

- jPS HORT Hort, Lenny. **The Seals on the Bus**. Illus. by G. Brian Karas. Holt, 2000. Seals, tigers, geese, monkeys and others make their own sounds as they take a bus ride all around the town.
- jPS PRIN Prince, April Jones. **What Do Wheels Do All Day?** Illus. by Giles Laroche. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. Striking paper collage illustrations show all kinds of wheels in action.
- jPS STUV Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. **Mama Elizabeti**. Illus. by Christy Hale. Lee & Low, 2000. An African girl discovers the difficulties of caring for her impish younger brother. Also: **Elizabeti's Doll**.
- ABC's, 123's, And Concepts**
- j591.469 Aston, Dianna. **An Egg Is Quiet**. Illus. by Sylvia Long. ASTO Chronicle, 2005. More than sixty different eggs are beautifully depicted and accompanied by brief facts.
- jPS EHLE Ehler, Lois. **Growing Vegetable Soup**. Harcourt, 1987. A father and child plant a vegetable garden and make a delicious homemade soup. (also available in Spanish) Also: **Eating the Alphabet**.
- jPS FREY Freymann, Saxton. **Food for Thought: The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds**. Arthur A. Levine, 2005. Shapes, colors, numbers, letters, and opposites are boldly represented in photos of humorously carved fruits and vegetables.
- jPS MACD MacDonald, Suse. **Alphabatics**. Simon & Schuster, 1986. An energetic journey through the alphabet in which each letter creatively changes into an object related to it.
- jPS MILI Milich, Zoran. **City 1 2 3**. Kids Can Press, 2005. A playful urban counting book with thought-provoking color photography.
- jPS SHAH Shahan, Sherry. **Spicy Hot Colors = Colores Picantes**. Illus. by Paula Barragán. August House, 2004. Bold pictures and rhyming text introduce basic colors in English and Spanish. Also: **Cool Cats Counting**.
- jPS THON Thong, Roseanne. **Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes**. Illus. by Grace Lin. Chronicle, 2000. A Chinese American girl observes circles, squares and rectangles in her home and neighborhood.
- jPS WALL Wallace, NancyElizabeth. **AlphabetHouse**. Marshall Cavendish, 2005. A clever alphabet book with an "I Spy" element.



Recent research has shown there are six early literacy skills that children must master in order to learn to read. Parents and caregivers can help their preschoolers learn important skills now, so they will become good readers later.

Print Motivation

Find books that speak to your child's interests.
Let your child see that you enjoy reading too!

Vocabulary

Read together every day! When you talk about the story and pictures, your child hears and learns new words.

Phonological Awareness

Have fun saying rhymes and make up your own silly, nonsense rhymes together.

Letter Knowledge

Help your child learn the names of letters, the shapes of letters and the sound each letter makes.

Print Awareness

Point out words and ask questions about the story and pictures.

Narrative Skills

Tell stories together, encourage pretend play and let your child be a storyteller.

It's never too early or too late to start reading to your child!

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The books listed are a sampling of the titles available. Ask your Children's Librarian for further suggestions and tell us which are your favorites.

