

Early literacy is what happens *before* your child learns to read. It is broken down into six skills:

LOVING BOOKS (Print motivation):
being interested in and enjoying books.

USING BOOKS (Print awareness):
understanding that print has meaning; noticing print everywhere; knowing how to handle a book.

LEARNING WORDS (Vocabulary):
books contain a wider range of vocabulary than our spoken conversations.

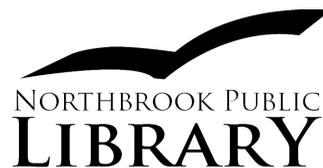
SEEING LETTERS (Letter knowledge):
knowing that letters look different from each other; knowing letter names and sounds.

HEARING SOUNDS (Phonological sensitivity): being able to hear the difference between similar sounds and play with the smaller sounds that make up words.

TELLING a STORY (Narrative skills):
being able to describe things and events, and tell stories.

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Great BOOKS TWO-^{for} YEAR- OLDS



All books are located in the Picture Book section alphabetical by author's last name, unless indicated otherwise.

Baker, Keith
Big Fat Hen
A hen counts to ten with her chicks in this picture book version of the well-known nursery rhyme.



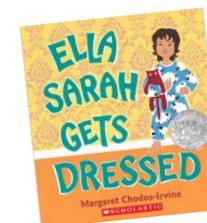
Boynton, Sandra
Moo, Baa, La La La!
Turn the board pages to see what different sounds animals make.
BOARD BOOK BOYNTON

Burningham, John
Mr. Grumpy's Outing
Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.

Butler, John
Whose Nose and Toes?
Readers see a nose and some toes and must guess what animal they belong to.

Carle, Eric
From Head to Toe
Eric Carle creates high energy fun for the youngest readers as they act out the movements of various animals.

Chodos-Irvine, Margaret
Ella Sarah Gets Dressed
Strong-willed Ella Sarah disregards the fashion advice of family members and insists in wearing the striking outfit of her own choosing.



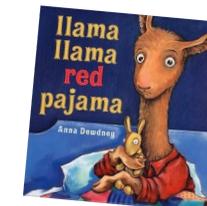
Cousins, Lucy
Peck, Peck, Peck
The author of the *Maisy* series bring us a young woodpecker who expertly pecks his way through a rhyming sequence of indoor objects.

Crews, Donald
Freight Train
Simple yet elegant text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.



Dale, Penny
Dinosaur Zoom!
Anyone who loves birthday parties, dinosaurs and vehicles will enjoy this book where dinosaurs in cars rush to prepare a surprise birthday party for the littlest dinosaur in the woods.

Dewdney, Anna
Llama Llama Red Pajama
After being tucked in, Llama misses Mama and fusses until Mama thinks something is really wrong and runs upstairs only to find that Llama just wanted Mama.



Fleming, Denise
Barnyard Banter
All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.

Fox, Mem
Two Little Monkeys

A lively, rhyming tale about two little monkeys who are hiding from a leopard.



Garcia, Emma
Tap Tap Bang Bang

Bright, simple illustrations of lots of tools doing what they do best will make this a favorite that you don't mind reading again.

Henkes, Kevin
Kitten's First Full Moon

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Here's a Little Poem

Sit back and savor an exuberant, superb collection of more than sixty poems for the very young.
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Hindley, Judy
Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes: A First Book All About You

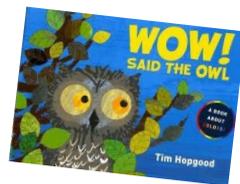
A group of toddlers demonstrate all the fun things that they can do with their eyes, ears, mouths, hands, legs and feet.

Hines, Anna Grossnickle
I Am a Backhoe

A young boy imagines himself to be different types of trucks as he plays in the sand.

Hopgood, Tim
Wow! Said the Owl

A curious little owl discovers lots of colors in his world.

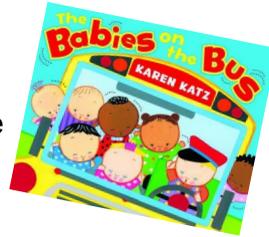


Horacek, Petr
Puffin Peter

When his best friend is lost in a terrible storm, a young puffin teams up with a big blue whale to mount a rescue mission and discovers that while many other birds match his friend's description, none are quite the same.

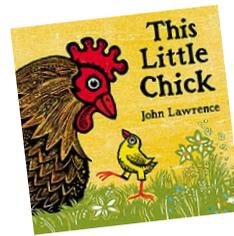
Katz, Karen
Babies on the Bus

Presents lyrics to the well-known song Wheels on the Bus, with additional verses about babies.



Lawrence, John
This Little Chick

The melodic, repetitive rhymes of this book delight toddlers as a little chick shows that he can make the sounds of the animals in his neighborhood.



Lee, Suzy
Wave

This wordless picture book shows a little girl's first experiences at the beach, as she goes from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing while gulls soar overhead.

Lewin, Betsy
Thumpy Feet

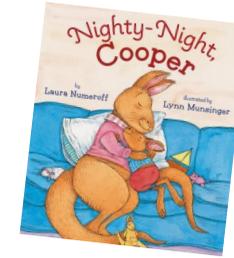
Spend a day with Thumpy Feet, a spirited orange cat.

Martin, Bill
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

A classic among picture books: children love answering the question and predicting what colorful animal is next.

Numeroff, Laura
Nighty-Night, Cooper

It is bedtime, but Cooper is not ready to climb into his mother's pouch and go to sleep until they enjoy some lullabies



Rinker, Sherri Duskey
Steam Train, Dream Train

In this book with rhyming text, the dream train pulls into the station and all the cars are loaded by the animal workers, each with the appropriate cargo.

Sierra, Judy
The Sleepy Little Alphabet
Sleepy letters get ready for bed.

Sis, Peter
Fire Truck

Matt, who loves fire trucks, wakes up one morning to find that he has become one.

Smee, Nicola
Clip-Clop

When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends Cat, Dog, Pig, and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster.

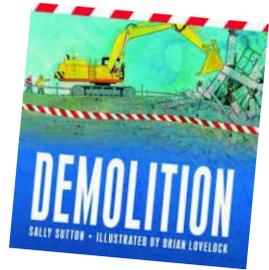
Stein, David Ezra
Pouch

A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hop outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time.

Strickland, Paul
Dinosaur Roar!
Rhyming text presents all kinds of dinosaurs, including ones that are sweet, grumpy, spiky, or lumpy.



Sutton, Sally
Demolition
Powerful machines tear down a building in order to build a playground.



Taback, Simms
Simms Taback's Dinosaur
Six dinosaurs are revealed little by little in big fold-out pages, prompting guesses of what dino it will be.
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Tafolla, Carmen
Fiesta Babies
Bouncy, rhyming text and pictures that are full of joy tell the story of babies and toddlers enjoying a celebration.



Williams, Vera B.
More, More, More Said the Baby
Three babies are given loving attention by a father, grandmother, and mother.

Wolff, Ashley
Baby Bear Counts One
Before curling up with his mother in their cozy den, Baby Bear counts other animals preparing for winter.



Wood, Audrey and Don
The Napping House
In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.