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Emma McCann here, illustrator of the “Anisha: Accidental Detective” series by Serena Patel. Here are a few of my thoughts about reading and libraries:

READING IS BRILLIANT BECAUSE:

It creates empathy

It expands your mind and your imagination

It creates a bond between the author and the reader

It takes you to unexpected places

My favourite books to read and to illustrate are funny books; I'm a firm believer in laughter being the best medicine. When the world feels like a dark and intimidating place a funny book is escapism. When you are reading and laughing you are somewhere else entirely and that laughter can help you through the tough times. Plus, it's really important to be able to learn to laugh at yourself and not take yourself too seriously – life can be pretty bonkers, after all!

LIBRARIES ARE GREAT BECAUSE:

They're a safe space

They're a place to just “be”

They're a gateway to incredible worlds

They're FREE!

I do hope you have a school library to enjoy. Don't forget to visit your local public library, too!

Happy reading and scribbling,

Emma McCann xxx



Visit <https://youtu.be/aY0JWZ8E710> to draw along with me and finish off the cover for Anisha Accidental Detective no. 5 “Holiday Adventure!”