



PRESCHOOL BOOKLIST

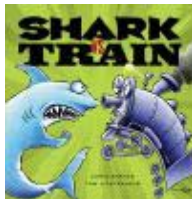
by Anne Nabaum 05/10

BOOKS FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Reading with preschoolers is great fun! And choosing books for preschoolers is easy – they delight in discovery and simply love books. They now understand longer, more complex and humorous stories. They enjoy repetition, language play, rhythm and rhyme.

Reading together everyday is the single most important activity for learning language and pre-reading skills. Visit the library to find out more about the six pre-reading skills that a child needs to know before he/she can learn to read.

The following new titles are just right for reading together with preschool age children, but it is just a start. A librarian will be happy to help you find other titles of interest to your preschooler.



[Place hold](#)

SHARK VS TRAIN

By Chris Barton

Call #: JP Barton

It's the craziest competition ever, when the terror of the oceans, Shark, takes on the king of the tracks, Train. Who will win? Who will you root for?



[Place hold](#)

CHICKEN CHEEKS: THE BEGINNING OF THE ENDS

By Michael Ian Black

Call #: JP Black

Bear stacks up all of the animals to help him get to the tip-top of the honey tree. Follow this hilarious back-sided journey up the tree – where the real surprise awaits.



[Place hold](#)

THE MIGHTY FINE TIME MACHINE

By Suzanne Bloom

Call #: JP Bloom

Three endearing and imaginative friends attempt to travel back in time by turning a big old box and a bunch of “hoozie-doozies” into a mighty fine time machine.



[Place hold](#)

THE GREAT NURSERY RHYME DISASTER

By David Conway

Call #: JP Conway

Little Miss Muffet is bored of being in the same old nursery rhyme and she's had enough of the scary, little spider. So off she goes into the other pages of the book to find a new rhyme to be in.





Place hold

ME AND YOU

By Genevieve Cote

Call #: JP Cote

“I wish I were just like you”, says the rabbit to the pig. “I wish I were just like you”, says the pig to the rabbit. A gentle celebration of friendship and individuality.



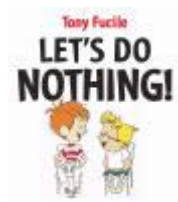
Place hold

THERE WAS AN OLD MONSTER

By Rebecca Emberly

Call #: JP Emberly

A monster swallows all kinds of creatures to cure a stomach ache that began when he swallowed a tick. A rousing sing-along cumulative story.



Place hold

LET'S DO NOTHING

By Tony Fucile

Call #: JP Fucile

Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do. Then Sal hits upon a solution: “Let’s do nothing!” How hard could that be?



Place hold

DOGS

By Emily Gravett

Call #: JP Gravett

There are so very many different kinds of dogs. How can anyone pick just one type to love the most? A delightful book with a clever twist.



Place hold

PINK ME UP

By Charise Mericle Harper

Call #: JP Harper

When Mama is too sick to go to the Pink Girls Pink-nic with Violet, Daddy offers to take her place. Perfect for fans of all things pink!



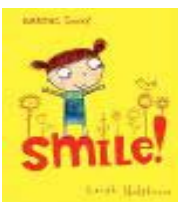
Place hold

BIG CHICKENS GO TO TOWN

By Leslie Helakoski

Call #: JP Helakoski

What will the Big Chickens find in town? Will they ever get back home? A rollicking read-a-loud.



Place hold

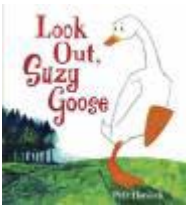
SMILE!

By Leigh Hodgkinson

Call #: JP Hodgkinson

Meet Sunny. She is usually happy – sunshiny even! But not today. She’s lost one of her favorite things: her smile.





[Place hold](#)

LOOK OUT, SUZY GOOSE

By Petr Horacek

Call #: JP Horacek

Suzy Goose is looking for a little peace and quiet by taking a walk in the woods. But Suzy Goose is not alone. Look out, Suzy Goose!



[Place hold](#)

BOSSY BEAR

By David Horvath

Call #: JP Horvath

Bossy Bear is very bossy. He likes things a certain way – his way.



[Place hold](#)

THE BIRTHDAY PET

By Ellen Javernick

Call #: JP Javernick

Danny can have any kind of pet for his birthday and he knows exactly what he wants – a turtle. But instead his family got him a ... what?



[Place hold](#)

OTIS

By Loren Long

Call #: JP Long

A little old tractor saves the day! A charming new classic illustrated in a classic old style. Three cheers for Otis!



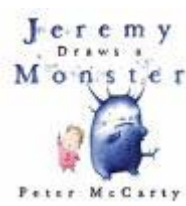
[Place hold](#)

MONSTERS ON MACHINES

By Deb Lund

Call #: JP Lund

These busy little monsters dig, dump, hammer, nail – and even squeeze in an afternoon snooze. But what are they building?



[Place hold](#)

JEREMY DRAWS A MONSTER

By Peter McCarty

Call #: JP McCarty

Jeremy draws a monster but he doesn't expect it to be bored and hungry! Will he ever get rid of this monstrous nuisance?



[Place hold](#)

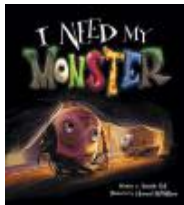
THE THINGAMABOB

By Ill Sung Na

Call #: JP Na

A curious elephant finds a mysterious red object. What could it be used for? Join in the excitement of making and sharing an unexpected discovery.





