75 Must See Movies for Kids

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Watch any of these great movies for hours of laughter and entertainment together as a family. Most of them can be found in the children’s area with a few exceptions.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE (1987)
Call #: DVD ADVENTURE Princess
Heartbroken over the death of her beloved Westley, beautiful Buttercup finally succumbs to the advances of the wicked Prince Humperdinck.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (2014)
Call #: DVD ADVENTURE Teenage
The future of New York City is grim until four unlikely outcast brothers rise from the sewers and discover their destiny as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (2008)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Alvin
Struggling songwriter Dave Seville opens his home to a talented trio of chipmunks named Alvin, Simon, and Theodore.

ANASTASIA (1997)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Anastasia
Animated musical tale of Anastasia, a princess of Russia’s Romanoff family who survives assassination and finally flees to Austria.

ANTZ (1998)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Antz
Life is no picnic for Z, a small worker ant with some very big ideas, whose chances with the beautiful Princess Bala are literally one in a billion.
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<td>A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.</td>
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<td>Part husky/part wolf, Balto doesn't know where he belongs. He's an outcast in Alaska, except to his true friends who can see his noble spirit.</td>
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<td>When Bolt is accidentally shipped to New York City and separated from Penney, his beloved co-star and owner, he immediately springs into action to save her from the forces of evil.</td>
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<td>Journey inside the miniature world of bugs where an ant named Flik hires warrior bugs to defend his colony from a horde of freeloading grasshoppers.</td>
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<td>The story of Wilbur the pig and how, through his friendship with Charlotte the spider, he became famous and learned about life and death.</td>
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<td>While the chickens on Mrs. Tweedy’s farm dream of a better life, a clever hen named Ginger is hatching plans to fly the coop for good. The only problem is, chickens can't fly, or can they?</td>
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<td>In a town where food drops from the sky like rain, young inventor Flint Lockwood hopes to create something that will change everyone's life.</td>
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THE CROODS (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Croods
This prehistoric comedy adventure follows the world's first family as they embark on a journey of a lifetime when the cave that has always shielded them from danger is destroyed.

CURIOS GEORGE 2: FOLLOW THAT MONKEY (2009)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Curious
Join Curious George and The Man with the Yellow Hat as they set out on a madcap cross-country adventure to reunite Kayla, a homesick elephant, with her family.

DENNIS THE MENACE (1993)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Dennis
When his parents have to go out of town, Dennis stays with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. The little menace is driving Mr. Wilson crazy, but Dennis is just trying to be helpful.

DESICABLE ME 2 (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Despicable
Recruited by the Anti-Villain League, Gru uses a bevy of new gadgetry, cars, and more minion madness to help deal with a powerful new super criminal.

DOLPHIN TALE (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Dolphin
Swimming free, a young dolphin is caught in a crab trap, severely damaging her tail. She is rescued and transported to the Clearwater Marine Hospital. But her fight for survival has just begun.

THE EMPEROR’S NEW GROOVE (2000)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Emperor’s
The emperor is turned into a llama by his ex-administrator and must regain his throne with the help of a llama herder.

ENCHANTE (2007)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Enchanted
The beautiful princess Giselle is banished from the animated land of Andalasia by the evil queen. She finds herself in the gritty streets of the real, modern-day Manhattan.
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (2009)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Fantastic
Mr. and Mrs. Fox live a happy home life underground with their eccentric son Ash. Against the advice of his attorney, Mr. Fox moves his family into a larger home inside a tree on a hill.

FREE WILLY (1993)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Free
A story about the friendship that develops between a 12-year-old boy, who knows what it's like to be without a family, and a whale confined in a too-small tank at an aquatic park.

GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE (1997)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS George
George is a buff and lovable klutz who saves his animal friends from poachers deep in the heart of the African jungle.

GNOMEO AND JULIET (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Gnomeo
Caught up in a feud between neighbors, Gnomeo and Juliet must overcome as many obstacles as their namesakes. But with flamboyant pink flamingoes and epic lawnmower races, can this young couple find lasting happiness?

THE GOONIES (1985)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Goonies
The film follows a group of misfit kids as they search for buried treasure in a subterranean cavern. Here they cross the path of lady criminal Mama Fratelli and her outlaw brood.

HAPPY FEET (2006)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Happy
Emperor penguins express their true love with a special song of their own. However, the misfit Mumble cannot sing. Instead he has an extraordinary talent to tap dance with almost magical energy and expression.

