Print Awareness

Great Books for children ages 3 to 5

NHC Ready to Read

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- Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells
- My Car by Byron Barton
- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Russell the Sheep by Rob Scotton
- Starry Safari by Linda Ashman
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback

Print Motivation

- Falling for Rapunzel by Leah Wilcox
- If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney (similar titles available)
- The Napping House by Audrey and Don Wood
- The Prince Won't Go to Bed! by Dayle Ann Dodds
- Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
- Toad by Ruth Brown

Contact Information

- Main Library
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  Wilmington, NC 28401
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- Northeast Library
  1241 Military Cutoff Rd
  Wilmington, NC 28405
  910-798-6370
- Myrtle Grove Library
  5155 S. College Road
  Wilmington, NC 28412
  910-798-6390
- Carolina Beach Library
  300 Cape Fear Blvd.
  Carolina Beach, NC 28428
  910-798-6385

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Definitions

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.

The books in this brochure all support the six early literacy skills listed below. There is no magic recipe—just take a book, your child and enjoy!
Great Books for Preschool Age Children 3 to 5

Narrative
A Bedtime Story by Mem Fox
Can’t You Sleep, Little Bear? by Martin Waddell
Clara and Asha by Eric Rohmann
Flotsam by David Wiesner
Go Away, Big Green Monster! by Ed Emberley
A Good Day by Kevin Henkes
Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathman
Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox
It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw
Leaves by David Ezra Stein
The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe
Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood
Little Oink by Amy Rosenthal
(similar titles available)
The Police Cloud by Christoph Niemann
Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins
The Three Bears by Byron Barton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (similar titles available)

Vocabulary
Black? White! Day? Night! by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Chicks and Salsa by Aaron Reynolds
A Children’s Zoo by Tana Hoban
From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
I’m Mighty! by Kate and Jim McMullan
(similar titles available)
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Steven Kellogg
Mr. Gumpy’s Outing by John Burningham
A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Michael Ian Black
Tools by Taro Miura
Tortillas and Lullabies by Lynn Reiser
Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox
Who Hoots? by Katie Davis
Yoko by Rosemary Wells

Phonological Awareness
Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
(similar titles available)
Bounce by Doreen Cronin
Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree by Eileen Christelow (similar titles available)
Giddy-up! Let’s Ride! by Flora McDonnell
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen (similar titles available)
Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin Jr. (similar titles available)
Sheep In a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
(similar titles available)
Time for Bed by Mem Fox
Whopper Cake by Karma Wilson

Letter Knowledge
A Was Once an Apple Pie by Susen MacDonald
African Animals ABC
by Philippa-Alys Brown
Alphabet Adventure by Audrey and Bruce Wood (similar titles available)
Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke by Pamela Duncan Edwards
G is for Goat by Patricia Polacco
K is for Kitten by Niki Clark- Leopold
Max’s ABC by Rosemary Wells
Pete’s a Pizza by William Steig