

## ***SET SAIL FOR THE READING HIGH SEAS!***

***Embark on a program designed to grow a reader.  
You can start any time before kindergarten!***

From birth to age 5, your child is experiencing a crucial time of growth and development. Reading with them every day helps prepare them for future success as readers and life-long learners. Not to mention you'll be spending quality time together while promoting a love of reading.

Along the way, your librarians are here to support you and cheer you on. Built into the program are reading logs, book recommendations, child development information, prizes, and celebrations, all to help you track your progress and stay motivated.

***We can't wait to set sail with you. Anchors aweigh!***

**LAKEFORESTLIBRARY.ORG/1000**



## 2 ways to participate

**1) Online and with an app using READsquared**

**2) With paper log sheets**

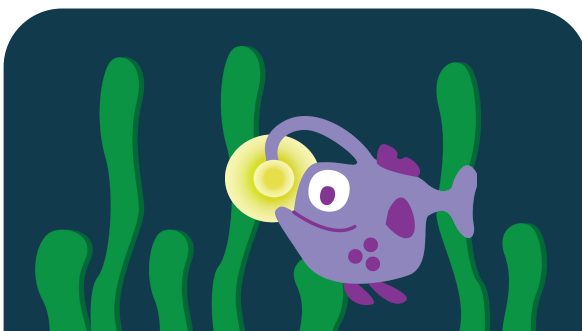
Both formats have the same milestones and prizes, so you can pick your preferred way to log books and track your progress. You can even use both! Caregivers may like the app because they can track book titles, whereas youngsters often benefit from the tactile experience of coloring in bubbles on the paper log sheets.

## Getting Started

Complete the registration form at [www.lakeforestlibrary.org/1000](http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/1000).

After you have registered your child, you can pick up a tote bag from the Children's Library that contains reading log sheets and additional information about the program.

If you plan to use READsquared, visit [www.lakeforestlibrary.org/readsquared](http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/readsquared) or download the app and enroll in the 1000 Books program. Once you have signed up on READsquared, you can start logging your books!



## Milestones & Prizes

Milestones and prizes are the same whether you log on paper or with READsquared.

Each time your child finishes one level of the program by reading 100 books, stop by the Children's Library for a sticker and photo shoot. (Total of 10 stickers and 10 photo shoots.) If you're logging on READsquared, you also get a digital badge for each 100 books you read.

When your child has reached the milestones of 300 books and 700 books, they can pick up a small prize in the Children's Library.

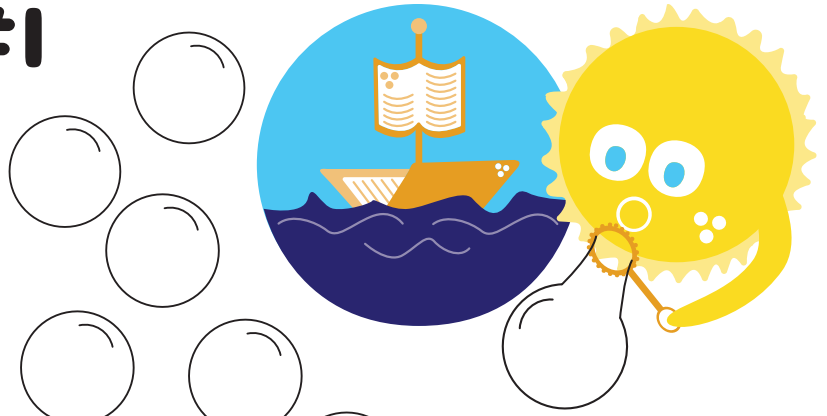
When your child has completed 1000 books before kindergarten, they will receive a certificate of completion, a book of their choice, and an invitation to a graduation party!

# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

# BOOK LOG #1

COLOR IN A BUBBLE ON YOUR LOG FOR EVERY BOOK YOU AND YOUR CHILD HAVE READ.

WHEN THE LOG IS COMPLETELY COLORED IN AND YOUR CHILD HAS READ 100 BOOKS, STOP BY OR CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FOR INFORMATION ON PRIZES.






## I READ 100 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

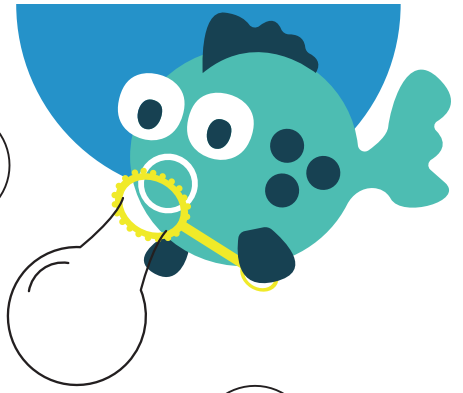
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## I READ 200 BOOKS!

