

Brockville Public Library Children's Reading Lists

GET READY...

Note to parents: This is the first of six lists designed to guide a child's independent reading. Children learn to read at different ages and develop proficiency at different rates. Used in progression the lists may help you to choose appropriate books for your child's individual needs.

Very Short Books	Rhyming Books
Rebus Books	Pattern Books
Alphabet Books	

This selection of books is suitable for the very beginning reader. The books are kept in different areas: Board Books=JBB, Picture Books=JPB, Beginning-To-Read=JE, Alphabet Books=JAB, Elementary Non-Fiction= JNE or JND.

VERY SHORT BOOKS

These books build confidence. Children who believe they can read are much more likely to learn to read.

JPB E	Ehlert, Lois	Feathers For Lunch
JPB H	Hutchins, Pat	Rosie's Walk
JPB R	Raschka, Christopher	Yo! Yes?
JPB T	Tafari, Nancy	Have You Seen My Duckling?
JPB W	Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Hop Jump
JPB C	Carle, Eric	Do You Want To Be My Friend?
JPB C	Christelow, Eileen	Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed

RHYMING BOOKS

Rhyming words help children to predict what word will come next.

JPB B	Burton, Katherine	One Grey Mouse
JPB D	Degen, Bruce	Jamberry
JPB V	Van Laan, Nancy	Little Fish, Lost
JPB B	Blackstone, Stella	How Big Is A Pig
JPB W	Wildsmith, Brian	Cat On The Mat
JPB Z	Ziefert, Harriet	I Swapped My Dog
JPB M	Martin, Bill Jr.	Fire! Fire! Said Mrs. McGuire
JPB W	Weeks, Sarah	Oh My Gosh, Mrs. McNosh
JPB S	Shaw, Nancy	Sheep In a Jeep

REBUS BOOKS

A rebus substitutes a picture for a word, showing children how words represent concepts.

JE G	Gelman, Rita Golden	Mole In A Hole
JE N	Neitzel, Shirley	I'm Not Feeling Well Today
JE D	Davis, Lee	P.B. Bear's School Day
JE B	Barbo, Maria S.	Treasure Hunt
JE N	Nagler, Michelle H.	Parade Puzzle
JE I	Inches, Alison	Run-Away Roley

PATTERN BOOKS

In these books the story builds upon itself with a repeated phrase or rhythm, enabling children to predict what will come next.

JPB A	Alborough, Jez	Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!
JPB K	Kalan, Robert	Jump, Frog, Jump!
JPB M	Martin, Bill Jr.	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what Do You See?
JPB N	Numeroff, Laura Joffe	If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
JPB P	Palatini, Margie	Piggie Pie!
JPB R	Rosen, Michael	We're Going On A Bear Hunt
JPB S	Samton, Sheila White	Frogs In Clogs
JPB W	Williams, Linda	The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid
JPB W	Wood, Audrey	The Napping House

WORD PLAY

Reading should be fun! The following books encourage children to play with language.

JPB E	Elting, Mary	Q Is For Duck
JPB L	Lindbergh, Reeve	The Awful Aardvarks Go To School
JPB M	Most, Bernard	The Cow That Went Oink
JPB M	Most, Bernard	Cock-A-Doodle-Moo
JPB A	Appelt, Kathi	Bubble, Bubbles
JPB M	Maloney, Peter	Belly Button Boy

ALPHABET BOOKS

Children also like to play with letters. The alphabet books are kept in a special location next to the Beginning-to-read books in the children's fiction area.

JAB R	Rose, Deborah Lee	Into The A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet
JAB M	Milich, Zoran	The City ABC Book
JAB L	Lyne, Alice	A My Name Is
JAB D	Demarest, Chris L	Firefighters A To Z
JAB D	Dodd, Emma	Dog's ABC: A Silly Story About The Alphabet

GET SET...

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Phonics Books	Easy To Read Picture Books
Easy Readers	

This selection of books is suitable for children who are ready for more words on the page, less support from illustrations and longer stories. The books are kept in the Beginning-To-Read=JE and Juvenile Non-Fiction=JNE or JND and Parent's Collection= JPC areas.

