The project on the next page goes along with the book *The Book With No Pictures* written by B.J. Novak.

If you don’t have this book, click [here](#) to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling’s Education Staff!

The premise of the story is that books without pictures don’t have to be boring….after all, everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it. This is one of our favorite books since it is intentionally written to be read aloud.

For the art activity on the next page, you can make your own collage story using words cut out of magazines!

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**MUSEUM CONNECTION**

This activity was inspired by circus posters and their use of vivid and fun words to grab a viewer’s attention!

This poster was created to promote The Ringling Bros. circus and the “only giraffe known to exist in the entire world.” This poster uses big, descriptive words to get people excited about what they might see at the Circus…but sometimes they might overexaggerate! Just like words and letters were the stars in today’s stories, these words star by telling the reader just how exciting the circus is going to be!

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**EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS:**

- I.C.1
- I.C.2
- IVA.1
- IVA.2
- IVA.3
- IVF.1
- IVF.2
- IVF.3
- IVF.4
- IVG.1
- VIII.A.1
- VIII.E.1
- VIII.E.2

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*Courier Co. (American, 19th century), Ringling Brothers: Only Giraffe Known to Exist, 1901. Ink on paper, 28 1/4 x 20 1/2 in. Tibbals Circus Collection. ht2001289*
ACTIVITY
THE BOOK WITH NO PICTURES

MATERIALS:
MAGAZINES, SCISSORS, PAPER, GLUE, MARKER

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by looking through the magazines for different words. Try to pick a variety of colors and sizes.

2. When you find ones you like, cut them out using scissors.

3. Place the words across your paper and see if you can make up a story that uses those words. You can rearrange them, add more, or even take some away.

4. Once you’ve decided on your story, glue your cut-out words to the paper and fill in any extra words using a marker. Now you have a story with no pictures too!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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