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MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS \_\_\_\_\_

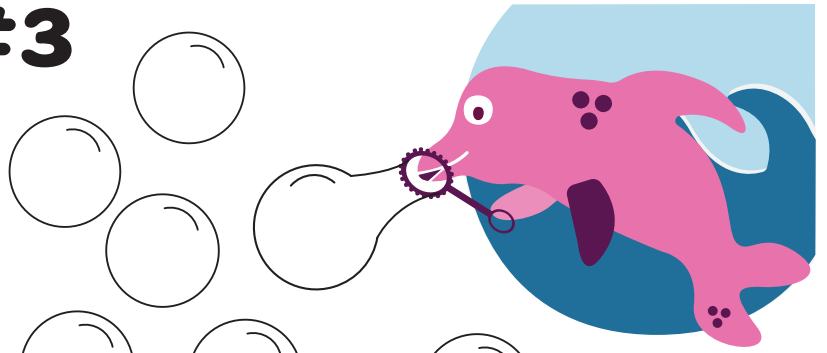
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## I READ 300 BOOKS!

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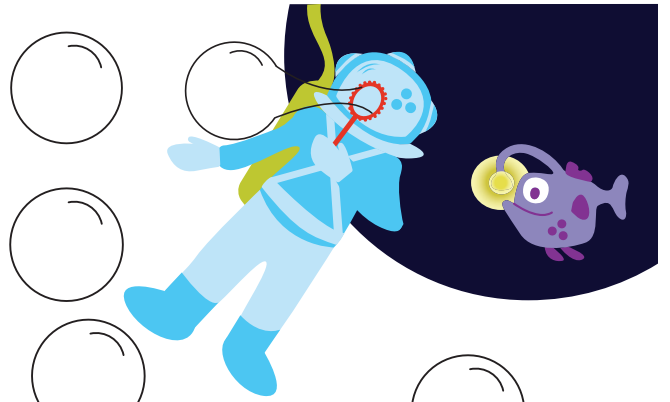
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## I READ 400 BOOKS!

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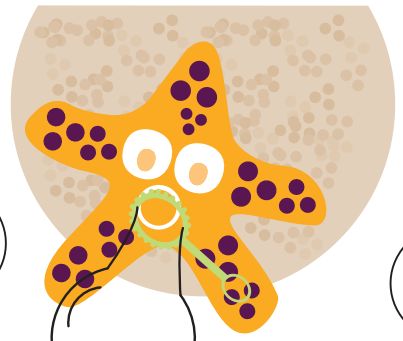
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## I READ 500 BOOKS!

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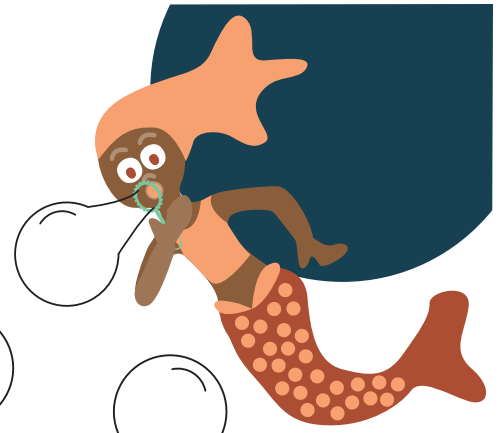
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## I READ 600 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS \_\_\_\_\_

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## I READ 700 BOOKS!

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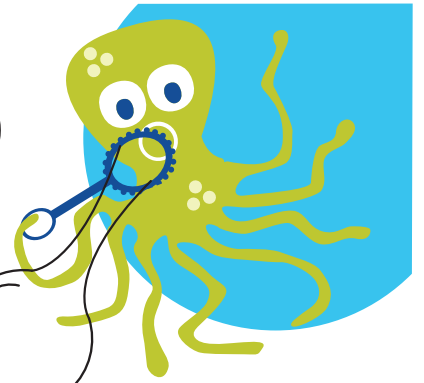
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## I READ 800 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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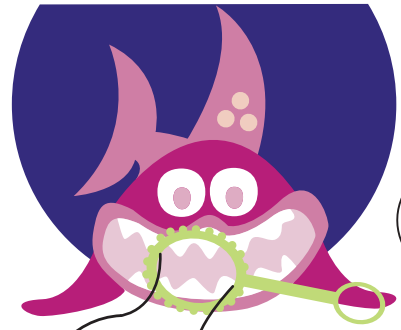
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## I READ 900 BOOKS!

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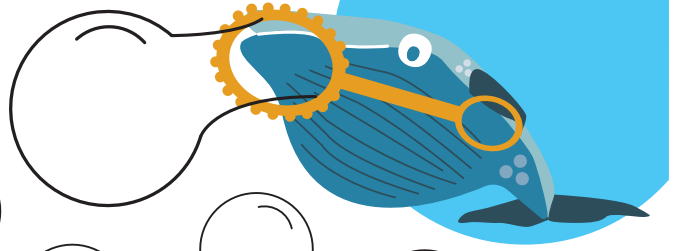
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## I READ 1000 BOOKS!

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS \_\_\_\_\_

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# GROWING READERS

## Early Literacy Practices



### READ



- Prepare your child to be a successful reader by reading with them every day.
- Books contain rich language that we do not typically use in conversation, which will broaden your child's vocabulary.
- Have conversations with your child about books. Point out pictures and ask open-ended questions. Be patient while waiting for responses and expand on your child's responses with more comments and questions.
- Point out and talk about the elements of a book, such as the title, author, and illustrator.