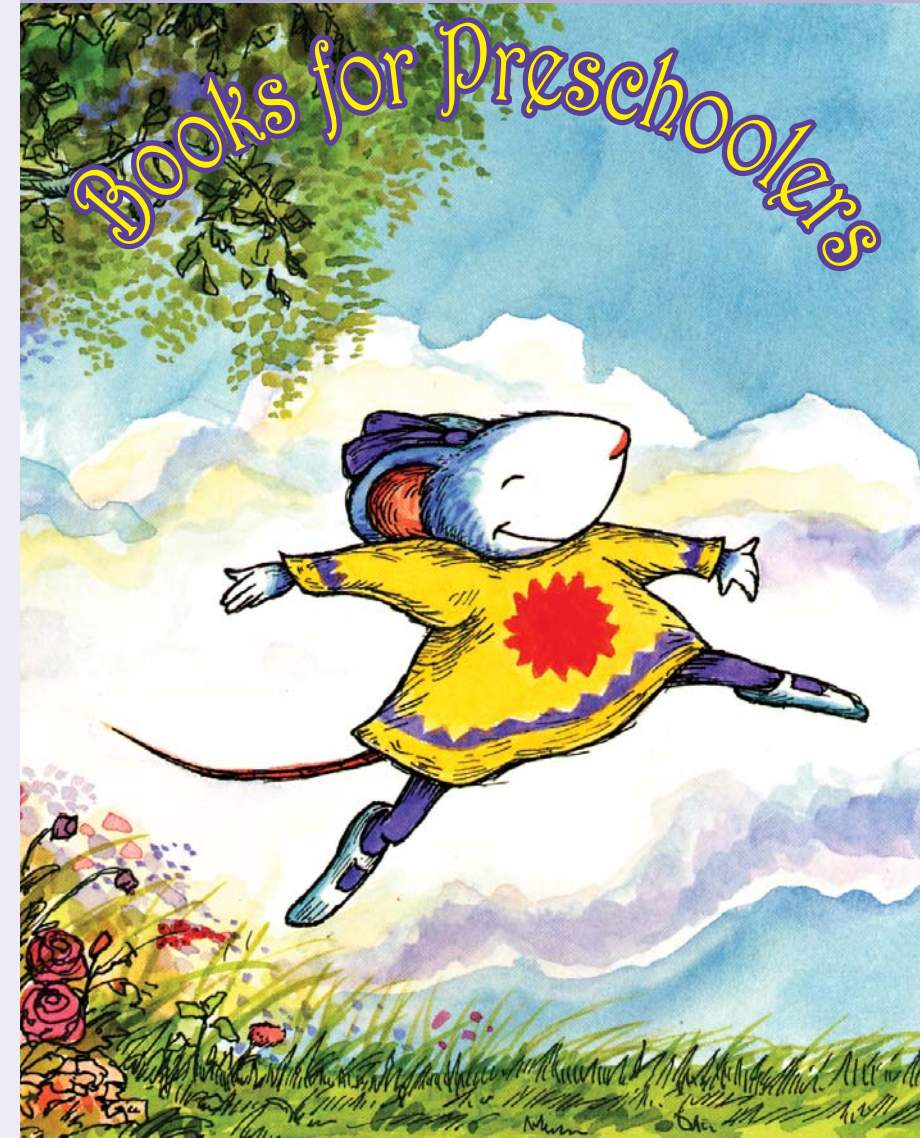


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Who Am I? I Am Somebody!

jPS AJME	Ajmera, Maya and John D. Ivanko. To Be A Kid . Charlesbridge, 1999. Color photographs of children taken around the world provide a playful look at universal childhood activities.
jPS BANG	Bang, Molly. When Sophie Gets Angry--Really, Really, Angry... Blue Sky, 1999. Sophie finds a peaceful spot to calm herself after a fit of anger.
jPS CHOD	Chodos-Irvine, Margaret. Ella Sarah Gets Dressed . Harcourt, 2003. Despite pressure from her family, a young girl is determined to dress herself in clothes <i>she</i> has chosen. Also: Best Best Friends .
jPS CURT	Curtis, Jamie Lee. Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born . Illus. by Laura Cornell. HarperCollins, 1996. A little girl, who obviously knows the story by heart, asks her parents to describe once again her birth and adoption. (also available in Chinese)
jPS JOOS	Joose, Barbara M. Papa, Do You Love Me? Illus. by Barbara Lavallee. Chronicle, 2005. An inquisitive Masai boy finds out just how much he is loved. Also: Mama, Do You Love Me?
jPS JUST	Juster, Norton. The Hello, Goodbye Window . Illus. by Chris Raschka. Hyperion, 2005. A little girl enjoys a special relationship with her grandparents in this 2006 Caldecott Award winner.
jPS KEAT	Keats, Ezra Jack. Whistle For Willie . Viking, 1964. A boy practices and practices until at last he can whistle. (also available in several languages) Also: Peter’s Chair; The Snowy Day .
jPS PHAM	Pham, LeUyen. Big Sister, Little Sister . Hyperion, 2005. A heartwarming story of the ups, downs and joys of sisterhood as told by the little sister.
jPS SHAN	Shannon, David. No, David! Blue Sky, 1998. A mischievous little boy is repeatedly admonished for misbehaving, but he does earn a reassuring hug at the end of the day. (also available in Spanish)

