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Books For Infants & Young Toddlers



Check out these great titles in the Haywood County Public Library collection!

Gamble, Adam. *Good Night Unicorns*

Garcia, Emma. *Chugga Chugga Choo Choo*

Global Fund for Children. *American Babies*

Global Fund for Children. *Global Babies*

Gomi, Tarō. *Mommy! Mommy!*

Hill, Eric. *Spot Goes to the Farm*

Ishida, Sanae. *Sumo Counting*

Ishida, Sanae. *Sumo Opposites*

Jeffers, Oliver. *It Wasn't Me*

Katz, Karen. *Buzz, Buzz, Baby!* (and other titles)

Katz, Karen. *Counting Kisses*

Kubler, Annie. *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

Leedy, Loreen. *Step by Step*

Lewis, Wendy Cheyette. *Raindrop, Plop!*

Linenthal, Peter. *Look at Baby's House*

Lobel, Anita. *Hello, Day!*

Martin Jr., Bill. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* (and other titles)

McBratney, Sam. *Guess How Much I Love You*

Parr, Todd. *The Bedtime Book* (and other titles)

Patricelli, Leslie. *Nighty-Night*

Prasad-Halls, Smriti. *Hello, Bugs!*

Rey, H.A. *Curious George's Opposites* (and other titles)

Root, Phyllis. *One Duck Stuck*

Srinivasan, Divya. *Little Owl's Colors*

Swift, Ginger. *Babies on the Farm*

Wan, Joyce. *The Whale in My Swimming Pool*

Zucchelli-Romer, Claire. *Wiggles*

Abbott, Simon. *My First Colors* (and other titles)

Adler, Victoria. *All of Baby Nose to Toes*

Appalachian Babies!

Asim, Jabari. *Whose Knees Are These?*

Bauer, Marion Dane. *How Do I Love You?*

Biggs, Brian. *Blue Bus, Red Balloon: A Book of Colors*

Bleiman, Andrew. *ZooBorns! Zoo Babies From Around the World*

Boynton, Sandra. *Moo, Baa, La La La!* (and other titles)

Boynton, Sandra. *Woodland Dance*

Brown, Janet Allison. *Left Hand, Right Hand*

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon*

Butler, John. *Ten in the Den*

Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo* (and other titles)

Carle, Eric. *Eric Carle's Opposites*

Ceelen, Vicky. *Baby Nose to Baby Toes*

Collins, Ross. *There's a Bear on My Chair*

Cuyler, Margery. *The Little Dump Truck*

Dann, Penny. *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around*

Davenport, Maxine. *Baby's First Shapes* (and other titles)

Dean, James. *I Love Pete the Kitty*

Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Zippity-Zoom*

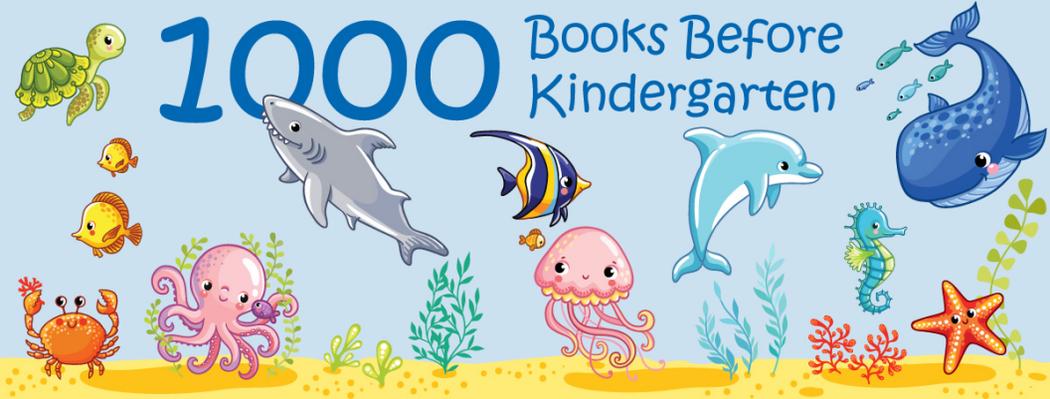
Elmquist, Laurie. *Beach Baby*

Emberley, Rebecca. *My Opposites = Mis Opuestos*

Fleming, Denise. *The Everything Book*

Florian, Douglas. *Play! Play! Play!* (and other titles)