### WRITE



- Both reading and writing represent the spoken word.
- Plan activities that promote fine motor skill development.
- Set aside time to draw with your child and ask them to tell you about their picture.
- Write your child's name and point out each letter. Emphasize the sound of the first letter in their name.
- Create a book and have your child draw pictures to tell a story. Then, have your child tell you the story and write parts of the story underneath their pictures.



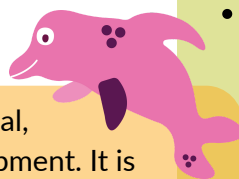
### SING

- Singing to your child slows down language, making it easier for them to hear sounds in words.
- Singing is a great way to teach your child new vocabulary.
- Sing to your child and act out the motions to songs such as the ABC song, "Mary Had A Little Lamb," "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," and "London Bridge Is Falling Down."
- Clap, bounce, or tap along to the rhythm of a song.

### TALK

- Talk and interact with your child as much as possible throughout the day.
- Talking with your child helps build their vocabulary, which will positively impact their ability to comprehend the text they read.
- Talk about anything and everything, including something you are doing, putting away, or passing by, and ask your child open-ended questions about these experiences.
- Be an attentive listener when your child talks to you. Even if they are too young to make words or sentences, listen to what they say and respond as you would in a conversation.

### PLAY



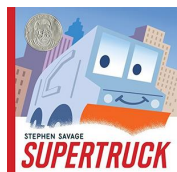
- Play is essential to a child's social, emotional, and physical development. It is how they learn about the world.
- Children learn how to problem solve, think critically and creatively, communicate, compromise, and much more during playtime!
- Make connections with stories or real life experiences during playtime.
- Provide props, such as stuffed animals, puppets, costumes, dolls, and real life items with print like newspapers and food containers.





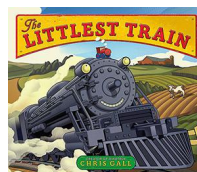
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## Things That Go



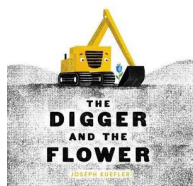
**Supertruck**  
by Stephen Savage

When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, only one superhero can save the day. But who is this mysterious hero, and why does he disappear once his job is done?



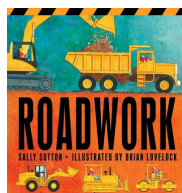
**The Littlest Train**  
by Chris Gall

When a toy train falls off a train table, he gets lost in the outside world, but after meeting many different trains who help him along the way, he is finally able to return home.



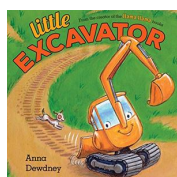
**The Digger and the Flower**  
by Joseph Kuefler

When Digger discovers a flower growing in the center of the town being built, his entire perspective changes.



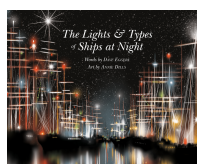
**Roadwork**  
by Sally Sutton  
Illustrated by Brian Lovelock

There are many big machines and busy people involved in building a road, and this picture book, with its rambunctious rhymes and noisy fun, follows them every step of the way.



**Little Excavator**  
by Anna Dewdney

Little Excavator wants to help the big rigs transform a vacant lot into a neighborhood park, but he is too small to get the job done! That is, until he finds a job that is a perfect Little E-sized task.



**The Lights & Types of Ships at Night**  
by Dave Eggers  
Art by Annie Dills

Meet a trawler, a paddlewheel ferryboat, and icebreaker, and something called a RoRo—all richly illustrated to illuminate the gorgeous explosion of color that only happen where boats and water and lights converge.



**Backseat A-B-See**  
by Maria van Lieshout

Rhyming text introduces air travel, from the airport to the flight deck, with information about how planes fly, safety rules, in-flight entertainment, and air traffic control.



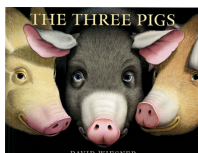
**Amazing Airplanes**  
by Tony Mitton  
Illustrated by Ant Parker

Vroom! Vroom! From the backseat, what do you see? Using familiar road signs, this striking book introduces little ones not just to the alphabet but also to the world around them.



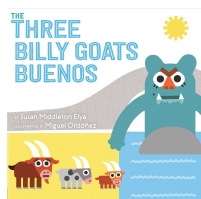
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## Classic Tales with a Twist



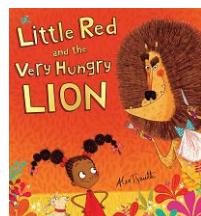
### **The Three Pigs** *by David Weisner*

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.



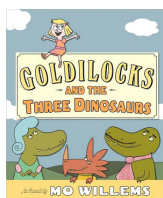
### **The Three Billy Goats Buenos** *by Susan Middleton Elya* *Illustrated by Miguel Ordóñez*

A rhyming twist on the classic tale in which the goats help fix what is making the troll so grumpy in order to cross the bridge. Incorporates Spanish words and includes a glossary.



