

Recommended Books to Read before Kindergarten

Not sure what you want to read? Here are some titles to get you started. If you need help locating any of these titles, or if you would like more reading suggestions, please see one of the youth services librarians.

- Aardema, Verna: *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*
- Alborough, Jez: *Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!*
- Allard, Harry: *Miss Nelson is Missing!*
- Asch, Frank: *Happy Birthday, Moon*
- Atwater, Richard: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
- Bang, Molly: *Ten, Nine, Eight*
- Barrett, Judy: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*
- Barton, Byron: *The Three Bears*
- Bauer, Marion: *How Do I Love You?*
- Becker, Bonny: *A Visitor for Bear*
- Bergen, Lara: *Dora's Sleepover*
- Bemelmans, Ludwig: *Madeline*
- Blackstone, Stella: *Bear's Busy Family*
- Bloom, Suzanne: *A Splendid Friend, Indeed*
- Bornstein, Ruth: *Little Gorilla*
- Bridwell, Norman: *Clifford the Big Red Dog*
- Brett, Jan: *The Mitten*
- Brown, Jeff: *Flat Stanley*
- Brown, Marcia: *Stone Soup*
- Brown, Margaret Wise: *Goodnight Moon*
- Brunhoff, Jean de: *The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant*
- Burningham, John: *Mr. Gumpy's Outing*
- Burton, Virginia Lee: *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*
- Campbell, Rod: *Dear Zoo*
- Cannon, Janell: *Stellaluna*
- Christelow, Eileen: *Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed*
- Coffelt, Nancy: *Fred Stays with Me*
- Crews, Donald: *Freight Train*
- Cronin, Doreen: *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*
- Degen, Bruce: *Jamberry*
- De Paola, Tomie: *Strega Nona*
- Dorros, Arthur: *Abuela*
- Eastman, P.D.: *Are You My Mother?*



- Eastman, P.D.: *Go, Dog, Go*
- Ehlert, Lois: *Feathers for Lunch*
- Ehlert, Lois: *Leaf Man*
- Emberley, Ed: *Go Away, Big Green Monster!*
- Falconer, Ian: *Olivia*
- Feiffer, Jules: *Bark, George*
- Flack, Marjorie: *Ask Mr. Bear*
- Fleming, Denise: *In the Tall, Tall Grass*
- Fleming, Denise: *Mama Cat Has Three Kittens*
- Fore, S.J.: *Tiger Can't Sleep*
- Fox, Mem: *Where is the Green Sheep?*
- Freeman, Don: *Corduroy*
- Gag, Wanda: *Millions of Cats*
- Galdone, Paul: *The Three Little Pigs*
- Gannett, Ruth Stiles: *My Father's Dragon*
- Gerstein, Mordicai: *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*
- Gibbs, Edward: *I Spy with My Little Eye*
- Goble, Paul: *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*
- Guarino, Deborah: *Is Your Mama a Llama?*
- Harris, Robie: *Maybe a Bear Ate It*
- Henkes, Kevin: *Kitten's First Full Moon*
- Henkes, Kevin: *Owen*
- Hest, Amy: *Off to School, Baby Duck!*
- Hill, Eric: *Where's Spot?*
- Ho, Minfong: *Hush!: A Thai Lullaby*
- Hoban, Russell: *Bread and Jam for Frances*
- Hoban, Tana: *Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? An Adventure in Color*
- Hoban, Tana: *Over, Under and Through, and Other Spatial Concepts*
- Hoff, Syd: *Danny and the Dinosaur*
- Hoffman, Mary: *Amazing Grace*
- Holabird, Katherine: *Angelina Ballerina*
- Hutchins, Pat: *Rosie's Walk*
- Isadora, Rachel: *The Ugly Duckling*
- Jenkins, Steve: *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*
- Johnson, Crockett: *Harold and the Purple Crayon*
- Johnson, D.B.: *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*
- Juster, Norton: *The Hello, Goodbye Window*
- Keats, Ezra Jack: *The Snowy Day*
- Keats, Ezra Jack: *Whistle for Willie*
- Kennedy, Jimmy: *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*



