



## The Adventures of Captain Library and the case of the "Missing Dump Truck"

The World Famous Captain Library was enjoying a game of "Name That Book" when the phone rang. It was his trusty assistant Libby.

"Captain Li- brary!" Libby gasped. "You have to come quickly to the new Eugene library!"

"Why?" asked Captain Library.

"You won't believe this" said Libby. "The workers are missing a dump truck!"

"What?" exclaimed Captain Library. "Libby. Meet me at the library!"

Captain Library jumped in his Page Racer and sped to the construction site.

When he got there, he and Libby found the workers running around looking for something.

"What are you looking for?" asked Captain Library.

"We're missing a dump truck!" said one worker.

"Where did you last see it?" asked Captain Library.

"It was just here and it dumped a load of gravel" said another worker.

"And then it just disappeared!" said the first worker, as he looked in his lunch box.

"I don't think the dump truck is in your lunch box" said Captain Library. "But I have an idea where it is. Hop in the Page Racer and let's go find it!"

Captain Library, Libby and the construction worker jumped in the Page Racer and took off. They hovered above the big hole in the ground where the new Eugene Library was being built. There were trucks, cranes and men and women working hard.

Libby leaned out of the Page Racer and yelled "There's a clue! Follow those tire tracks!"

"Good work Libby!" said Captain Library, and he steered the Page Racer in the direction of the tracks.

Pretty soon, they caught up to the dump truck just as it drove into the yard at Eugene Sand & Gravel.

"What's it doing now?" asked Libby.

"Watch and you will see." said Captain Library. "That truck has an important job to do!"

As they watched from above, the truck parked next to a huge pile of crushed gravel. In a few seconds, a big loader appeared, scooped up a bucket of rock and filled up the dump truck. Then the truck drove out the gate, toward the library.

"The truck isn't missing", explained Captain Library. "It came back to Eugene Sand & Gravel for another load of rock. Crushed rock is used at the new library to make roads for trucks to drive on, filling in holes, making a strong base for the concrete foundation and lots of other things like concrete and asphalt paving."

They followed the truck back to the library and watched it dump its load of rock next to the big yellow tower crane.

"Now I know where the truck went!" said the worker. "It wasn't missing, it was just making another delivery!"

"Exactly right!" beamed Captain Library. "Now, speaking of delivery, why don't you deliver your lunch-box over here. I'm hungry!"

They all laughed and Captain Library dropped off the worker at the new library.

Then Captain Library and Libby sped off in the Page Racer, ready for another adventure.

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