### **Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion** *by Alex T. Smith*

In this version of Little Red Riding Hood, set on the African plains, Little Red realizes what the Very Hungry Lion is up to, and teaches him a lesson before generously sharing her donuts with him.



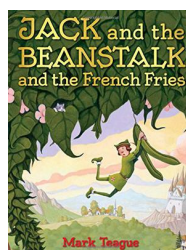
### **Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs** *As Retold by Mo Willems*

One day, for no particular reason, three dinosaurs decided to tidy up their house, make the beds, and prepare pudding of varying temperatures. They were definitely not setting a trap for some succulent, unsupervised little girl. Definitely not!



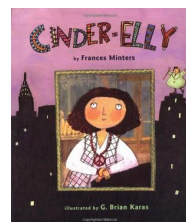
### **After the Fall** *by Dan Santat*

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.



### **Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries** *by Mark Teague*

Jack's magic beanstalk produces so many beans that soon everyone in the village is sick of eating them and mad at Jack. When he climbs the beanstalk, he finds that Mr. Giant is equally fed up with beans—but fortunately Mrs. Giant suggests a solution to their diet problem.



### **Cinder-Elly** *by Frances Minters* *Illustrated by G. Brian Karas*

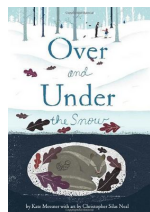
In this rap version of the traditional fairy tale, the overworked younger sister gets to go to a basketball game and meets a star player, Prince Charming.





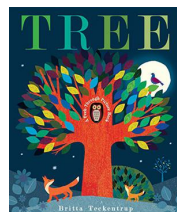
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## Connecting with Nature



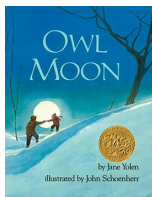
**Over and Under the Snow**  
by Kate Messner  
Illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal

Over the snow, the world is hushed and white, but under the snow is a secret world of squirrels and snowshoe hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many others who live outside in the woods during the winter.



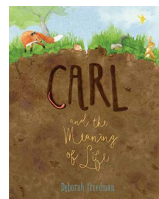
**Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book**  
by Britta Teckentrup

Through a hole in the book's cover, an owl invites you inside to meet a majestic tree and all its forest inhabitants during the changing seasons. With clever peekaboo holes throughout, each page reveals a new set of animals playing and living in the tree



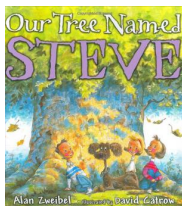
**Owl Moon**  
by Jane Yolen  
Illustrated by John Schoenherr

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.



**Carl and the Meaning of Life**  
by Deborah Freedman

When a field mouse asks Carl the earthworm why he tunnels through the dirt, Carl doesn't have an answer, so he sets off to find out.



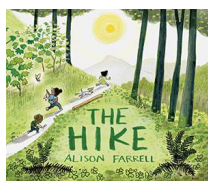
**Our Tree Named Steve**  
by Alan Zweibel  
Illustrated by David Catrow

In a letter to his children, a father recounts memories of the role Steve, the tree in their front yard, has played in their lives.



**Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature**  
by Nicola Davies  
Illustrated by Mark Hearld

An illustrated treasury of poems reflects the experiences of children as they encounter nature for the first time.



**The Hike**  
by Alison Farrell

Three friends set out on a day hike to explore their local forest, intending to climb to the top of the hill, where they will plant a flag, read a poem, and release feathers into the wind.



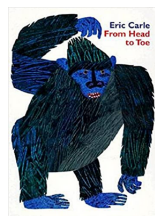
**In a Garden**  
by Tim McCanna  
Illustrated by Aimée Sicuro

In a garden a seed grows to sprout to bud to flower, thriving in harmony with living creatures, especially insects.



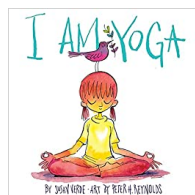
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## Encouraging Movement



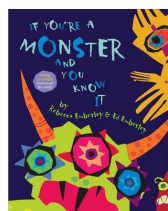
**From Head to Toe**  
by Eric Carle

Can you bend your neck like a giraffe or arch your back like a cat? The well-known and award-winning author, Eric Carle, encourages readers to move like animals in this fun picture book.



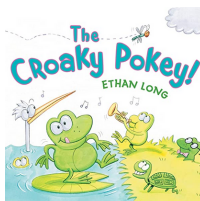
**I Am Yoga**  
by Susan Verde  
Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

In this picture book, a girl uses mindfulness and her imagination as she practices yoga poses.



**If You're a Monster and You Know It**  
by Rebecca Emberley & Ed Emberley

A twist on the favorite song "If You're Happy and You Know It" by Caldecott Medalist Ed Emberley and his daughter Rebecca.



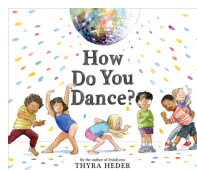
**The Croaky Pokey**  
by Ethan Long

Sing and dance along to the frog's version of the Hokey Pokey!