PHONICS BOOKS

- JNE 372.465 THO Thomson, Ruth (Series)
Two Blue Cockatoos: A Book About Rhyme
Ten Tiny Teddies: An Alphabet Book
Sixteen Fleecy Sheep: A Book About Vowels
Four Freckled Frogs: A Book About Consonants
- JPC 372.4 SCH Schecter, Deborah Mother Goose Phonics
JPC 372.465 NOV Novelli, Joan Phonics Make-And-Take Manipulatives: Dozens Of
Reproducible Activities That Make Learning To Read
Fun!
- (Series)
JE H Hays, Anna Jane Happy Alphabet!
JE H Hays, Anna Jane Silly Sarah
JE H Heling, Kathryn & Deborah Hembrook Mouse Makes Magic and Mouse Makes Words
JE W Weston, Martha Jack And Jill And Big Dog Bill
- JE S Stamper, Judith Bauer (Series)
The Red Hen
Boom! Zoom!
Monster Town
The Three Wishes

EASY TO READ PICTURE BOOKS

The importance of visual art when learning to read can't be overlooked. Picture books are stories expressed in words supported by pictures. These pictures provide importance clues for helping the young reader sort out the text. Besides that children and adults alike love a good picture book. The following list includes titles that the whole family will enjoy.

JPB A	Ahlberg, Janet	Each Peach Pear Plum
JPB A	Alborough, Jez	Duck In The Truck
JPB C	Carle, Eric	The Secret Birthday Message
JPB C	Carlson, Nancy	I Like Me!
JPB D	de Paola, Tomie	Meet The Barkers: Morgan And Moffat Go To School
JPB E	Ehlert, Lois	Nuts To You!
JPB F	Finn, Isobel	The Very Lazy Ladybug
JPB F	Fleming, Denise	In The Tall, Tall Grass
JPB F	Fox, Mem	Tough Boris
JPB H	Hoberman, Mary Ann	Miss Mary Mack
JPB H	Hutchins, Pat	Good-Night Owl!
JPB H	Hutchins, Pat	The Very Worst Monster
JPB J	Joyce, William	George Shrinks
JPB K	Kopper, Lisa	Daisy Thinks She Is A Baby
JPB L	London, Jonathan	Froggy (Series)
JPB M	Martin, Bill Jr.	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
JPB M	Mayer, Mercer	There's A Nightmare In My Closet
JPB N	Numeroff, Laura Joffe	If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
JPB P	Pomerantz, Charlotte	One Duck, Another Duck
JPB R	Riley, Linnea	Mouse Mess
JPB S	Shannon, David	No, David!
JPB T	Tafari, Nancy	Where Did Bunny Go?
JPB V	Van Laan, Nancy	A Tree For Me
JPB V	Van Laan, Nancy	Teeny Tiny Tingly Tales
JPB W	Waddell, Martin	Owl Babies
JPB W	Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Paint
JPB W	Wells, Rosemary	Noisy Nora
JPB W	Wood, Don	The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, And The Big Hungry Bear
JPB Y	Yolen, Jane	How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?

EASY READERS

The easy reader books share a standard format that supports the child at different reading levels. These books have: large print, wide margins, lots of white space between lines of text, and very short sentences. Vocabulary and the length of the books are also controlled. There are four levels of easy readers. The first is very simple with five to seven words per line. The words are sight words and there are just a few lines per page with illustrations and white space filling the rest. Second level readers have longer sentences, more complex plots and an occasional unfamiliar word. Books at the third and fourth level have longer sentences and fewer illustrations. The typeface is still large and the white space is still generous but the plot and vocabulary is more complicated. Chapter divisions are indicated, as these are often transitional chapter books.

LEVEL ONE

Fiction

JE C	Cole, Joanna	Bug In A Rug: Reading Fun For Just-Beginners
JE C	Karlin, Nurit	Fat Cat Sat On A Mat (Series)
JE E	Edwards, Frank B.	New At The Zoo (Series)

JE L	LeSieg, Theo	Ten Apples Up On Top!
JE L	Lopshire, Robert	Put Me In The Zoo
JE M	McPhail, David	Big Brown Bear
JE M	Miles, Betty	Tortoise And The Hare
JE S	Seuss, Dr.	Green Eggs And Ham
JE S	Seuss, Dr.	Hop On Pop
JE T	Trimble, Patti	What Day Is It?