- Kent, Jack: *The Caterpillar and the Polliwog*
- Kimmel, Eric: *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*
- Kraus, Robert: *Leo, the Late Bloomer*
- Kraus, Ruth: *The Carrot Seed*
- Leaf, Munro: *The Story of Ferdinand*
- Lester, Helen: *Tacky the Penguin*
- Lester, Mike: *A is for Salad*
- Lionni, Leo: *Little Blue and Little Yellow*
- Lionni, Leo: *Swimmy*
- Lobel, Arnold: *Frog and Toad are Friends*
- London, Jonathan: *Froggy Gets Dressed*
- Marino, Gianna: *Zoopa: An Alphabet Soup ABC*
- Marshall, James: *George and Martha*
- Martin, Bill: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
- Martin, Bill: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*
- Mayer, Mercer: *Frog Goes to Dinner*
- McBratney, Sam: *Guess How Much I Love You*
- McCloskey, Robert: *Make Way for Ducklings*
- McDermott, Gerald: *Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti*
- McDonald, Margaret Read: *The Squeaky Door*
- McFarland, Lyn: *Widget*
- McKissack, Pat: *Goin' Someplace Special*
- McLimans, David: *Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet*
- McPhail, David: *Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore*
- Meddaugh, Susan: *Martha Speaks*
- Mullan, Kate and Jim: *I Stink!*
- Munsch, Robert: *The Paper Bag Princess*
- Noble, Trinka: *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*
- Numeroff, Laura: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
- O'Connor, Jane: *Fancy Nancy*
- Penn, Audrey: *The Kissing Hand*
- Perrault, Charles: *Puss in Boots*
- Pinkney, Jerry: *Little Red Riding Hood*
- Pinkney, Jerry: *The Lion and the Mouse*
- Piper, Watty: *The Little Engine that Could*
- Potter, Beatrix: *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*
- Raschka, Chris: *A Ball for Daisy*
- Rathmann, Peggy: *Good Night, Gorilla*
- Rathman, Peggy: *Officer Buckle and Gloria*



- Rey, H.A.: *Curious George*
- Rohman, Eric: *My Friend Rabbit*
- Rosen, Michael: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*
- Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette: *I Love You Through and Through*
- Rylant, Cynthia: *The Relatives Came*
- Say, Allen: *Grandfather's Journey*
- Scarry, Richard: *Richard Scarry's Cars and Trucks and Things that Go*
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro: *First the Egg*
- Sendak, Maurice: *Pierre*
- Sendak, Maurice: *Where the Wild Things Are*
- Seuss, Dr.: *The Cat in the Hat*
- Seuss, Dr.: *Green Eggs and Ham*
- Seuss, Dr.: *Hop on Pop*
- Seuss, Dr.: *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*
- Shannon, David: *Duck on a Bike*
- Shannon, David: *No, David!*
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman: *Nate the Great*
- Shaw, Charles: *It Looked Like Spilt Milk*
- Shaw, Nancy: *Sheep in a Jeep*
- Simmons, Jane: *Come Along Daisy*
- Simont, Marc: *The Stray Dog*
- Slate, Joseph: *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*
- Slobodkina, Esphyr: *Caps for Sale*
- Stead, Philip: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
- Steig, William: *Pete's a Pizza*
- Steig, William: *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*
- Strickland, Paul: *Dinosaur Roar*
- Taback, Simms: *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*
- Taback, Simms: *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*
- Thomas, Jan: *The Doghouse*
- Thomas, Jan: *Rhyming Dust Bunnies*
- Van Allsburg, Chris: *Polar Express*
- Viorst, Judith: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
- Waber, Bernard: *Ira Sleeps Over*
- Waber, Bernard: *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll: *Mouse Paint*
- Walter, Virginia: *Hi, Pizza Man!*
- Wells, Rosemary: *Noisy Nora*
- Wells, Rosemary: *Yoko*
- Westcott, Nadine: *The Lady with the Alligator Purse*



- Wheeler, Lisa: *Jazz Baby*
- Wiesner, David: *The Three Pigs*
- Wiesner, David: *Tuesday*
- Willems, Mo: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*
- Willems, Mo: *Today I Will Fly!*
- Williams, Sue: *I Went Walking*
- Williams, Vera B: *A Chair for My Mother*
- Wilson, Karma: *Bear Snores On*
- Wong, Janet: *Buzz*
- Wood, Audrey: *The Napping House*
- Wood, Audrey: *Sill Sally*
- Yolen, Jane: *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*
- Yolen, Jane: *Owl Moon*
- Young, Ed: *Seven Blind Mice*
- Zelinsky, Paul O.: *Rapunzel*
- Zimmerman, Andrea: *Trashy Town*
- Zion, Gene: *Harry, The Dirty Dog*