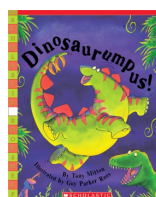
**Wiggle**  
by Doreen Cronin  
Illustrated by Scott Menchin

Do you wake up with a wiggle? Do you wiggle out of bed? For energetic toddlers, here's a book that invites them to wiggle along with the story.



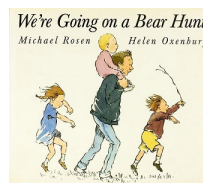
**How Do You Dance?**  
by Thyra Heder

Award-winning author-illustrator, Thyra Heder, explores dance in all of its creativity, humor, and--most of all--joy, in a picture-book celebration of personal expression that will inspire young and old readers alike to get up and get moving.



**Dinosaurumpus!**  
by Tony Mitton  
Illustrated by Guy Parker Rees

Readers will want to shake and move to join the dinosaurs in this fun romp.



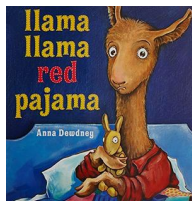
**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**  
by Michael Rosen  
Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.



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## Books for Bedtime



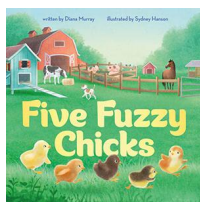
**Llama Llama  
Red Pajama**  
by Anna Dewdney

At bedtime, a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.



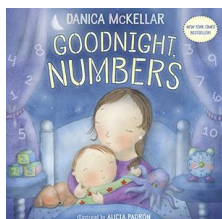
**Bedtime for  
Sweet Creatures**  
by Nikki Grimes  
Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon

A beloved and very sleepy little boy resists his mother's efforts to put him to bed.



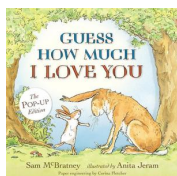
**Five Fuzzy Chicks**  
by Diana Murray  
Illustrated by Sydney Hanson

Five baby chickens want to have some fun and visit with the other farm animals before bedtime.



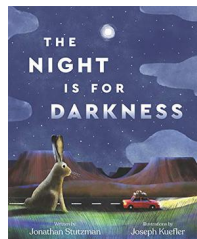
**Goodnight, Numbers**  
by Danica McKellar  
Illustrated by Alicia Padron

Illustrations and simple text help the reader understand the numbers one to ten and recognize them as they appear all around us, especially at bedtime.



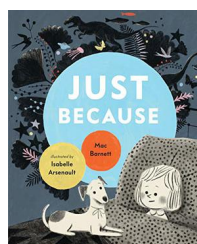
**Guess How Much  
I Love You**  
by Sam McBratney  
Illustrated by Anita Jeram

During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father, Big Nutbrown Hare gently shows him that the love is returned even more.



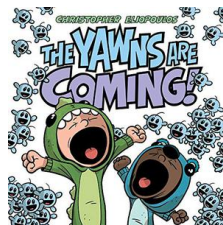
**The Night  
is for Darkness**  
by Jonathan Stutzman  
Illustrated by Joseph Kuefler

This lyrical bedtime story celebrates the wonderful beauty of the natural world and the intimate family moments we share each night.



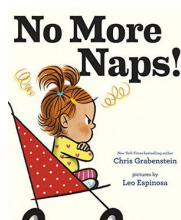
**Just Because**  
by Mac Barnett  
Illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

When a child is too full of questions about the world to go to sleep, her patient father offers up increasingly creative responses to his child's nighttime wonderings.



**The Yawns  
Are Coming!**  
by Chris Eliopoulos

Two best friends get together for a sleepover, but their plans to stay up all night are foiled when they are besieged by the Yawns and other harbingers of sleep.



**No More Naps!**  
by Chris Grabenstein  
Illustrated by Leo Espinosa

Annalise does not want to take a nap, so her dad takes her on a walk hoping to lull her to sleep. They pass many townspeople who think taking a nap is a great idea and will happily take it in her stead.





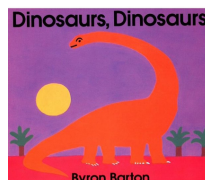
# READING LIST

## Books about Dinosaurs



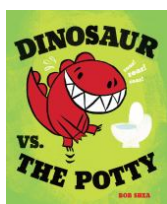
**How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?**  
by Jane Yolen  
Illustrated by Mark Teague

Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur can say goodnight, from slamming his tail and pouting to giving a big hug and kiss.



**Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs**  
by Byron Barton

In prehistoric days there were many different kinds of dinosaurs, big and small, those with spikes and those with long, sharp teeth.



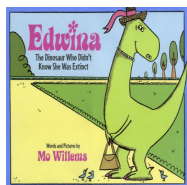
**Dinosaur vs. The Potty**  
by Bob Shea

Dinosaur doesn't need to use the potty. Even when he's making lemonade, running through the sprinkler, and splashing in puddles. See? He's doing his victory dance. Wait, is that a victory dance, or something else?



