

# Building a Home Library

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

## Questions?

American Library Association  
50 East Huron Street  
Chicago, IL 60611  
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### **Fire Engine No. 9**

**by Mike Austin**

Random House Books for Young Readers, 2015

Alert! Alert! Firefighters respond to an emergency. Includes a fire safety list from FEMA. *Ebook available.*

### **Pat-a-Cake**

**by Mary Brigid Barrett**

**Illustrated by LeUyen Pham**

Candlewick Press, 2014

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

### **My Bus**

**by Bryon Barton**

Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2015

A helpful bus driver delivers passengers to other modes of transportation, including boats, planes and trains. Fun counting opportunities abound!

### **Are You a Cow?**

**by Sandra Boynton**

Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2012

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

### **La oruga muy hambrienta / The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

**by Eric Carle**

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.

### **Farmyard Beat**

**by Lindsey Craig  
Illustrated by Marc Brown**

Knopf Books for Young Readers / Random House, 2011

The farm animals can't sleep because they're too busy rocking and dancing to the rhythm of this bouncy book. *Ebook available.*

### **The Neighborhood Sing-Along**

**by Nina Crews**

Greenwillow / HarperCollins, 2011

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

### **Jamberry**

**by Bruce Degen**

HarperFestival / HarperCollins; Brdbk edition, 1995

The rhymes flow easily in this delightful tale of a boy and bear berry picking. *Audio/Ebook available.*

### **Baby Love**

**by Angela DiTerlizzi  
Illustrated by Brooke Boynton Hughes**

Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster, 2015

Mama and Papa show baby just how much baby is loved and cared for. *Ebook available.*

### **Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita**

**by Angela Dominguez**

Henry Holt / Macmillan, 2013

The classic song gets a delightful Peruvian twist. *Ebook available.*

### **Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z**

**by Lois Ehlert**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1996

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

### **Hello, Baby**

**by Mem Fox  
Illustrated by Steve Jenkins**

Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2012

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

### **Orange Pear Apple Bear**

**by Emily Gravett**

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! *Ebook available.*

### **Tuck Me In!**

**by Dean Hacothen and Sherry Scharschmidt**

Candlewick Press, 2010

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

### **Black On White**

**by Tana Hoban**

Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2007

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

### **The Babies on the Bus**

**by Karen Katz**

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. *Ebook available.*

### **My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes, Songs, and Concepts**

**by David McPhail**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013

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

### **Say Hello Like This!**

**by Mary Murphy**

Candlewick Press, 2014

A delightful introduction to animal sounds built around a happy and charming crowd of creatures.

### **Wait**

**by Antoinette Portis**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2015

Child and mother move through the city together, both hurrying and slowing down to look in turn. *Ebook available.*

### **Little Blue Truck**

**by Alice Schertle**

**Illustrated by Jill McElmurry**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008

A little blue truck gets stuck in the mud while helping free a big important dump truck. Good thing his animal friends are around! *Ebook available.*

### **One Family**

**by George Shannon**

**Illustrated by Blanca Gomez**

Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Macmillan, 2015

Count from one to ten with this wonderfully diverse collection of families. *Ebook available.*

### **Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise**

**by Sean Taylor**

**Illustrated by Jean Jullien**

Candlewick Press, 2015  
Hoot Owl has a creative way of catching (or not) his next meal. *Ebook available.*

### **Where's the Pair?**

**by Britta Teckentrup**

Big Picture Press / Candlewick Press, 2015

A fun and challenging search-and-find animal book for children to share with their grownups.

### **Opposnakes: a Lift-the-Flap Book about Opposites**

**by Salina Yoon**

Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2009

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

### **Lullaby and Kisses Sweet: Poems to Love with Your Baby**

**by Lee Bennett Hopkins  
Illustrated by Alyssa Nassner**

Abrams, 2015

An anthology of thirty of the most playful and loving rhymes for babies and toddlers. *Ebook available.*