Ford, Emily. *Ten Playful Penguins*



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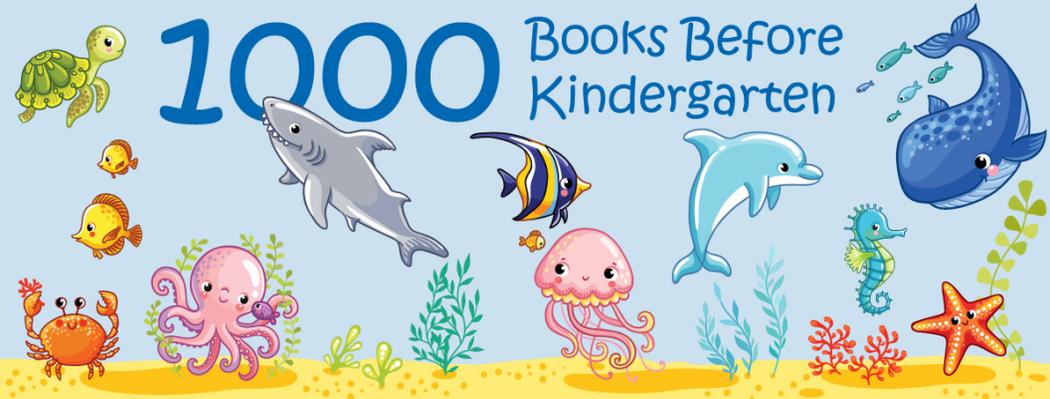
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Books For Two & Three Year Olds



Check out these great titles in the Haywood County Public Library collection!

- Ada, Alma Flor.** *Ten Little Puppies*
Allen, Pamela. *Who Sank the Boat?*
Andreae, Giles. *Giraffes Can't Dance*
Baker, Keith. *Big Fat Hen*
Barton, Byron. *My Car* (and other titles)
Cabrera, Jane. *The Wheels on the Bus*
Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo*
Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (and other titles)
Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*
Corrigan, Sophie. *Pugtato Babysits the Sprouts*
Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Fish!*
Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*
Cushman, Abi. *Soaked!*
Cuyler, Margery. *The Little Dump Truck*
Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Home With Mama* (and other titles)
Dodd, Emma. *Dog's Colorful Day*
Ehlert, Lois. *Feathers for Lunch* (and other titles)
Diesen, Deborah. *The Pout-Pout Fish*
Fleming, Denise. *Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*
Desierto, Derek. *Oddbird*
Fox, Mem. *Hello Baby* (and other titles)
Fox, Mem. *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*
Goetz, Steve. *Old Macdonald Had a Truck*
Grant, Jacob. *No Pants!*
Hamilton, Kersten. *Red Truck*
Hart, Caryl. *Sonny Says Mine*
Henkes, Kevin. *Little White Rabbit* (and other titles)
Hort, Lenny. *The Seals on the Bus*
Hutchenson, Elleen. *A Little Bit of Dinosaur*
Kutner, Merrily. *Down on the Farm*
Lang, Suzanne. *Grumpy Monkey*
Lewis, Kevin. *Chugga, Chugga, Choo-Choo*
Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination* (and other titles)
London, Jonathan. *Froggy Gets Dressed* (and other titles)
Lucado, Max. *Where'd My Giggle Go?*
Martin Jr., Bill. *Here Are My Hands* (and other titles)
Matheson, Christie. *The Hidden Rainbow*
Parr, Todd. *Family Book* (and other titles)
Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher, Higher*
Raschka, Chris. *Five for a Little One*
Rathmann, Peggy. *Good Night Gorilla*
Rey, H.A. *Curious George* (and other titles)
Rinker, Sherry Duskey. *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*
Root, Phyllis. *Flip, Flap, Fly*
Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppies and Piggies*
Sayres, Brianna Caplan. *Where do Diggers Sleep at Night?*
Schertle, Alice. *Little Blue Truck* (and other titles)
Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep in a Jeep* (and other titles)
Shulman, Lisa. *Old Macdonald Had a Woodshop*
Sis, Peter. *Fire Truck*
Stockdale, Susan. *Bring on the Birds*
Tafari, Nancy. *Five Little Chicks* (and other titles)
Tankard, Jeremy. *Grumpy Bird*
Trapani, Ira. *I'm a Little Teapot*
Wallace, Adam. *Never Ever Lick a Llama*
Willems, Mo. *Opposites Attract*
Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House* (and other titles)
Zimmerman, Andrea. *Trashy Town*