Non-Fiction

JE 398.2096 LEX	Lexau, Joan M.	Crocodile And Hen
JE 745.5941 MOF	Moffatt, Judith	Snow Shapes
JE 567.9 PEN	Penner, Lucille Recht	Dinosaur Babies
JE 508.2 THA	Thayer, Tanya	Fall
		Summer
		Spring
		Winter

LEVEL TWO

Fiction

JE B	Berenstain, Stan	The Berenstain Bears (Series)
JE C	Crummel, Susan Stevens	Tumbleweed Stew
JE F	Franco, Betsy	Why The Frog Has Big Eyes
JE G	Gantos, Jack	Rotten Ralph Helps Out
JE G	Gelman, Rita Golden	More Spaghetti, I Say!
JE M	Minarek, Else Holmelund	Little Bear's Friend
JE R	Rylant, Cynthia	Mr. Putter And Tabby (Series)
JE R	Rylant, Cynthia	Henry And Mudge (Series)
JE H	Herman, Gail	Scooby Doo: Sea Monster Scare (Series)

Non-Fiction

JE 551.22 SIM	Simon, Seymour	Danger!: Earthquakes
JE 595.789 SHA	Shapiro, Karen	Butterflies
JE 523.2 VOG	Vogt, Gregory	Solar System

LEVEL THREE

Fiction

JEC	Cazet, Denys	Minnie And Moo Go Dancing (Series)
JED	Demas, Corinne	The Perfect Pony
JEH	Head, Judith	Mud Soup
JEM	Mills, Claudia	Gus And Grandpa At Basketball (Series)
JEM	Marshall, Edward	Fox On Wheels (Series)
JEM	McMullan, Kate	Fluffy's Spring Vacation (Series)
JEM	McEwan, Jamie	The Heart Of Cool
JER	Rocklin, Joanne	The Case Of The Shrunken Allowance (Series)
JER	Rylant, Cynthia	The Case Of The Puzzling Possum (Series)
JES	Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman	Nate The Great, San Francisco Detective(Series)
JET	Thomas, Jim	Star Wars: Episode 1, Dangers Of The Core(Series)

Non-Fiction

JE 597.98 BER	Berger, Melvin & Gilda	Snap: A Book About Alligators Screech!: A Book About Bats
JE 910.9134 DON	Donnelly, Judy	Titanic: Lost...And Found
JE 796.72 GUT	Gutelle, Andrew	Stock Car Kings
JE 551.553 HER	Herman, Gail	Storm Chasers: Tracking Twisters

LEVEL FOUR**Fiction**

JEL	Levy, Elizabeth	Parents' Night Fright
JEH	Himmelman, John	The Animal Rescue Club
JES	Stamper, Judith Bauer	Five Haunted Houses

Non-Fiction

JE 567.91 MCM	McMullan, Kate	Dinosaur Hunters
JE B 796.357 KRA	Kramer, S.A.	Ty Cobb: Bad Boy Of Baseball
JE 599.4 MCN	McNulty, Faith	When I Lived With Bats
JE 551.22 MCM	McMorrow, Catherine	Quakes!

GO... READ ON YOUR OWN

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JNE 398.2 MOL	Mollel, Tololwa Marti	Rhinos For Lunch And Elephants For Supper !
JNE 398.2 GAL	Galdone, Paul	Jack And The Beanstalk
JPB B	Brett, Jan	The Mitten
JPB B	Barrett, Judith	Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs
JPB B	Brown, Marc	Arthur (Series)
JPB D	de Paola, Tomie	The Art Lesson
JPB G	Gantos, Jack	Rotten Ralph (Series)
JPB G	Gilman, Phoebe	Jillian Jiggs (Series)
JPB H	Henkes, Kevin	Lilly's Plastic Purse
JPB H	Hoberman, Mary Ann	The Two Sillies
JPB M	Marshall, James	George And Martha (Series)

