

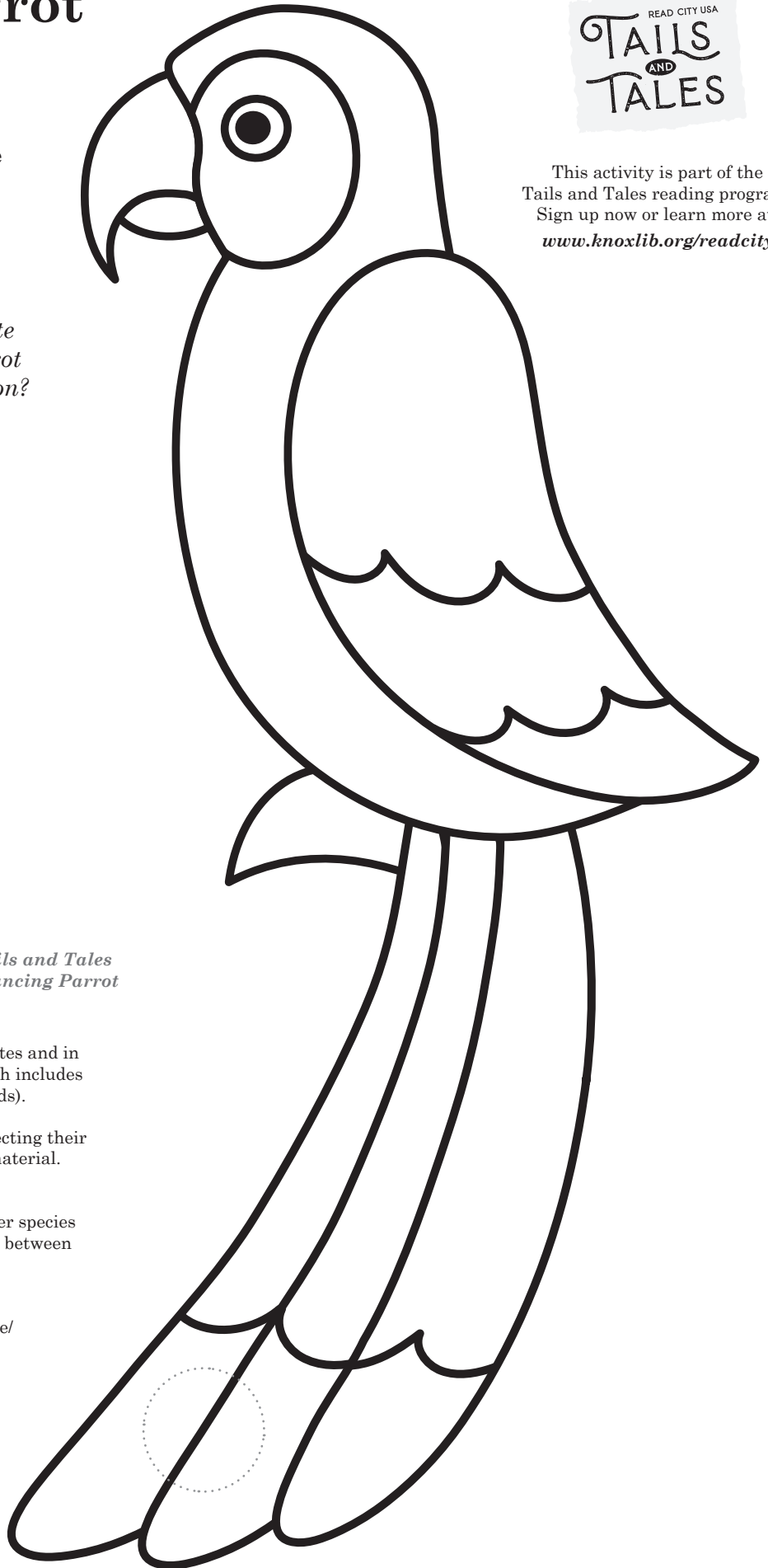
# Balancing Parrot

Color or decorate your parrot, then cut out. Attach a penny (or other small, heavy object) to the parrot's tail where the dotted circle is. Now try balancing your parrot on your finger!

*Parrots are some of the most intelligent and social birds. They are known for their ability to imitate human voices. What does your parrot say? Can you imagine a conversation?*



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Most of the world's parrots live in tropical climates and in rainforests in South America and Oceania (which includes Australia, New Zealand, and many Pacific islands).

Parrots typically have a strong, curved bill, reflecting their diet of seeds, nuts, buds, fruit and other plant material. Some species also eat insects.

Many parrots have near-human lifespans—larger species like macaws and cockatoos are known to live for between 35 and 50 years.

Sources: <http://www.rainforest-facts.com/>  
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