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:
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 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.


Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo: a Pop-up Book*. Little Simon / Simon & Schuster, 2005. The zoo sends animals that are too big, too fierce, or too naughty to a child in search for an animal companion. Will the zoo send the perfect pet?


Global Fund for Children. *Global Babies / Bebés del mundo*. Charlesbridge, 2009. 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. *Orange Pear Apple Bear*. 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!

Hacohen, Dean and Sherry Scharschmidt. *Tuck Me In!*. Candlewick Press, 2010. “It's time for bed. Who needs to be tucked in?” A baby zebra, pig, elephant, and others answer the call.

Hoban, Tana. *Black On White*. Greenwillow Books, 2007. Even the youngest babies can see the clarity of black and white images depicting everyday objects such as a leaf, a boat, and buttons.


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?


Parenteau, Shirley. Illustrated by David Walker. *Bears in Bed*. Candlewick Press, 2012. When the moaning night wind frightens the little bears into Big Brown Bear’s bed, he must find the right way to settle them back down.

Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick Press, 2010. A little girl on a swing asks her dad to push her higher, higher, higher--so high she zooms right into outer space!

Schade, Susan. Illustrated by Jon Buller. *The Noisy Counting Book*. Random House, 2010. A rauous, rousing, remarkable introduction to numbers that will have even the smallest readers clapping their hands with joy.

