



125 Books Your Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten

Celebrate London Public Library's 125th Anniversary with
125 children's book titles hand selected by our staff!

1. **Welcome song for baby : a lullaby for newborns** by Richard Van Camp
2. **Babies Around the world** by Puck
3. **Whose toes are those?** by Jabari Asim
4. **Black White** by Tana Hoban
5. **Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes** by Mem Fox
6. **Please Baby Please** by Spike Lee
7. **You Can Be** by Elise Gravel
8. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?** by Bill Martin Jr.
9. **Roar, Baby, Roar** by Karen Katz
10. **My Heart Fills With Happiness** by Monique Gray Smith 🍁
11. **How do you say I Love you?** by Hannah Eliot
12. **My Hair** by Danielle Murrell Cox
13. **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
14. **First book of colors** by First book of colours
15. **A Day With Yayah** by Nicola I. Campbell 🍁
16. **Love you Head to Toe** by Ashley Barron 🍁
17. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
18. **Silly Sally** by Audrey Wood
19. **The Wheels on the Bus** by Annie Kubler
20. **Moo, baa, la la la** by Sandra Boynton
21. **If you're happy and you know it!** by Jane Cabrera
22. **Eating the alphabet : fruits & vegetables from A to Z** by Lois Ehlert
23. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Sherri Duskey Rinker
24. **Good night Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann
25. **Where's Spot** by Eric Hill

**“Reading out loud
to your child is a
great way to build
their vocabulary”**



26. **Freight Train** by Donald Crews
27. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
28. **Where is Green Sheep?** by Mem Fox
29. **Twinkle Twinkle Little Star** by Jane Carbera
30. **A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes** by Kady MacDonald Denton
31. **Giraffe and Bird** by Rebecca Bender 🍁
32. **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
33. **I Went Walking** by Sue Williams
34. **Napping House** by Audrey Wood
35. **Red is Best** by Kathy Stinson 🍁
36. **One Shoe Two Shoes** by Caryl Hart
37. **Dragons Love Tacos** by Adam Rubin 🍁
38. **Curious George** by H.A. Rey
39. **Press Here** by Herve Tullet
40. **Knuffle Bunny** by Mo Willems
41. **The Busy Little Squirrel** by Nancy Tafuri
42. **Hooray for Fish!** by Lucy Cousins
43. **Big Fat Hen** by Keith Baker
44. **My Heart is Like a Zoo** by Michael Hall
45. **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle
46. **Hooray for Hat** by Brian Won
47. **Llama Llama Red Pajama** by Anna Dewdney
48. **It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Shaw Charles G.
49. **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
50. **Plinka Plinka Shake Shake** by Emma Garcia

**“1 book a day for 3
years=1095 books, 3
books/day for 1 year =
1095 books!”**



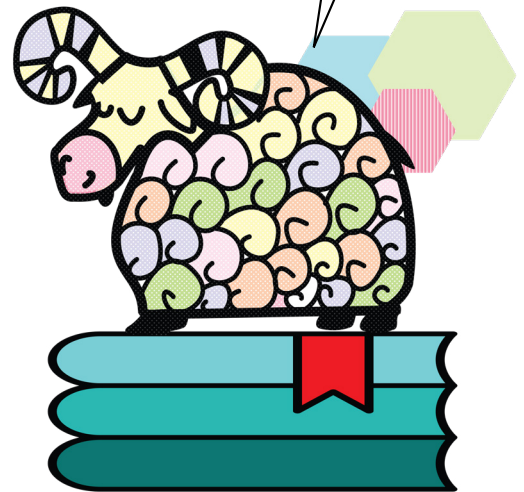
51. **Scaredy Squirrel** by Melanie Watt 🍁
52. **If you Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
53. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson
54. **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion
55. **Tap the Magic Tree** by Christie Matheson
56. **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
57. **Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman
58. **Froggy Gets Dressed** by Jonathan London
59. **Snowballs** by Lois Ehlert
60. **Red Light, Green Lion** by Candace Ryan
61. **In the Middle of Fall** by Kevin Henkes
62. **Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel** by Virginia Lee Burton
63. **The Monster at the End of the Book** by Jon Stone
64. **This is Not my Hat** by Jon Klassen 🍁
65. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
66. **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
67. **The Three Little Pigs** by Paul Galdone
68. **Olivia** by Ian Falconer
69. **Mr. Gumpy's Outing** by John Burningham
70. **Mouse Paint** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
71. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** by Mo Willems
72. **Fox and Squirrel Make a Friend** by Ruth Ohi
73. **Love You Forever** by Robert Munsch 🍁
74. **Let's Count Goats!** by Mem Fox & Jan Thomas
75. **Stack the Cats** by Susie Ghahremani

**“Every book counts,
even if read at library
storytime, online, or in
another language”**



76. **A Little Book About 123s** by Leo Lionni & Jan Gerardi
77. **Ten in the Bed** by David Ellwant
78. **One Duck Stuck** by Phyllis Root
79. **Quick as a Cricket** by Audrey Wood
80. **Rah Rah Radishes: A Vegetable Chant** by April Pulley Sayre
81. **1 Big Salad** by Juana Medina
82. **Count the Monkeys** by Mac Barnett & Kevin Cornell
83. **LMNO peas** by Keith Baker
84. **Extra Yarn** by Mac Barnett
85. **Grumpy Bird** by Jeremy Tankard 🍁
86. **You Hold me Up** by Monique Gray Smith 🍁
87. **Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox** by Danielle Daniel
88. **I Dare You Not to Yawn** by Helene Boudreau 🍁
89. **In a Cloud of Dust** by Alma Fullerton 🍁
90. **The Man with the Violin** by Kathy Stinson
91. **Now what? : a math tale** by Robie H. Harris
92. **Jamberry** by Bruce Degan
93. **The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt
94. **Z is for Moose** by Kelly Bingham
95. **Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day** by Judith Viorst
96. **The Little Engine That Could** by Watty Piper
97. **Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle
98. **Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister
99. **Bear Counts** by Karma Wilson
100. **My Blue is Happy** by Jessica Young 🍁

“Early exposure to books and reading will instill a life long love of learning in your child”



101. **Red Wagon** by Renata Liwska 🍁
102. **Sam and Dave Dig a Hole** by Mac Barnett
103. **Without You** by Genevieve Cote 🍁
104. **Not a Box** by Antoinette Portis
105. **Get Out of my Bath** by Britta Teckentrup
106. **Richard Scarry's cars and trucks and things that go** by Richard Scarry
107. **Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss
108. **Sweetest Kulu** by Celina Kalluk 🍁
109. **What's My Superpower?** by Aviaq Johnston 🍁
110. **All are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold
111. **Saturday** by Oge Mora
112. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr.
113. **Ruby Finds a Worry** by Tom Percival
114. **Duck! Rabbit!** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
115. **Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons** by Eric Litwin
116. **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch 🍁
117. **Book With No Pictures** by B.J. Novak
118. **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans
119. **The Mitten** by Jan Brett
120. **Most Magnificent Thing** by Ashley Spires 🍁
121. **Lola Goes to School** by Anna McQuinn
122. **Clifford Goes to Kindergarten** by Norman Bridwell
123. **Sophie's Squash** by Pat Zietlow Miller
124. **Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
125. **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn

**“Read a favourite
5 times? Count it 5
times!”**



**“Make it exciting!
Try different voices
for characters”**