

PRE-READERS

iOlinguito, de La A a la Z!: Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z! : Unveiling the Cloud Forest by Lulu Delacre

J/599.763/DELACRE,L

Not your usual ABC book, the alphabet works as an organizing feature and provides children with a vehicle to encounter rich vocabulary as they learn about a unique environment.

The Sleepy Songbird by Suzanne Barton

PICTURE/PLAY/BARTON,S

Peep awakes one morning to the sound of beautiful birdsong—but where is it coming from? It's the Dawn Chorus! And Peep wants to sing with them. But despite trying his hardest, Peep realizes he doesn't quite fit in with the other birds in the chorus. Little does Peep know, he's about to meet someone who will show him how special being a nightingale can be.

Snoozefest by Samantha Berger

PICTURE/BEDTIME/BERGER,S

Snuggleford Cuddlebun is a champion sleeper. In fact, she's such a good sleeper that she decides to go to Snoozefest, an arena festival that celebrates sleep. Song available on iTunes.

Waiting by Kevin Henkes

PICTURE/FAVORITES/HENKES,K

Good things come to those who wait, and this book by Henkes is definitely a very good thing. Five animal friends sit and wait together, all hoping for different things. One day all of their waiting pays off when an unexpected arrival delights all of the animals. A treat about the pleasures of patience and living with hope.

Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want—and Why We Should Let Them

by Jeffrey Wilhelm, Michael Smith, Sharon Fransen
Y/372.409/WILHELM,K

Grown-ups, here's some reading to give you more information about our new book lists this summer, and why we're doing them this way. And make sure you stop by Info Services and ask them to help you find your next great read; don't let your kids have all the fun!

The books on this list were chosen by Arlington Heights Memorial Library Youth Services staff and Library Media Center staff from School District 25. Visit the library's website, ahml.info, for more great reading ideas.

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Books for babies, toddlers and preschoolers

Not every book on every list will be right for your child. If you have questions about any title, please see Kids' World staff for guidance.

Board Books

All of these books are good for reading to babies, but board books are best for standing up to lots of love (and chewing)! Their short length also makes them great for busy toddlers who might not want to sit and listen for very long.

A Day with Monster by Kelli Gleiner

What does Monster do all day? Maybe the same things you do! Follow adorable furry monster from breakfast to bedtime in this charming story.

A is for Andy: ABCs with Andy Warhol by Andy Warhol

A fun introduction to Warhol's pop art for the smallest artists.

Boats Go by Steve Light

Steve Light's board books are perfect for tiny Byron Barton fans.

Crocopotamus: Mix and Match the Wild Animals by Mary Murphy

Create fun, new animals in this creative flap board book. It's like a much cuter *The Island of Doctor Moreau*.

Hamsters on the Go by Kass Reich

Hamsters have many places to go and lots of ways to get there.

Look Look Baby Animal Friends by Sue Downing

High contrast pictures of baby animals are perfect for the smallest readers.

Splish, Splash, Baby! by Karen Katz

Adorable babies at bathtime.

The Wheels on the Bus by Nosy Crow

Everyone's favorite song is refreshed with bright, bold new illustrations.

Wild Backyard by Kate Riggs

Learn about all of the beautiful, interesting things that are hiding in your own backyard.

Wonder Woman: A Word Adventure! by Donald B. Lemke

Learn words with Wonder Woman. Wonderful!

Picture Books: Fiction and Nonfiction

Try these longer books for preschoolers and toddlers who are in the mood to stay awhile. If you don't finish the whole book in one sitting, don't worry! Just come back to it another time when your child is interested again.

Beautiful Hands by Kathryn Otoshi

PICTURE/PLAY/OTOSHI,K

This colorful concept book reveals an illustrative surprise and reading delight with every turn of the page. Little hands can do so many wonderful things: plant ideas, stretch imaginations and reach for dreams.

Clothesline Clues to Sports People Play by Kathryn Heling

PICTURE/PLAY/HELING,K

Get in the game and use clues on the clotheslines to identify a slew of sports.

The Cow Who Climbed a Tree by Gemma Merino

PICTURE/PLAY/MERINO,G

Tina the cow believes that the sky's the limit and that that nothing's impossible. But her fellow cows aren't so sure, and when Tina tells them she met a dragon during one of her tree-climbing adventures, they decide her nonsense has gone too far...or maybe not far enough. For fans of *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Story of Ferdinand*.

Cricket Song by Anne Hunter

PICTURE/BEDTIME/HUNTER,A

Two children in two different parts of the world get ready to fall asleep as various creatures do the same. A lovely story about what connects us.

Everything by Emma Dodd

PICTURE/FAVORITES/DODD,E

A mother's love makes everything better in this sweet book about a baby Koala and his mamma.

Good Night Like This by Mary Murphy

PICTURE/BEDTIME/MURPHY,M

Mary Murphy, creator of *A Kiss Like This* and *Say Hello Like This*, takes you to different little snorey, twitchy, cuddly animals' homes as they get ready to go to sleep.

Guess Who, Haiku by Deanna Caswell

E/895.61/CASWELL,D

Haiku is the perfect poetry for babies (or maybe limericks; it's a tie). Candy-colored illustrations make this a sweet book for bedtime or anytime.

Have You Seen Elephant? by David Barrow

PICTURE/PLAY/BARROW,D

Elephant wants to play hide and seek. You can play too, but you'll have to try your best—he's VERY good!

What are the favorite books you and your child have read this year? Add them to the list!

These books can be found under the author's last name. Some of these titles may be available in another format. Please ask for help at the Kids' World Desk.