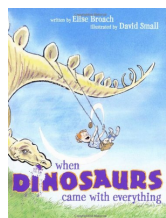
**Dinosaurs**  
by Ruth Musgrave

Meet dinosaurs big and small, with claws, feathers, horns, and more.



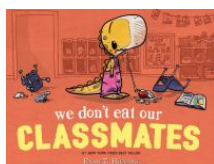
**Edwina the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct**  
by Mo Willems

Everyone in town loves Edwina the dinosaur except one little boy who is determined to prove to everyone, including Edwina, that dinosaurs are extinct.



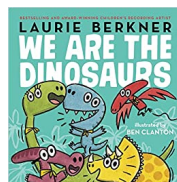
**When Dinosaurs Came with Everything**  
by Elise Broach  
Illustrated by David Small

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.



**We Don't Eat Our Classmates**  
by Ryan T. Higgins

When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.



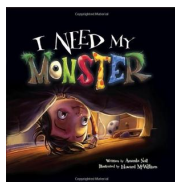
**We Are the Dinosaurs**  
by Laurie Berkner  
Illustrated by Ben Clanton

Laurie Berkner's chart-topping, beloved hit "We Are the Dinosaurs" is now a picture book! Dinosaurs eat, rest, roar, and march, making the earth flat.



# READING LIST

## Books about Monsters



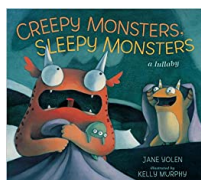
**I Need My Monster**  
by Amanda Noll  
Illustrated by Howard McWilliam

When Ethan checks under his bed and finds that his monster will be gone for a week, substitute monsters try to help him get to sleep.



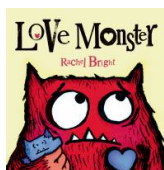
**Go Away, Big Green Monster!**  
by Ed Emberley

Caldecott Award-winner Ed Emberley has created an ingenious way for children to overcome bedtime frights. As kids turn the die-cut pages, they'll watch the Big Green Monster grow and disappear before their very eyes.



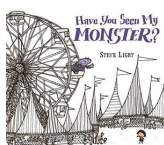
**Creepy Monsters, Sleepy Monsters: A Lullaby**  
by Jane Yolen  
Illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Two rambunctious monsters creep, gurgle, crawl, and tumble before falling asleep.



**Love Monster**  
by Rachel Bright

Googly-eyed Monster looks high and low for someone to love him, and then in the blink of an eye love finds him.



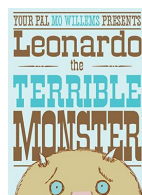
**Have You Seen My Monster?**  
by Steve Light

Invites young readers to identify shapes while helping a small girl search the fair for her pet monster.



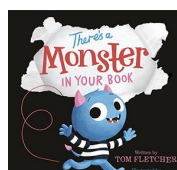
**Felix and the Monsters**  
by Josh and Monica Holtsclaw

Felix, a guard who protects everyone from the horrible monsters on the other side a wall, hears music coming from the other side and sets out to investigate. What he discovers will knock some sense into him and show him and the other guards a better way to deal with the unknown.



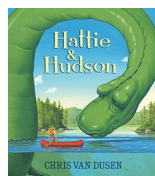
**Leonardo, the Terrible Monster**  
by Mo Willems

Leonardo is a terrible monster--he can't seem to frighten anyone. When he discovers the perfect nervous little boy, will he scare the lunch out of him? Or will he think of something better?



**There's a Monster in Your Book**  
by Tom Fletcher  
Illustrated by Greg Abbott

UH OH! There's a MONSTER in YOUR book! Shake, wiggle, and tickle the monster out in this interactive bedtime read-aloud.



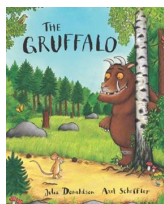
**Hattie & Hudson**  
by Chris Van Dusen

One day while paddling in her canoe, Hattie is surprised to see a great green monster staring at her! After naming him Hudson, the two become fast friends. While Hattie knows Hudson is kind and friendly, the other villagers think he is dangerous. Hattie and Hudson craft a plan to show them his true colors.



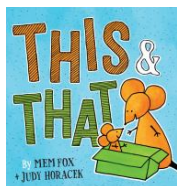
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## Favorites for 1 year olds



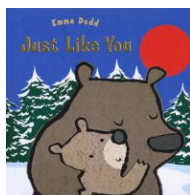
**The Gruffalo**  
by Julia Donaldson  
Illustrated by Axel Scheffler

A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake—only to have to outwit that creature as well.



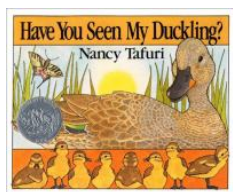
**This & That**  
by Mem Fox  
Illustrated by Judy Horacek

In this delightful tale, two mice set off on a storytelling adventure that takes them through cavernous caves, atop crazy giraffes, and over palace walls until they return safely home to the comfort of their beds



**Just Like You**  
by Emma Dodd

A baby bear describes the ways in which he wants to be like his father when he grows up.



**Have You Seen My Duckling?**  
by Nancy Tafuri

An anxious mother duck leads her brood around the pond as she searches for one missing duckling.