New And Old Favorites

j398.8 HELE 2004	The Helen Oxenbury Nursery Collection . Knopf, 2004. A lively illustrated collection of traditional stories, nursery rhymes and verse.
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jPS BLOO	Bloom, Suzanne. A Splendid Friend, Indeed . Boyds Mills, 2005. An endearing tale of friendship between a talkative goose and pensive polar bear.
jPS FEIF	Feiffer, Jules. Bark, George . HarperCollins, 1999. What is a mother to do when her puppy meows, moos, oinks and quacks instead of barking?
jPS HENK	Henkes, Kevin. Chrysanthemum . Greenwillow, 1991. Chrysanthemum loves her name until all the kids at school make fun of it. (also available in Chinese and Spanish)
jPS KASZ	Kasza, Keiko. The Wolf’s Chicken Stew . Putnam, 1987. A hungry wolf is outmaneuvered by the chicken he planned to eat. (also available in Spanish)
jPS NUME	Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give A Mouse A Cookie . Illus. by Felicia Bond. HarperCollins, 1985. Learn why you should never give a mouse a cookie. (also available in Chinese and Spanish)
jPS POTT	Potter, Beatrix. The Tale of Peter Rabbit . Warne, 1902. The beloved story of a disobedient little rabbit that ventures into Mr. McGregor’s garden. Ask for other books in this series. (also available in several languages)
jPS RICH	Richardson, Justin and Peter Parnell. And Tango Makes Three . Illus. by Henry Cole. Simon & Schuster, 2005. Inspired by actual events at New York City’s Central Park Zoo, two male penguins become parents to a hatchling named Tango.
jPS SLOB	Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale . HarperCollins, 1947. A peddler takes a nap and loses his wares to some playful monkeys. (also available in Chinese and Spanish)

Look, Listen And Imagine

j398.2 & j398.2452 ATA	Ata, Te. Baby Rattlesnake . Adapted by Lynn Moroney. Illus. by Mira Reisberg. Children’s Book Press, 1989. In this Chickasaw Indian tale, a determined young rattlesnake whines relentlessly and gets his rattle before he is ready. (also available in Spanish)
j398.21 NURS	Nursery Tales Around the World . Selected and retold by Judy Sierra. Illus. by Stefano Vitale. Clarion, 1996. A sumptuous collection of eighteen international folktales full of rhyme, rhythm and repetition.
jPS BLAC	Blackstone, Stella. Secret Seahorse . Illus. by Clare Beaton. Barefoot Books, 2004. A rhyming hide-and-seek story about an elusive seahorse, with felt collage art.

jPS DEWD	Dewdney, Anna. Llama Llama Red Pajama . Viking, 2005. A humorous, rhythmic tale of Baby Llama’s bedtime fears and how his Mama soothes them.
jPS FOX	Fox, Mem. The Magic Hat . Illus. by Tricia Tusa. Harcourt, 2002. A magical rollicking read-aloud featuring a wizard and his amazing hat.
jPS HILL	Hills, Tad. Duck and Goose . Schwartz & Wade, 2006. Duck and Goose begin as adversaries but end as playmates in a story of discovery, ownership, negotiation and cooperation.
jPS PELL	Pelletier, Andrew T. The Amazing Adventures of Bathman! Illus. by Peter Elwell. Dutton, 2005. Comic-style, action-packed illustrations portray a bathtime superhero and his battle with the evil Cap’n Squeegee.
jPS SCHA	Schaefer, Carole Lexa. The Squiggle . Illus. Pierr Morgan. Crown, 1996. A scrap of red string and a vivid imagination transport a young Chinese American girl to faraway places.
jPS SEND	Sendak, Maurice. Where The Wild Things Are . HarperCollins, 1963. When naughty Max is sent to bed without his supper, he imagines himself leading a wild rumpus. (also available in several languages)

The World Around Me

j398.8 NEIG	Crews, Nina. The Neighborhood Mother Goose . Greenwillow, 2004. Forty-one familiar nursery rhymes are updated using jazzy photos of multicultural families in an urban setting.
j582.16 DEPA	DePalma, Mary Newell. A Grand Old Tree . Arthur A. Levine, 2005. A simple story of the life cycle of a tree told through the seasons.
j597.0074 ALIK	Aliki. My Visit to the Aquarium . HarperCollins, 1993. A young boy narrates his visit to a busy aquarium. Also: My Visit to the Zoo; My Visit to the Dinosaurs .
jPS DORR	Dorros, Arthur. Abuela . Illus. by Elisa Kleven. Dutton, 2001. While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky above New York City. (also available in Spanish)
jPS HOBA	Hoban, Tana. Look Book . Greenwillow, 1997. A wordless book invites readers to look through the peek holes and guess what will be revealed when they turn the page.