JPB M	McCloskey, Robert	Blueberries For Sal
JPB M	Munsch, Robert	Mortimer (and other titles)
JPB P	Peet, Bill	The Ant And The Elephant (and other titles)
JPB R	Rathmann, Peggy	Officer Buckle And Gloria
JPB R	Richards, Nancy Wilcox	Farmer Joe (Series)
JPB S	Shannon, David	Duck On A Bike
JPB S	Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps For Sale
JPB S	Steig, William	The Amazing Bone (and other titles)
JPB S	Weeks, Sarah	Oh My Gosh, Mrs. McNosh!
JE A	Adler, David A.	Young Cam Jansen (Series)
JE B	Byars, Betsy	My Brother, Ant
JE B	Brown, Laurene Krasny	Rex And Lilly (Series)
JE C	Cazet, Denys	Minnie And Moo (Series)
JE C	Cushman, Doug	Aunt Eater (Series)
JE D	Danziger, Paula	Amber Brown (Series)
JE H	Hoff, Syd	Danny And The Dinosaur (and other titles)
JE L	Little, Jean	Emma's Magic Winter
JE L	Lobel, Arnold	Frog And Toad (Series)
JE L	Lobel, Arnold	Mouse Tales
JE L	Lobel, Arnold	Owl At Home
JE M	Mills, Claudia	Gus And Grandpa (Series)
JE M	Minarik, Else Holmelund	Little Bear (Series)
JE P	Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia (Series)
JE R	Rylant, Cynthia	Henry And Mudge (Series)
JE R	Rylant, Cynthia	Mr. Putter & Tabby (Series)
JE R	Rylant, Cynthia	Poppleton (Series)
JE S	Schwartz, Alvin	In A Dark, Dark Room, And Other Scary Stories
JE S	Seuss, Dr.	The Cat In The Hat
JE S	Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman	Nate The Great (Series)
JE V	Van Leeuwen, Jean	Amanda Pig (Series)
JE W	Wells, Rosemary	Yoko (Series)

FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

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JC	Abbott, Tony	The Secrets Of Droon (Series) <i>Follow Julie, Eric and Neal down an enchanted staircase into the mysterious world of Droon. ADVENTURE/FANTASY</i>
JC	Adler, David. A.	Cam Jansen (Series) <i>Cam solves neighbourhood mysteries with the help of her photographic memory. MYSTERY</i>
JC	Ahlberg, Allan	The Woman Who Won Things <i>Lucky Mrs. Gaskett is always winning prizes, often with hilarious results! HUMOUR</i>
JC	Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice <i>Andrew is desperate for freckles. Can drinking a secret potion really help him get them? REALISTIC/HUMOUR</i>
JC	Christopher, Matt	Man Out At First <i>After being hit in the chest with a baseball, Turtleneck Jones loses his confidence. SPORTS</i>
JC	Conford, Ellen	Jenny Archer (Series) <i>Jenny's can-do attitude will inspire young readers. REALISTIC</i>
JC	Dadey, Debbie	Triplet Trouble (Series) <i>The Tucker triplets have arrived, and Mr. Parker's class will never be the same! HUMOUR</i>
J FIC	Dahl, Roald	Fantastic Mr. Fox <i>Mr. Fox has to protect his family and outwit three farmers. ANIMALS/HUMOUR</i>
JE	Danziger, Paula	Amber Brown (Series) <i>Funny, spunky Amber Brown is a good laugh and a great friend. HUMOUR</i>
JC	Delton, Judy	Pee Wee Scouts (Series) <i>The Pee Wee Scouts always try their best, and have fun while they're at it! REALISTIC</i>
JC	Duffey, Betsy	Hey, New Kid! <i>Cody has an exciting life. His mom drives a Jaguar, his Dad's an FBI agent... or so he tells his new classmates. Find out what happens to Cody when the truth comes out. HUMOUR</i>
JC	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Rosie (Series) <i>Dance-mad Rosie spies on her friend's ballet class from the back alley. HUMOUR</i>
JC		The Polka Dot Private Eye (Series) <i>Follow the adventures of Dawn Bosco, private eye, as she solves mysteries for her friends and family. MYSTERY</i>
JC	Goldsmith, Howard	The Twiddle Twins' Music Box Mystery <i>Timothy and Tabitha Twiddle try to discover who stole their family's music box. MYSTERY</i>
JC	Greenburg, Dan	The Zack Files (Series) <i>Reincarnation, out-of-body experiences, mind reading, poltergeists... if it's weird and wacky, it's happened to Zack! HUMOUR</i>
J FIC	Greenwald, Sheila	Rosy Cole (Series) <i>Rosy Cole is independent, intelligent and outspoken, all good qualities, but they sometimes get her into trouble! REALISTIC</i>
JC	Hayes, Geoffrey	House of the Horrible Ghosts <i>Otto goes to a deserted amusement park, and discovers that pirate ghosts have taken over the fun house! Will he escape the ghosts in time to warn the people of the town? SCARY</i>
JC	Howe, James	Pinky And Rex (Series) <i>Pinky and Rex take their nicknames from their interests: Pinky from his favourite colour, and Rex from her love of dinosaurs. These best friends have lots of hilarious adventures! HUMOUR</i>
JC	Hughes, Monica	Jan (Series) <i>Read about Jan and her best friend Sarah. They're always having fun! REALISTIC</i>
J FIC	Hurwitz, Johanna	Nora And Mrs. Mind-Your-Own-Business <i>Find out what happens when Nora's nasty neighbour becomes her babysitter! HUMOUR</i>
JC	Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry (Series) <i>Poor Harry! Despite his good intentions, he's constantly in trouble! REALISTIC/HUMOUR</i>

