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:

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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.

**Bang, Molly.**
A gentle bedtime countdown between a father and daughter gets her all ready for the end of the day.

**Boynton, Sandra.**
Pajamas? Check. Kisses good night? Check. A sneaky piglet hiding under the covers and trying to avoid bedtime? Check, check, check!

**Campbell, Rod.**
The zoo sends animals that are too big, too fierce, or too naughty. Will the zoo send the perfect pet?

**Carle, Eric.**
**From Head to Toe.** HarperCollins, 1997.
Can you bend your neck like a giraffe? Clap your hands like a seal? Bend your knees like a camel? I can do it!

**Crews, Nina.**
Not all fairytales happen in the forest. See what Peter Piper, Miss Tuffet, and other favorite characters get up to in the city.

**Dunrea, Olivier.**
A young goose adores her bright red boots and is crushed when she loses them.

**Durand, Hallie. Illustrated by Tony Fucile.**
**Mitchell's License.** Candlewick, 2011.
“Driving” to bed is easy for three-year-old Mitchell when dad is the car.

**Embery, Ed.**
When a monster appears bit by bit, first eyes, then nose, then teeth, then ears, readers can make it disappear the same way.

**Fox, Mem. Illustrated by Steve Jenkins.**
**Hello, Baby.** Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane, 2009.
After meeting many baby animals, a baby discovers the most precious creature of all... itself, of course!

**Global Fund for Children.**
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.**
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, 2010.
“It’s time for bed. Who needs to be tucked in?” A baby zebra, pig, elephant, and others answer the call.

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

**Hopgood, Tim.**
Wow, pink! Wow, blue! A little owl stays awake all day and is amazed at all of the beautiful colors in the world.

**Long, Ethan.**
**Up, Tall and High.** Penguin/Putnam Juvenile, 2012.
Three perfect little stories feature befeathered heroes who display the differences between three mighty similar (but still different) concepts.

**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?

**Murphy, Mary.**
**I Kissed the Baby.** Candlewick, 2003.
Several animals brag about their interactions with a duckling, tickling, feeding, and kissing the new baby.

**Patricelli, Leslie.**
**Higher! Higher!** Candlewick, 2009.
A little girl on a swing asks her dad to push her higher, higher, higher-- so high she zooms right into outer space!

**Sirett, Dawn. Illustrated by Dave King.**
Clever little flaps and hidden surprises reveal everything from a snuggly puppy to a peekaboo baby.

**Thomas, Jan.**
Nobody wants to be under this rotund feline. Fortunately the solution is hilarious andimple.

**Underwood, Deborah. Illustrated by Renata Liwska.**
From the quiet of the morning to the “sweet dreams quiet” at night, who knew there were so many different ways to be quiet?

**Wheeler, Lisa. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.**
A jazzy baby inspires his sister, granny, uncle, and the entire family to have some noisy fun!

**Yolen, Jane and Andrew Fusek Peters. Illustrated by Polly Dunbar.**
A playfully illustrated anthology of delightfully simple poetry, from the likes of A. A. Milne, Langston Hughes, and Margaret Wise Brown.

**Zimmerman, Andrea Griffing and David Clemensha. Illustrated by Dan Yaccarino.**
Drive the trash truck up the streets, drive it down, it’s fun to clean up Trashy Town!