



# Building A Home Library

Ages 0-3

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.

We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

[www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists](http://www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists)

[www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc)

## Questions?

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## Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 0-3.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 4-7, 8-11, and 12-14. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

Barrett, Mary Brigid. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham.

**Pat-a-Cake.** Candlewick Press, 2014.

Takes a rhyme beloved by toddlers everywhere and expands it to encompass the world.

Boynton, Sandra.

**Are You a Cow?** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2012.

A bossy chicken makes animals (and readers) identify themselves in typical Boynton rhyme and zany humor.

Brown, Margaret Wise. Illustrated by Clement Hurd.

**Goodnight Moon.** HarperCollins, 1947.

A home library essential bedtime story. The soothing sound of "In the great green room..." sends us on our way.

Campbell, Rod.

**Dear Zoo: a Pop-up Book.** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2005.

The zoo sends animals that are too big, too fierce, or too naughty to a child in search for an animal companion. Will the zoo send the perfect pet?

Carle, Eric.

**La oruga muy hambrienta/The Very Hungry Caterpillar.** Philomel / Penguin, 2011.

We count through the days of the week in this classic collage art concept book now available in a bilingual Spanish/English edition.

Cousins, Lucy.

**Peck, Peck, Peck.** Candlewick Press, 2013.

After learning how to peck, a baby woodpecker practices his newly learned skill on a variety of household objects.

Crews, Nina.

**The Neighborhood Sing-Along.** Greenwillow / HarperCollins, 2011.

Sing familiar tunes as you wind your way through fun photo collages in an urban setting.

Dominguez, Angela.

**Mary Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita.** Henry Holt / Macmillan, 2013.

The classic song gets a delightful Peruvian twist.

Ehlert, Lois.

**Eating the Alphabet.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1996.

This yummy alphabet book showcases fruits and vegetables of various types and colors.

Fox, Mem. Illustrated by Steve Jenkins.

**Hello, Baby.** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2012.

A human baby meets many animal babies on a rhyming tour of the animal kingdom.

Global Fund for Children.

**Global Babies / Bebés del mundo.**

Charlesbridge, 2009.

Babies may wear different clothes, move around in different types of carriers, and eat

different food, but babies all over the world are loved.

Gravett, Emily.

**Orange Pear Apple Bear.** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2011.

With just four objects and five words, this story about a silly bear and his fruit is more than the sum of its parts!

Hacohen, Dean and Sherry Scharschmidt.

**Tuck Me In!** Candlewick Press, 2010.

"It's time for bed. Who needs to be tucked in?" A baby zebra, pig, elephant, and others answer the call.

Hoban, Tana.

**Black On White.** Greenwillow Books, 2007.

Even the youngest babies can see the clear black and white images depicting everyday objects such as a leaf, a boat, and buttons.

Katz, Karen.

**The Babies on the Bus.** Henry Holt / Macmillan, 2013.

Babies are all over this rendition of the familiar song: singing, bouncing, falling asleep, and saying bye-bye to the bus.

Linenthal, Peter.

**Look at the Animals!** Dutton / Penguin, 2006.

Puppies play and pandas eat in this black and white book perfect for babies' eyes.

McPhail, David.

**My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes, Songs, and Concepts.** Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013.

A classic and sweetly-illustrated collection of Mother Goose rhymes.

McQuinn, Anna. Illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw.

**Lola Loves Stories.** Charlesbridge, 2010.

Who doesn't enjoy a nightly snuggle with a good book and a loved one?

Miller, Margaret.

**I Love Colors.** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2009.

Babies are fascinated by faces and bright colors, and this book delivers both at once.

Parenteau, Shirley. Illustrated by David Walker.

**Bears in Bed.** Candlewick Press, 2012.

When the moaning night wind frightens the little bears into Big Brown Bear's bed, he must find the right way to settle them back down.

Patricelli, Leslie.

**Higher! Higher!** Candlewick Press, 2010.

A little girl on a swing asks her dad to push her higher, higher, higher-- so high she zooms right into outer space!

Schade, Susan. Illustrated by Jon Buller.

**The Noisy Counting Book.** Random House, 2010.

A raucous, rousing, remarkable introduction to numbers that will have even the smallest readers clapping their hands with joy.

Wheeler, Lisa. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.

**Jazz Baby.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007.

A jazzy baby inspires his sister, granny, uncle, and the entire family to have some noisy fun!

Wolff, Ashley.

**Baby Bear Sees Blue.** Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster, 2012.

A truly lovely paean to colors through the eyes of an innocent cub.

Yoon, Salina.

**Opposnakes: a Lift-the-Flap Book about Opposites.** Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2009.

Loud, guitar-playing rock band snakes. Quiet snakes reading books. Are they opposites or Oppo-snakes?