

Books for All Seasons

Help your child learn about the cycles of the natural world. When you read books together, ask open-ended questions and relate the story to your child's life.

Beach Day! by Patricia Lakin

The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri

Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck
by Lisa Westberg Peters

Mouse's First Summer by Lauren Thompson

Oliver Finds His Way by Phyllis Root

Plumply Dumpy Pumpkin by Mary Serfozo

Snow by Cynthia Rylant

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert

Under My Hood I Have a Hat by Karla Kuskin

Winter is the Warmest Season
by Lauren Stringer

Concept Books

Knowing basic concepts helps your child get ready for school. Read concept books together. Play games searching for colors, shapes, numbers, and letters in your child's world. Help her learn the ABCs and the sounds the letters make.



ABC x 3: English, Español, Français
by Marthe Jocelyn

Black? White? Day? Night!: A Book of Opposites
by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

Count and See by Tana Hoban

Counting Ovejas by Sarah Weeks

Flip-a-Shape: Yum! by SAMi

Learn with Me ABC
by Ivan Bulloch and Diane James

Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Lunch by Denise Fleming

Max's ABC by Rosemary Wells

True Books

Help your child learn about the world by reading true, informational books. Help him understand that information in books will provide answers to questions. Demonstrate that you also use books to locate information. Visit your local library to find a large collection of non-fiction books for children and adults.

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Be My Neighbor
by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko

Construction Zone by Cheryl Willis Hudson

Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg
by Mia Posada

I Spy Shapes in Art by Lucy Micklethwait

Looking Closely Through the Forest
by Frank Serafini

My Family by Sheila Kinkade

Victoria's Day by Maria de Fatima Campos

Where Does Food Come From?
by Shelley Rotner and Gary Goss

Your Skin Holds You In by Becky Baines

You can find these books and many other resources at a Saint Paul Public Library location near you. Visit your library often! Attend storytimes and family programs. Ask your librarian for book suggestions for the whole family.

Books selected by early literacy specialists at the Saint Paul Public Library.



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100 Books for Children

from Birth through Kindergarten



Especially for Babies

Reading to your baby promotes bonding and language development. The best time to read to a baby is when he is rested and happy. When he loses interest, stop and try again later. By cuddling up with a book and having an enjoyable time together, your child learns to associate reading with pleasure.



Begin Smart: Hello Baby! by Begin Smart Books
Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker
The Everything Book by Denise Fleming
Global Babies by The Global Fund for Children
Hands Can by Cheryl Willis Hudson
Hurry! Hurry! by Eve Bunting
I Kissed the Baby by Mary Murphy
Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
Ten Tiny Tickles by Karen Katz

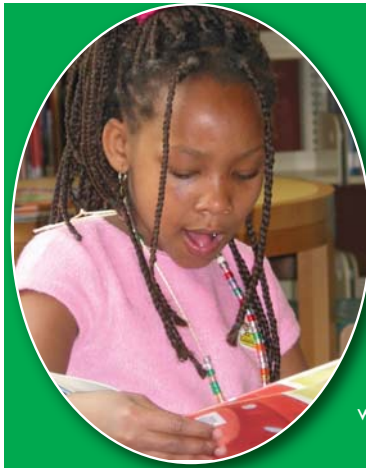
A Toddler's World

Toddlers love to read about themselves! They enjoy reading about the activities in their daily lives. They love to hear the same stories over and over again. Sharing books together is a wonderful way to introduce new words and increase your toddler's vocabulary.

Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar by Clare Jarrett
Babies Can't Eat Kimchee! by Nancy Patz
Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell
Flower Garden by Eve Bunting
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn
On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott
Quinto's Neighborhood by Ina Cumpiano
Roadwork by Sally Sutton
You Can Do It Too! by Karen Baicker



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Rhythm and Rhyme

Sing and say rhymes together. By helping your child hear the sounds within words, you are preparing her to sound out words when she begins to read.

Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming

Chicky Chicky Chook Chook
by Cathy MacLennan

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
by Eileen Christelow

Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry
by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters

Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews

Oodles of Animals by Lois Ehlert

Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett

¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes
by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy

Tanka Tanka Skunk! by Steve Webb

Bedtime Books

Although sharing books and reading together are fun anytime during the day, a bedtime ritual of tucking your child into bed with stories and books creates special memories.

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! by Mo Willems

Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Goodnight Lulu by Paulette Bogan

Hello, Day! by Anita Lobel

How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?
by Jane Yolen

In a Blue Room by Jim Averbeck

Llama, Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Rabbit Pie: The Perfect Recipe for Bedtime
by Penny Ives

Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping by Julie Marques

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang



Just for Fun

Help build positive, fun feelings about books and reading! Young children especially enjoy books which include repetition, a predictable plot, and playful fun with words. When a child asks for books again and again, she is showing her growing pleasure with reading.

All for Pie, Pie for All by David Martin

The Baby Beebee Bird by Diane Redfield Massie

Clip-Clop by Nicola Smee

Hush, Little Digger by Ellen Olson-Brown

Little Green Frogs by Frances Barry

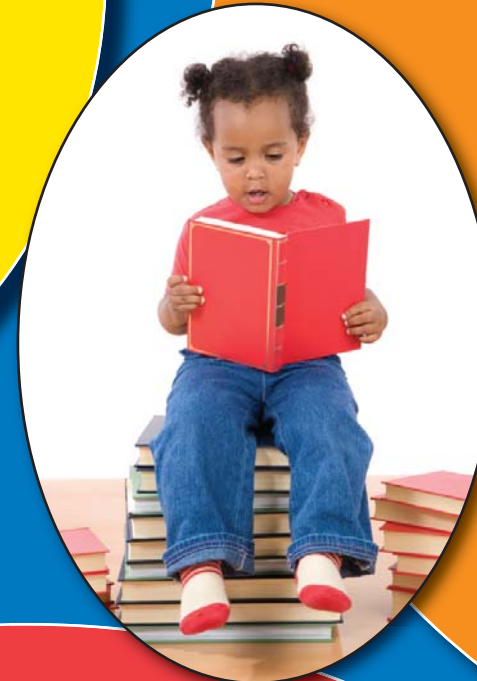
One-Dog Canoe by Mary Casanova

Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root

Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres

What Will Fat Cat Sit On? by Jan Thomas

Who Ate All the Cookie Dough?
by Karen Beaumont



Folktales and Fables

Share simple fables and folktales with older preschoolers. Folktales can be introductions to learning about and appreciating other cultures. Folktales also help children learn that narrative stories have a beginning, middle, and end.

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock
by Eric A. Kimmel

Conejito: A Folktale from Panama
by Margaret Read MacDonald

The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind:
An Aesop's Fable by Heather Forest

The Gigantic Turnip
by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey

The Little Red Hen: An Old Fable by Heather Forest

Mabela the Clever by Margaret Read MacDonald

The Mitten by Alvin Tresselt

Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile
by Won-Ldy Paye and Margaret H. Lippert

Nine-in-One Grr! Grr!: A Folktale from the Hmong
People of Laos by Blia Xiong

The Princess and the Pea by Rachel Isadora



Classics

Some books are beloved treasures shared by generations. Find books that you enjoyed as a child and share those with your child. If books weren't part of your early life, share stories important in your culture and stories about your childhood.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
by Virginia Lee Burton

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle