

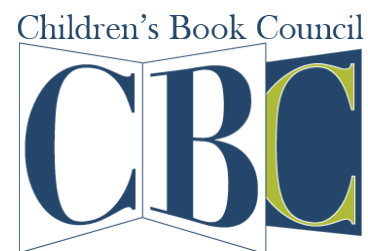
Building a Home Library

for Children Ages 0-3

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, created this book list to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality at-home library for the kids in their care.



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We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org

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Questions?

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The Children's Book Council
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New York, NY 10018
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Giraffes Can't Dance

by Giles Andreae. Illus by Guy Parker-Rees
Cartwheel Books / Scholastic Inc., 2012
Charming and lively illustrations make this book about being different, but still being able to shine in your own way, an instant classic. *Available in Spanish, Audio, Ebook.*

Marta! Big & Small **by Jen Arena. Illus by Angela Dominguez**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2016
Explore opposites with Marta, a girl who possesses many different qualities. Spanish words featured throughout. *Available in Ebook.*

Whose Knees Are These?

by Jabari Asim. Illus by LeUyen Pham
LB Kids / Little, Brown and Company BFYR, 2006
Bend and climb along with vibrant illustrations as you learn that these knees belong to a young child sitting on mommy's lap.

Baby Goes to Market

by Atinuke. Illus by Angela Brooksbank
Candlewick Press, 2017
Mother and baby's trip to their West African market offers a rhythmic, charming lesson in basic arithmetic.

***Rescue Squad No. 9**

by Mike Austin
Random House Children's Books, 2017
S-O-S / MAYDAY! / MAYDAY! / MAYDAY!
Answering a distress call, Rescue Squad No. 9's helicopter and boat crews race into a storm at sea to save a girl and her dog stranded from their crashed sailboat. 'Water Smart' tips from the American Red Cross are appended. *Available in Ebook.*

***Gets To Work! (A Tinyville Town Book)**

by Brian Biggs
Abrams Appleseed / Abrams BFYR, 2016
Everyone in town—from the baker, to the mayor, to the police officer—has a busy job to do. Diverse characters and lots of detail in the pictures make this the heir to the Busytown books of Richard Scarry. *Available in Ebook.*

Baby's First Words **by Stella Blackstone & Sunny Scribens. Illus by Christiane Engel**

Barefoot Books, 2017
A great board book for babies and toddlers who are beginning to point and recognize images. *Available in Spanish.*

Five Cars Stuck and One Big Truck: A Pop-Up Road Trip

by David A. Carter
Little Simon / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2017
Little readers pull tabs, turn wheels, and lift flaps to see how a family of dogs—and the cars who come to rescue them—get unstuck from the muck in a counting book popping with bright primary colors.

Rhymoceros

by Janik Coat
Abrams Appleseed / Abrams BFYR, 2015
Rhyming word pairs and fun-to-touch textures accompany images of a slightly altered rhinoceros in this playful board book.

Freight Train **by Donald Crews**

Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins Children's Books, 1996
Going, going, gone. Each brightly colored car of the freight train is named as it journeys through the book past cities, through tunnels, and over trestles before disappearing from the final page. Classic picture book in board book format. *Available in Spanish, Chinese, Ebook.*

All About Me **by DK**

DK Publishing Inc., 2008
Photographs of babies and fun flaps make this an exciting way to learn parts of the body.

Old Dog Baby Baby **by Julie Fogliano. Illus by Chris Raschka**

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2016
A crawling baby and a lovable old dog play together on the kitchen floor. *Available in Spanish, Ebook.*

Stack the Cats

by Susie Ghahremani
Abrams Appleseed / Abrams BFYR, 2017
Clever and cute: it's a cat-themed counting book. *Available in Ebook.*

My Heart Fills with Happiness

by Monique Gray Smith. Illus by Julie Flett
Orca Book Publishers, 2016
A celebration of families and what makes us happy and joyful. *Available in Spanish.*

Little Owl Lost

by Chris Haughton
Candlewick Press, 2013
Familiar tale of a baby lost from its mother; retro color palette and shapes set it apart and make it fresh.

Every Color Soup **by Jorey Hurley**

Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2018
Learn colors, discover vegetables, and make soup using only one word per page. Yum! *Available in Ebook.*

Peekaboo Morning **by Rachel Isadora**

G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2008
Follow a sweet toddler as she plays a game of peekaboo with her entire family, even the puppy!

Pat-A-Cake

by Annie Kubler
Child's Play, 2010
Very short and simple introductions to nursery rhymes and songs, with diverse and inclusive illustrations.

***Lola Reads to Leo** **by Anna McQuinn. Illus by Rosalind Beardshaw**

Charlesbridge, 2012
Lola, who loves reading, chooses favorite books for her baby brother's different activities and moods. This is one in a series of books showing Lola at the library, planting a garden, getting a cat, and more. *Available in Spanish, Ebook.*

A Book of Sleep **by Il Sung Na**

Knopf BFYR / Random House Children's Books, 2011
Spare text and soothing rhythm make this story of an owl who observes how animals like zebras, koalas, and fish sleep a bedtime favorite—definitely be prepared for repeated readings. *Available in Ebook.*

***Clive and his Babies**

by Jessica Spanyol
Child's Play, 2016
Spend a busy day with toddler Clive and his beloved baby dolls, as he plays with, cares for, and tucks them into bed.

Sing With Me!

by Naoko Stoop
Henry Holt and Co. BFYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2016
A beautifully illustrated collection of classic baby songs—perfect for new parents! *Available in Ebook.*

Up & Down

by Britta Teckentrup
Templar / Candlewick Press, 2014
Lift the flap and help Little Penguin through the ocean to find his friends.

Little You

by Richard Van Camp. Illus by Julie Flett
Orca Book Publishers, 2013
A tender celebration of the wonder and joys a new child brings to a family.

“More More More,” Said the Baby

by Vera B. Williams
Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins Children's Books, 1997
Babies from different families—Little Guy, Little Pumpkin, and Little Bird—are cared for by their Daddy, Grandma, and Mama in three brightly-colored, very short “love stories.” *Available in Spanish.*