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER’S STONE (2001)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Harry
Harry Potter, an orphaned child living with his aunt and uncle, is invited to join the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He learns his destiny lies in the realm of magic and fantasy.
**HERCULES (1997)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Hercules
The son of the Greek gods Zeus and Hera is stripped of his immortality as an infant and must become a true hero in order to reclaim it.

**HOLES (2003)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Holes
Young Stanley Yelnats finds himself at Camp Green Lake, where digging a hole a day keeps the warden at bay and “builds character.”

**HORTON HEARS A WHO (2008)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Horton
One day, Horton the elephant hears a cry for help coming from a speck of dust. Even though he can't see anyone on the speck, he decides to help it.

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (2012)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Hotel
The Hotel Transylvania, run by Dracula, is a unique, high-end resort catering only to the finest monsters and their families.

Call #: DVD CHILDRENS How
Why is the Grinch such a grouch? No one seems to know, until little Cindy Lou Who takes matters into her own hands and turns both Whoville and the Grinch's world upside down.

**HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (2010)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS How
Hiccup is a Viking teenager who aspires to hunt dragons, but he doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers.

**THE INCREDIBLES (2004)**
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Incredibles
Bob and his wife Helen used to be among the world's greatest crime fighters, battling evil on a daily basis. Fifteen years later, they have been forced to adopt civilian identities and retreat to the suburbs.
THE IRON GIANT (1999)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Iron
Hogarth Hughes just rescued an enormous robot that fell from the stars to Earth. Now young Hogarth has a big problem: how do you keep a 50-foot-tall, steel-eating giant a secret?

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH (1996)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS James
A wildly imaginative tale about a little boy who journeys to a wondrous city “where dreams come true.”

JUMANJI (1995)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Jumanji
When two orphans discover a game and start playing it they unwittingly unleash a man who's been trapped inside, as well as an array of stampeding jungle animals.

KUNG FU PANDA 2 (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Kung
Po is now living his dream as The Dragon Warrior, protecting the Valley of Peace alongside The Furious Five. But Po's new life of awesomeness is threatened by the emergence of a formidable villain.

THE LEGO MOVIE (2014)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS LEGO
Emmet is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

THE LITTLE RASCALS (1994)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Little
When Alfalfa falls for Darla, the very existence of the Little Rascals' "boys only" club is threatened.

MARY POPPINS (1964)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Mary
Mary Poppins flies out of the windy London skies and into the home of two mischievous children. With the help of a carefree chimney sweep, the spirited nanny turns every chore into a game.
MATILDA (1996)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Matilda
The story of a wonderful little girl, who happens to be a genius, and her wonderful teacher vs. the worst parents ever and the worst school principal imaginable.

MEET THE ROBINSONS (2007)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Meet
Join a brilliant young inventor named Lewis as he sets off on a time-traveling journey to find the family he never knew.

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Monsters
Mike Wazowski and James P. Sullivan are an inseparable pair, but that wasn't always the case. The moment these two mismatched monsters met they couldn't stand each other.

THE MUPPETS (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Muppets
While on vacation in Los Angeles, Walter and his friends try to raise ten million dollars to save the Muppet Theater from a business man who wants to demolish the theater in order to drill for oil.

THE NEVERENDING STORY (1984)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Neverending
An ancient book opens the doorway to a magical world that leads an unlikely hero on a quest to save the land of Fantasia from the evil Nothing.

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1993)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Nightmare
Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King of Halloween, longs to spread the joy of Christmas. But his merry mission puts Santa in jeopardy and creates a nightmare for everyone.

OLD YELLER (1957)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Old
A boy brings a yellow dog home. The dog loves the family as much as they love him, but can the love last?
PARANORMAN (2012)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS ParaNorman
A boy must use his special powers to save his town from a centuries-old curse. He'll have to take on spooky zombies, unpredictable ghosts, wily witches, and, worst of all, clueless grown-ups.

THE PARENT TRAP (1961)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Parent
Susan and Sharon are identical twins separated at birth. Once they realize who they are, they make a plan to switch places with the high hopes of getting their parents back together again.

PLANES (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Planes
Dusty is a crop-dusting plane with dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer. But Dusty's not exactly built for racing, and he happens to be afraid of heights.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (1998)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Prince
A tale of two brothers, one born of royal blood, one an orphan with a secret past. Growing up the best of friends, they share a strong bond of free-spirited youth and good-natured rivalry.