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Books For Four & Five Year Olds

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Alborough, Jez. *Where's My Teddy?*

Barnett, Mac. *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*

Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*

Beaumont, Karen. *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!*

Brett, Jan. *The Mitten* (and other titles)

Cabrera, Jane. *The Wheels on the Bus* (and other titles)

Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (and other titles)

Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*

Cornwall, Gaia. *Jabari Jumps*

Dahl, Michael. *Good Morning, Superman!*

Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Quit*

De la Pena, Matt. *The Last Stop on Market Street*

Deerfield, Cori. *The Rabbit Listened*

DePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*

Donaldson, Julia. *The Gruffalo*

Emberley, Rebecca. *There Was an Old Monster*

Falconer, Ian. *Olivia*

Feiffer, Jules. *Bark George*

Fleming, Denise. *Mama Cat Has Three Kittens*

Fox, Mem. *Two Little Monkeys*

Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*

Galdone, Paul. *Little Red Hen*

Gall, Chris. *Dinotrux*

Geist, Ken. *The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark*

Henkes, Kevin. *Kitten's First Full Moon* (and other titles)

Higgins, Ryan. *Mother Bruce* (other titles)

Hillenbrand, Will. *Spring is Here*

Hills, Tad. *How Rocket Learned to Read*

John, Jory. *The Bad Seed* (and other titles)

Kalan, Robert. *Jump Frog Jump*

Lewis, Kevin. *My Truck is Stuck*

Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*

Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes* (and other titles)

Long, Suzanne. *Grumpy Monkey*

McBratney, Sam. *Guess How Much I Love You*

McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*

McMullan, Kate. *I Stink!* (other titles available)

Mora, Oge. *Saturday*

Na, Il Sung. *The Dreamer*

Norman, Kim. *I Know a Wee Piggy*

Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Uni the Unicorn*

Sayre, April Pulley. *Rah, Rah, Radishes!*

Schachner, Judy. *Skippyjon Jones*

Scieszka, Jon. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*

Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat* (and other titles)

Seeger, Laura Vaccara. *Dog and Bear*

Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

Shannon, David. *David Gets in Trouble* (and other titles)

Shea, Bob. *Dinosaur vs. the Library* (and other titles)

Sherry, Kevin. *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*

Slobidkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*

Stead, Philip C. *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*

Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

Taback, Simms. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*

Thomas, Jan. *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* (and other titles)

Urbanovic, Jackie. *Duck Soup*

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Paint* (and other titles)

Warhola, James. *If You're Happy and You Know It: Jungle Edition*

Whippo, Walt. *Little White Duck*

Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (and other titles)

Willems, Mo. *Opposites Attract*

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On* (and other titles)

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Day You Begin*

Yolen, Jan. *How to Dinosaurs Say Good Night* (and other titles)

Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*