Building A Home Library

Ages 4-7

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 4-7.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 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.


Shark and Train compete to see who is best in seriously silly contests like high diving and marshmallow-roasting.


Rabbit is excited for his friend to spend the night, but nothing seems to go as planned.


Mr. Tiger upsets everyone's proper expectations when he decides to go back to his uncivilized roots.


A mesmerizing pop-up book that introduces modern art and higher-level counting.


Duncan opens his box of crayons to find they have left him notes and quit. Can he get them happy and working again?


When Gilroy Goat misbehaves and bullies other children, Llama Llama stands up to him before going to the teacher for help.


Best friends Bink and Gollie have many grand adventures together.


A collection of both classic and obscure fairy tales, told in zany comics.


Great Grandfather tells his family history with the mementos he's collected in matchboxes over the years.


Once Rocket the dog learns how to read, there is no stopping him!


Take turns reading out loud in this sweet, safe, and "spooky" collection filled with short poems about zombies, ghosts, and ghouls.


From antelopes to zebras, learn about the animals of Africa through beautiful photographs and fun facts.


If readers can say the word "Moo!" they too can express all of the various emotions of a cow driving a car.


Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and time again they prove to be different.


Pete the Cat loves his new shoes in this de-lightful read-aloud. When they become dirty, does that bother this cool cat? Goodness, no!


An accessible and beautiful introduction to the life of Nelson Mandela.


When Nick and Maxine move into a new apartment, they discover a neighbor who owns a talking cat and mice that love to cook.


Will a watermelon grow in his tummy? A silly story for early readers.


Fantastical creatures are created by a children's poetry master and brought to life in diorama-based illustrations.


Explore the many types of stars here on earth and in the sky.


A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.


Laszlo is afraid of the dark until it leads him to the basement to find night-light bulbs, turning his “night fears” into “night friends.”


In the style of “The House that Jack Built,” a farm maiden prepares to stir her pot of rice pudding. How will the animals help?


A stolen ball becomes a reason to make a new friend in this funny beginning reader that also teaches about the concept of size.


The story of Sundial, who overcame physical handicaps, social disgrace, and strong opposition to rule Mali in the thirteenth century.