J FIC	LeGuin, Ursula K.	Catwings (Series) <i>Four cats with wings escape the dangers of the city for the more peaceful country life. ANIMALS/FANTASY</i>
JC	Maifair, Linda Lee	Darcy J. Doyle, Daring Detective (Series) <i>Darcy's a super sleuth! MYSTERY</i>
JC	Marshall, James	Rats On The Roof, And Other Stories <i>Goofy animal stories with great illustrations! ANIMALS/HUMOUR</i>
J FIC	McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody (Series) <i>Sometimes Judy's in a good mood, sometimes she's in a bad mood, but her antics will always make the reader laugh! HUMOUR</i>
JC	McMullan, K.H.	Dragon Slayers' Academy (Series) <i>Hilarious fantasy tales of a young wizard's academy. FANTASY/HUMOUR</i>
JC	Miller, Sara Swan	Three Stories You Can Read To Your Cat Three Stories You Can Read To Your Dog <i>Cute and very funny stories for the reader and their favourite pet! ANIMALS /HUMOUR</i>
JC	Osborne, Mary Pope	The Magic Tree House (Series) <i>Follow Jack and Annie on their time-traveling adventures!</i>
JC	Park, Barbara	Junie B. Jones (Series) <i>Junie's energetic and confident, but she's often in trouble. REALISTIC/HUMOUR</i>
JC	Pinkwater, Daniel Manus	The Werewolf Club (Series) <i>The intrepid members of the Werewolf Club are willing to risk their lives to rid the world of evil! (Even if that means confronting Dorkula or The Hound of the Basketballs!) HUMOUR</i>
JC	Preller, James	Jigsaw Jones Mystery (Series) <i>Read the exciting stories about young gunshoe Jigsaw Jones! MYSTERY</i>
JC	Roy, Ron	A To Z Mysteries (Series) <i>Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve mysteries in their hometown of Green Lawn. MYSTERY</i>
JC	Sachar, Louis	Marvin Redpost (Series) <i>Nine-year-old Marvin gets in hilarious situations! REALISTIC/HUMOUR</i>
JC	Saunders, Susan	All-American Puppies (Series) <i>Fritz, Sheena, and Tracker are just a few of the stars of this fun mystery series. ANIMALS/MYSTERY</i>
J 398.21 SCI	Scieszka, Jon	The Stinky Cheese Man And Other Fairly Stupid Tales <i>Hilarious fractured fairy tales from a great author. HUMOUR</i>
JC	Standiford, Natalie	Space Dog and Roy <i>Roy's new dog isn't your average canine: He's a visitor from another planet! He sure doesn't act like a typical dog, either. Will Roy be able to convince Space Dog to stay on earth? SCIENCE FICTION</i>

*Some of the ideas and information for this list comes from The Burnaby Public Library website.