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.


*Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover.* Candlewick Press, 2012. Rabbit is excited for his friend to spend the night, but nothing seems to go as planned.

Brown, Peter. *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild.* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013. Mr. Tiger upsets everyone’s proper expectations when he decides to go back to his uncivilized roots.


Daywalt, Drew. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. *The Day the Crayons Quit.* Philomel Books / Penguin, 2013. Duncan opens his box of crayons to find they have left him notes and quit. Can he get them happy and working again?


*DiCamillo, Kate and Alison McGhee. Illustrated by Tony Fucile. *Bink & Gollie.* Candlewick Press, 2010. Best friends Bink and Gollie have many grand adventures together.


*Fleischman, Paul. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. *The Matchbox Diary.* Candlewick Press, 2013. Great Grandfather tells his family history with the mementos he’s collected in matchboxes over the years.

*Hills, Ted. *How Rocket Learned to Read.* Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2010. Once Rocket the dog learns how to read, there is no stopping him!


*LaRochelle, David. Illustrated by Mike Wohntoukka. *Moo!* Bloomsbury Children’s Books and Walker Books for Young Readers, 2013. If readers can say the word “Moo!” they too can express all of the various emotions of a cow driving a car.

*Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same.* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and time again they prove to be different.


*Say, Allen. *Grandfather’s Journey.* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1999. 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.

*Snicket, Lemony. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. *A Big Guy Took My Ball!* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013. 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.”

*Vamos, Samantha R. Illustrated by Rafael López. *The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred.* Charlesbridge; bilingual edition, 2011. 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?

*Willems, Mo. *Pete the Cat.* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013. A stolen ball becomes a reason to make a new friend in this funny beginning reader that also teaches about the concept of size.


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