Place hold

I NEED MY MONSTER

By Amanda Noll

Call #: JP Noll

Ethan checks under his bed for his monster and finds a note from him instead: “Gone fishing.” A unique monster-under-the bed story filled with giggles and shivers.



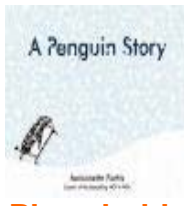
Place hold

ONE

By Katherine Otoshi

Call #: JP Otoshi

A counting and number book reminding us that it takes just one to make everyone count.



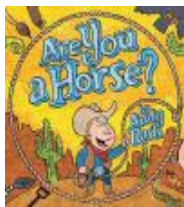
Place hold

A PENGUIN STORY

By Antoinette Portis

Call #: JP Portis

Edna the penguin is convinced there is something more out there than white ice, black night, and blue sea. So she sets out on a quest – a quest for color.



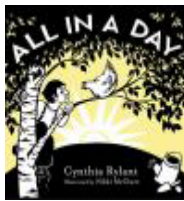
Place hold

ARE YOU A HORSE?

By Andy Rash

Call #: JP Rash

Roy’s birthday saddle comes with directions to find a horse and enjoy the ride. But the problem is; Roy doesn’t know what a horse is. What’s a horseless cowboy to do?



Place hold

ALL IN A DAY

By Cynthia Rylant

Call #: JP Rylant

When the sun rises on a new day, it brings with it a world of possibilities. What will you do today?



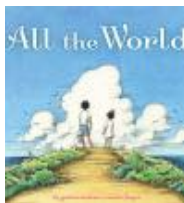
Place hold

CORNELIUS P. MUD, ARE YOU READY FOR A BABY?

By Barney Saltzberg

Call #: JP Saltzberg

There’s a new baby in the house. Is Cornelius P. Mud ready? NOT REALLY!



Place hold

ALL THE WORLD

By Liz Garton Scanton

Call #: JP Scanton

All the world is here, there, everywhere, and right where you are right now!





[Place hold](#)

ROBOT ZOT

By Jon Scieszka

Call #: JP Scieszka

Robot Zot – Wham Bot! Robot Zot will conquer Earth...unless he finds true love.



[Place hold](#)

TOO MANY TOYS

By David Shannon

Call #: JP Shannon

Spencer has too many toys and every single toy is his favorite. But he finally finds out that an entertaining story and his own imagination are the best toys of all!



[Place hold](#)

ACORNS EVERYWHERE

By Kevin Sherry

Call #: JP Sherry

Meet an orange squirrel with a BIG appetite and a BAD memory. HIDE your lunch!



[Place hold](#)

CAN YOU MAKE A SCARY FACE?

By Jan Thomas

Call #: JP Thomas

What kind of a face would you make if a tickly green bug was sitting on *your* nose?? An exuberant book starring a bossy little ladybug and a GIANT hungry frog.



[Place hold](#)

CHALK

By Bill Thomson

Call #: JP Thomson

A rainy day + Three kids in a park + A dinosaur spring rider + A bag of colored chalk = Wonderful wordless magic!



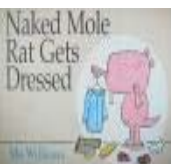
[Place hold](#)

CHICKEN SOUP

By Jean Van Leeuwen

Call #: JP Van Leeuwen

It's chicken soup tonight so the chickens are on the run. Little Chickie has a cold and no matter where she hides her sneezes give her away. She is sure to be found soon!



[Place hold](#)

NAKED MOLE RAT GETS DRESSED

By Mo Willems

Call #: JP Willems

Naked mole rats are a little bit rat, a little bit mole, and all naked, except for Wilbur who likes to get dressed. What will happen when Wilbur's secret is discovered?



Place hold

MIGHTY MAX!

By Harriet Ziefert

Call #: JP Ziefert

Max wants to climb, jump, and be the hero who saves the day! Max's dad wants him to calm down and be helpful. Will Max be able to save the day?



Place hold

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

By Jerry Pinkney

Call #: J398.245 Pin

In this beautiful retelling of one of Aesop's most beloved fables, an un-likely pair learns that no act of kindness is ever wasted. A Caldecott Medal winner.



Place hold

YUMMY: EIGHT FAVORITE FAIRY TALES

By Lucy Cousins

Call #: J398.2 Cou

Fairy tales retold with all the emotion and humor of the originals, where courageous heroes, tasty children, and scary fiends are the stuff of hilarity and shivery thrills.

FAVORITE PRESCHOOL NONFICTION

Preschoolers are curious about most everything! You can find delightful nonfiction titles of special interest to preschoolers quickly by visiting the following subject areas of the library. Pairing picture books with nonfiction titles on the same subject is a great way for you and your preschooler to learn together. A librarian can suggest a variety of titles.

- J398s Fairy tales, folktales, dragons, Mother Goose
- J567s Dinosaurs
- J595s Insects
- J599s Mammals
- J624s - 629s Transportation
- J782s - 784s Music/Songbooks
- J808s - 821s Poetry
- J910s Pirates

Don't forget about kids' audio books, music CDs, DVDs, library storytimes and programs especially for kids, and the library's Web Site: www.slcolibrary.org
These all offer more reading fun and activities for your preschooler.