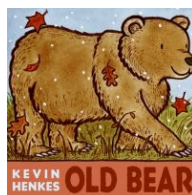
**Tomie's Little Mother Goose**  
by Tomie DePaolo

This charming board book lovingly brings to life Little Miss Muffett, Humpty Dumpty, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, and Little Boy Blue, as well as a host of other favorites for children to laugh with and treasure.



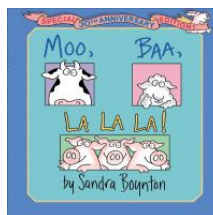
**Please, Mr. Panda**  
by Steve Antony

What is the proper way to ask Mr. Panda for doughnuts? Steve Antony has captured a cute panda, delightful animals hungry for doughnuts, and a manners lesson in this delightful book.



**Old Bear**  
by Kevin Henkes

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.



**Moo, Baa, La La La!**  
by Sandra Boynton

This raucous story about the sounds animals make—including three pigs who say "la la la!"—is just right for reading aloud.



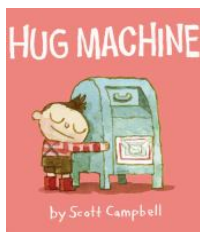
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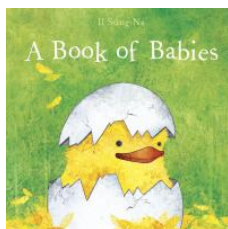
**Where's Baby?**  
by Anne Hunter

Baby is off on an adventure! Baby is never far away as Papa looks in, over, under, up, around and behind. Poor Papa can't find Baby anywhere. Can you?



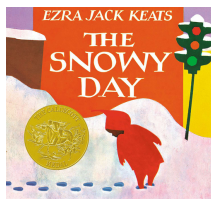
**Hug Machine**  
by Scott Campbell

The hug machine is available to hug anyone, any time, whether they are square or long, spikey or soft.



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

While baby animals are born—some with fur and some with scales, some with lots of brothers and sisters, some with none—a curious duck watches.



**The Snowy Day**  
by Ezra Jack Keats

The magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall is perfectly captured in Ezra Jack Keat's Caldecott Medal-winning picture book.



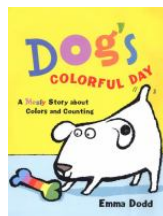
**Look!**  
by Ted Lewin

Each line of text is illustrated by a two-page spread with a beautiful painting of an animal Ted Lewin has seen on his journeys to Africa. At the end of the story, a boy reads, plays, and dreams, surrounded by toy animals that represent each of the real ones.



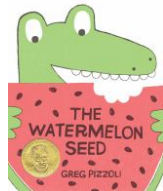
**Grumpy Pants**  
by Claire Messer

Penguin is having a grumpy day, and no matter what he does, he just can't shake it! Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over



**Dog's Colorful Day**  
by Emma Dodd

In this colorful story of a sloppy dog, you can count on a happy ending.



**The Watermelon Seed**  
by Greg Pizzoli

Crocodile loves watermelon, but what will happen when his greatest fear of swallowing a watermelon seed comes to pass? Only one thing is certain: his wild imagination will have kids laughing out loud and begging for another read.





# READING LIST

## Favorites for 3 year olds

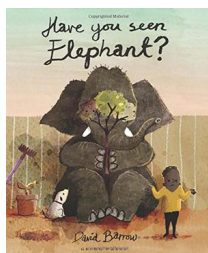
### THE RABBIT LISTENED



### The Rabbit Listened

by Cori Doerrfeld

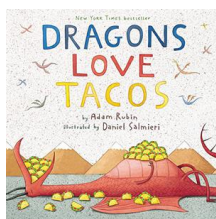
When Taylor's block castle is destroyed, all the animals think they know just what to do, but only the rabbit quietly listens to how Taylor is feeling.



### Have You Seen Elephant?

by David Barrow

Elephant wants to play hide and seek. See if you can help the others find him—he's very good! Have you seen Elephant?

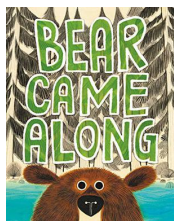


### Dragons Love Tacos

by Adam Rubin

Illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

Explores the love dragons have for tacos, and the dangers of feeding them anything with spicy salsa.

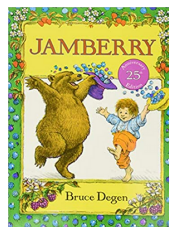


### Bear Came Along

by Rchiard T. Morris

Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

In this Caldecott Honor book, an assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river.



### Jamberry

by Bruce Degen

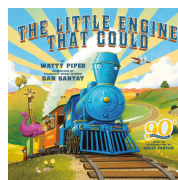
They're off! A boy and an endearing, rhyme-spouting bear, who squires him through a fantastic world of berries. And their adventure comes to a razzamatazz finale under a starberry sky.



### Blown Away

by Rob Biddulph

An unexpected adventure with his friends and a kite convinces Penguin Blue that he is not built for flying, and that he belongs on solid ice.

