke: Q: Why did the librarian slip on the floor? A: She was in the non-friction section.

My sister-in-law also demonstrates her finely-attuned sense of humor with these: Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A: A carrot!; Q: What's brown and sticky? A: A stick.

My mother-in-law shared this one for the sports fans:

Q: Why was the basketball court all wet? A: Because the players kept dribbling on it!

My own favorite joke (and one of the few I can actually remember) is one best told out loud:

A boy walks up to a librarian at the reference desk and says in a loud voice, "HI! I'D LIKE TO ORDER A CHEESEBURGER, A SMALL FRIES, AND A COKE, PLEASE!" The librarian replies, "This is a library!" The boy responds, in a whisper, "Oh, sorry! I'd like a cheeseburger, a small fries, and a coke, please!"

And last, but not least, are the jokes from my dad. Brace yourself for some true "dad jokes."

First man: "I have a goat in the basement that does not have a nose."

Second man: "How does he smell?"

First man: "Terrible!"

Q: A camel with two humps is called a Bactrian. A camel with one hump is called a Dromedary.

What do you call a camel with no humps?

A: Humphrey

I hope these inspire you to share your own bad jokes, whether it's over the phone, email, text, video chatting, or by shouting them to your neighbor over the fence. It will feel good to share a laugh.