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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.
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.
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.
“Driving” to bed is easy for three-year-old Mitchell when dad is the car.

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

Murphy, Mary.
Several animals brag about their interactions with a duckling, tickling, feeding, and kissing the new baby.

Patricelli, Leslie.
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?

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 Griffling and David Clemesha. Illustrated by Dan Yaccarino.
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