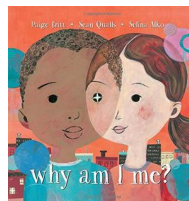


### The Little Engine that Could

by Watty Piper

Illustrated by Dan Santat

Cherished by readers for ninety years, this is a classic tale of a little engine that, despite her size, triumphantly pulls a train full of wonderful things to the children waiting on the other side of a mountain.



### Why Am I Me?

by Paige Britt

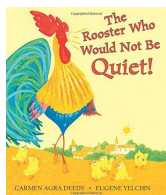
Illustrated by Selina Alko & Sean Qualls

In a poetic, philosophical exchange, two children of different races ask themselves why they are who and what they are, and speculate on how they could be different.



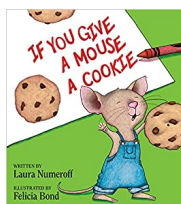
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## Favorites for 4 year olds



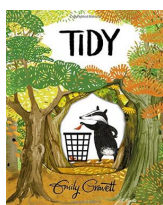
**The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet**  
by Carmen Agra Deedy  
Illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

The mayor of the noisy city of La Paz institutes new laws forbidding all singing, but a brave little rooster decides he must sing, despite the severe punishments he receives for continuing to crow.



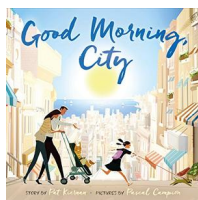
**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**  
by Laura Numeroff  
Illustrated by Felicia Bond

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young boy's day. This book is a great first introduction to Mouse, the star of the "If You Give ..." series.



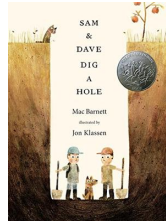
**Tidy**  
by Emily Gravett

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates quickly and ends with the complete destruction of the forest. Will Pete realize the error of his ways and reverse his tidying habit?



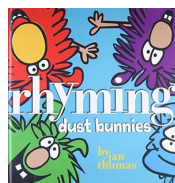
**Good Morning, City!**  
by Pat Kiernan  
Illustrated by Pascal Campion

A picture book about how the different inhabitants of a city wake up and start their day.



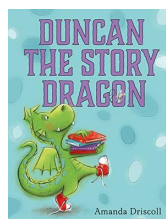
**Sam and Dave Dig a Hole**  
by Mac Barnett  
Illustrated by Jon Klassen

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find . . . nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all.



**Rhyming Dust Bunnies**  
by Jan Thomas

As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.



**Duncan the Story Dragon**  
by Amanda Driscoll

Duncan the Dragon loves to read, but he keeps accidentally lighting his book on fire. He wants to get to the end of his story, so he tries to find a friend to read to him.



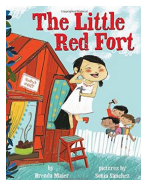
**The Grasshopper & the Ants**  
by Jerry Pinkney

In this retelling of the classic Aesop fable, hardworking ants stock up for the winter while a fun-loving grasshopper plays all year long, until the cold weather arrives and he realizes his mistake in not planning ahead.



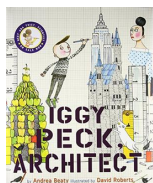
# READING LIST

## Favorites for 5 year olds



**The Little Red Fort**  
by Brenda Maier  
Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

In this adaptation of the Little Red Hen fable, Ruby wants to build a fort, but her three brothers refuse to help, so when the fort is finished Ruby will not let them join her—until the boys come up with a few embellishments for the fort.



**Iggy Peck, Architect**  
by Andrea Beaty  
Illustrated by David Roberts

Iggy has one passion: building. When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up!



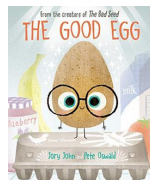
**The Night Gardener**  
by Terry Fan & Eric Fan

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



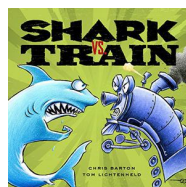
**Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away**  
by Meg Medina  
Illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

From Newbery Medalist Meg Medina comes the bittersweet story of two girls who will always be each other's número uno, even though one is moving away.



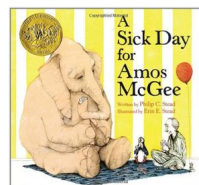
**The Good Egg**  
by Jory John  
Illustrated by Pete Oswald

As the other eggs in the dozen behave badly, the good egg starts to crack from all the pressure of feeling like he has to be perfect. So, he decides enough is enough! It's time for him to make a change.



**Shark vs. Train**  
by Chris Barton  
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

In this hilarious and wacky picture book, Shark and Train egg each other on for one competition after another, including burping, bowling, Ping Pong, piano playing, pie eating, and many more!



**A Sick Day for Amos McGee**  
by Philip C. Stead  
Illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Amos McGee, a friendly zookeeper, always made time to visit his good friends: the animals at the zoo. But one day he woke with the sniffles and the sneezes. Though he didn't make it into the zoo that day, he did receive some unexpected guests.



**The Day the Crayons Came Home**  
by Drew Daywalt  
Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.