Building A Home Library

Ages 8-11

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
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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 8-11.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 12-14. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

*Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010. The weird kid at school makes a finger puppet Yoda that can tell the future, but can its advice be trusted?

*Boyce, Frank Cottrell. *The Unforgotten Coat*. Candlewick Press, 2011. When Julie befriends the two new mysterious Mongolian students in her class, she has no idea what she's getting into.


*Frost, Helen. *Salt: a Story of Friendship in a Time of War*. Farrar Straus & Giroux / Macmillan, 2013. Two boys on opposite sides of the war of 1812 come to realize that their friendship may not survive the coming battles.


*Hill, Laban Carrick. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010. Illustrated in lush watercolors, this is a poetic tribute to a little-known man who worked as an accomplished potter while under slavery in South Carolina.

*Holm, Jennifer L. *Turtle in Paradise*. Yearling / Random House, 2010. In 1935 Turtle moves to Key West, where she learns the trials of boy cousins and the wonders of sugar apple ice cream.


*Look, Lenore. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters*. Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2009. Alvin's worst fear has been realized - camping! Can his night-vision goggles, water-purifying tablets, and heavy-duty flashlight keep him safe from the great outdoors?


*Silverstein, Shel. *Every Thing on It*. HarperCollins, 2011. This poetry collection includes more than 130 never-before-seen poems and drawings.


*Warner, Sally. Illustrated by Jamie Harper. *EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken!* Viking Children’s Books / Penguin, 2011. EllRay’s dad offers to take him to Disneyland if he can stay out of trouble for one week—which makes this week the longest ever!

*White, E. B. *The Trumpet of the Swan*. HarperCollins, 1970. A mute trumpeter swan is provided with a trumpet by his father in order to win the love of the beautiful Serena.

*Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer*. HarperCollins, 2010. In 1968, three young sisters are sent to live with the poet mother who abandoned them years before and have trouble adjusting to her bohemian lifestyle and Black Panther involvement.

* * Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)