PUSS IN BOOTS (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Puss
A story about the events leading up to the sword-fighting cat's meeting with Shrek and his friends.

THE RESCUERS (1977)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Rescuers
Two brave mice try to rescue a kidnapped young orphan from the hilariously evil Madame Medusa, who is obsessed with getting her hands on the world's largest diamond.

RIO 2 (2014)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Rio
Jewel, Blu, and their three kids are leaving their domesticated life in that magical city for a journey to the Amazon. They encounter a menagerie of characters that are born to be wild.
THE SANDLOT (1993)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Sandlot
A new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his team. Together, they get themselves into many adventures involving rival teams, lifeguards, and a vicious dog.

THE SECRET GARDEN (1993)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Secret
Ten-year-old orphan Mary comes to live on a lonely estate on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

SHREK 2 (2004)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Shrek
When a Fairy Godmother discovers Fiona and Shrek are married she reminds the king about a deal they agreed on years ago, that Fiona should have married her son, Prince Charming.

THE SMURFS (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Smurfs
When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours.

SPY KIDS (2001)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Spy
A retired spy is called back into action, and to bond with her new step-children, she invites them along on a mission to stop the evil Timekeeper from taking over the world.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX (2008)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Tale
Once upon a time in the far away kingdom of Dor lived Despereaux, a brave and virtuous mouse with comically oversized ears who dreamt of becoming a knight.

TANGLED (2010)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Tangled
When the kingdom's most wanted bandit hides in a mysterious tower, the last thing he expects to find is Rapunzel, a spirited teen with an unlikely superpower, 70 feet of magical golden hair!
TARZAN (1999)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Tarzan
Raised by gorillas, Tarzan has made the jungle his home and the animals his friends. The sudden appearance of humans is about to change his understanding of the world.

TOY STORY 3 (2010)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Toy
As Andy prepares to leave for college, his loyal toys find they have been donated to the Sunnyside Daycare, where untamed tots with their sticky little fingers do not play nice.

TURBO (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Turbo
After a freak accident, a garden snail with dreams of becoming the fastest snail in the world might just realize his goal.

UP (2009)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Up
When well-meaning officials consign Carl to Shady Oaks Retirement Home, he rigs thousands of helium balloons to his house and floats away.

WALKING WITH DINOSAURS (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Walking
Meet dinosaurs more real than anyone has ever seen and take off on a thrilling prehistoric adventure, where an underdog dinosaur triumphs against all odds to become a hero for the ages.

WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (1971)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Willy
Join Charlie Bucket, his grandfather, and four lucky contest winners on a tour through the factory of the mysterious candy mogul Willy Wonka.

WINNIE THE POOH (2011)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Winnie
When sad old Eeyore loses his tail, Owl sends the whole gang on a wild journey to help Eeyore and save Christopher Robin from the mysterious Backson.
WRECK IT RALPH (2013)
Call #: DVD CHILDRENS Wreck
For decades, Ralph has played the bad guy in his popular video game. In a bold move, he sets out on an adventure to prove to everyone that he is a true hero with a big heart.

ELF (2003)
Call #: DVD COMEDIES Elf
After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to New York in search of his true identity.

FREAKY FRIDAY (2003)
Call #: DVD COMEDIES Freaky
A mother and her daughter are always fighting with each other. Each thinks that the other has it so easy. Then, thanks to a magical fortune cookie, they switch bodies and discover the truth.

HOCUS POCUS (1993)
Call #: DVD COMEDIES Hocus
When three outlandish witches are accidentally conjured up by pranksters, they return from 17th century Salem and set out to cast a spell on the town, but first they must outwit three kids and a talking cat.

MRS. DOUBTFIRE (1993)
Call #: DVD COMEDIES Mrs.
With the perfect wig, a little makeup, and a dress for all occasions, Daniel Hillard becomes Mrs. Doubtfire, a devoted British housekeeper who is hired by his ex-wife.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (2006)
Call #: DVD COMEDIES Night
A newly recruited night security guard at the Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and exhibits on display to come to life and wreak havoc.

ANNIE (1981)
Call #: DVD MUSICALS Annie
The story of the comic strip character Little Orphan Annie, who is adopted by billionaire "Daddy" Warbucks.