Great Books for children ages birth to 2

Contact Information

New Hanover County Public Library

Main Library
201 Chestnut Street
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Wilmington, NC 28405
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5155 S. College Road
Wilmington, NC 28412
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Carolina Beach Library
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Carolina Beach, NC 28428
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Print Awareness

- Baby’s Day by Michel Blake
- Bingo by Rosemary Wells
- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Peekaboo Baby by Margaret Miller (similar titles available)
- The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog by Mo Willems (similar titles available)

Print Motivation

- Fifteen Animals! by Sandra Boynton
- Let’s Go Visiting by Sue Williams
- Max’s Breakfast by Rosemary Wells
- Moo, Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton
- The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too! by Mo Willems
- Spot Goes to the Park by Eric Hill
- Your Personal Penguin by Sandra Boynton

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Narrative Skills: The ability to describe things and events, and to tell stories.

Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

Print Awareness: Noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow the words on a page.

Letter Knowledge: Knowing that letters are different from each other and that they have different names and sounds.

Print Motivation: A child’s interest in and enjoyment of books.

Vocabulary: Knowing the names of things.

Definitions

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**Narrative**

- Clip-Clop by Nicola Smee
- The Foolish Tortoise by Eric Carle
- Goodnight Dog by Ed Heck
- Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
- Happy Birthday, Little Pookie by Sandra Boynton (similar titles available)
- It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw
- The Napping House by Audrey Wood
- Planes by Byron Barton
- (similar titles available)
- Spot Loves His Friends by Eric Hill
- The Three Bears by Byron Barton
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

**Vocabulary**

- Bow-Wow 12 months running by Mark Newgarden
- Fun Dog, Sun Dog by Deborah Heiligman
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Steven Kellogg
- Lunch by Denise Fleming
- Peek A Boo Who? by Simms Taback
- Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora (similar titles available)
- Piggies by Audrey and Don Wood
- Trains by Byron Barton
- Trucks Trucks Trucks by Peter Sis
- What I Like About Me! by Allia Zobel-Nolan
- Who Hoots? by Katie Davis

**Letter Knowledge**

- Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
- Chicka Chicka ABC by Bill Martin Jr.
- Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
- Colors by Emily Bolam
- Colors by Little Scholastic
- Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
- Elmer’s Colors by David McKeen
- Quiet Loud by Leslie Patricelli
- Shapes by Little Scholastic
- Yummy Yucky by Leslie Patricelli

**Phonological Awareness**

- Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton
- Busy Fingers by C.W. Bowie
- Dinosaur Roar! by Paul Stickland
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow (similar titles available)
- How Do Dinosaurs Love Their Dogs? by Jane Yolen
- I love Dogs by Barney Saltzberg (similar titles available)
- The Itsy Bitsy Spider by Sharon Lane Holm
- Jamberry by Bruce Degen
- Peek-a Who? By Nina Laden
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin Jr. (similar titles available)
- Time For Bed by Mem Fox

The majority of the titles listed are board books. Babies & toddlers need time to enjoy these tougher books before moving on to regular books.

Letter knowledge for babies & toddlers begins with colors & shapes.