PARENTING RESOURCES

ParentTV

With your Wichita Public Library card, you have access to ParentTV for Libraries, which offers thousands of on-demand videos and courses with content designed to support those who care for children, from infancy to the teenage years. More than 40 experts provide easy-to-understand, research-based advice in short videos for busy teachers, parents, grandparents, and caregivers. *Learn more by visiting:*

library.parenttv.com

Lantern

This free text-messaging service delivers daily tailored, evidence-based information from pregnancy through preteen years. Brighten your caregiving journey with supportive and encouraging messages. *Learn more by visiting:*

mylantern.org/families



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Learning Opportunities for Families with Children 0-6 Years Old

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BRIGHT & EARLY

0–12 months

It's never too early to start learning.

Even babies benefit from building early literacy skills. We can help you practice the five activities that help build your child's cognitive abilities and curiosity: playing, talking, singing, reading, and writing.



It's easy with the smartest card you can have!

With your free library card, your family has 24/7 access to amazing resources and services. You can use it online and across Wichita's seven locations. Register your child for a Wichita Public Library card at any library location, or begin the process online.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Take on the reading challenge to grow your child's early literacy skills! Visit any Wichita Public Library location to register your family and learn how to track your first 100 books. Return your completed log to claim a book bag and then continue to earn fun rewards along the way! Come back to the Library after completing 300, 500, 700, and 1000 books for more prizes.



STORYTIMES

wichitalibrary.org/storytimes

Children are welcome at any storytime, but these sessions are designed to be the best developmental fit.

Baby's First Storytime

0–12 months

Librarians focus on opportunities for caregiver and child bonding, an intro to reading together, and lots of rhymes & songs.



Nursery Rhyme Time

12–36 months

Librarians introduce shorter books read aloud, gross motor skill development through song & dance, and language development.

Preschool Storytime

3–6 years

Librarians introduce longer books, letter recognition, and fine motor skill practice.

Family Storytime

birth–6 years

Librarians combine aspects of storytime from all stages. The main focus in family storytime is connecting books with fun and bonding.

Cuentos Bilingües

birth–6 years

Librarians combine aspects from all stages for a unique storytime presented in both English and Spanish for dual immersion.

BRIGHT & EARLY

birth–6 years

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading isn't just for kids who can read independently! The Pre-Readers program is for children ages 0-5. Set a learning goal for the summer, track your progress, and win free prizes!



Adults can join the fun, too! Model reading motivation by participating in the challenge. Read any five books or complete five out of ten themed activities to engage deeper with the Library to enter into a grand prize drawing.

StoryWalks®

Enjoy an outdoor activity as a family by visiting a StoryWalk! At local parks, you can read a page at a time while you walk along the path together. These picture books are an engaging way to make learning active.



Find a StoryWalk near you by visiting:

wichitalibrary.org/storywalk



Visit the Book Bus

The Wichita Public Library is hitting the road and bringing library services directly to children and caregivers, especially in areas that don't have quick access to a physical library location. The bus is outfitted with shelves of books that cardholders can borrow. You can also return materials and connect to Wi-Fi. Learn more:

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12–36 months

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The Imagination Library fosters a love of reading and learning in preschool children by mailing them a free, age-appropriate book each month until they turn 5 years old, regardless of income. Children who are enrolled at birth will amass a personal library of 60 books!



Robert Layton Family Place Libraries

The Wichita Public Library is proud to be a Family Place Library, part of a national network focused on helping families give young children the strongest possible start in life.



Parenting Collections

Each location has a selection of parenting books near the Family Place play space for easy browsing while they play.

Play Spaces

Every Wichita Public Library location features a dedicated early childhood play space designed specifically for children ages 0-5. These spaces are open any time the library is open, making it easy for families to drop in and learn through play.

Parent Child Workshops

Families with one and two year olds can participate in special Parent Child Workshops. These multi-week, play-based sessions bring together parents, children, and local child development experts in a relaxed, supportive environment.

BRIGHT & EARLY

3–6 years

Build your home library.

Visit a **Friends of the Wichita Public Library Used Booksale** to bolster your at-home library. Hosted every few months at the Advanced Learning Library, generously donated books are available for purchase, including a wide selection of children's books. Fill a bag with as many books as you can for only $10! Come back to future sales and fill the same bag for only $5.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

The State Library of Kansas sponsors a yearly celebration of early childhood literacy. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers gives everyone in the state the opportunity to share a selected children's picture book and start the conversation about reading early and often. The library often hosts special events that connect to the selected book.



Learn through play!

Visit outdoor play spaces at two of our locations to let your child's curiosity lead the way in their learning and development.



The **STEAM Learning Garden** at the Advanced Learning Library is an interactive playground, featuring musical instruments, collaborative games, and hands-on science and math stations.



Anji Play, at the Westlink Branch's outdoor play space features a collection of simple materials that allows for self-directed, open-ended discovery and imagination through play.

Using Audiobooks

The Wichita Public Library's variety of audiobook options let your whole family listen to a story together! Audiobooks help little listeners learn new words and pronounce them correctly.

Tonie Boxes

Listen to a story with your favorite characters, sing along to songs and rhymes, and much more. You can borrow a box from us or character sets if you already have one at home.





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Libby App

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Libby.
The library reading app.

Playaway Launchpad

Pre-loaded with content for kids and designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface. No need for Wi-Fi. There are lots of themes to choose from and kids will enjoy fun learning games, stories, and build a foundation of letter and word skills.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

How can I possibly read 1000 Books?

A newborn baby has about 2000 days until the first day of kindergarten. But it doesn't have to take five years. If you read three books each night, you'll be able to read 1000 books in less than one year!

Your child will be rewarded for reading!

Read your first 100 books and you win a book bag! Then you will continue to claim fun rewards along the way. Come back to the Library after completing 300, 500, 700 and 1000 to win more fun prizes.

Who can participate?

Any child age six and under who isn't in kindergarten can join.

How do I get started?

Track your child's reading progress using our new reading program site, Beanstack. Register yourself and your child for the website by filling out some basic information, and then you can sign up for Wichita Public Library programs including 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

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DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP!

Download the free Beanstack app to track your child's progress from your Apple or Android mobile device.

APPLE

ANDROID



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Color in one circle every time you read a book together. NAME_____

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE 100 BOOKS CLOSER TO 1000!
Once you've completed this page, come to any Wichita Public Library location, show us your page, and you'll get a sticker to add to our progress chart. Prizes are available after reading 100, 300, 500, 700 and 1000 books!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

birth–6 years

Begin Bright & Early

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is one of several resources available as part of the Wichita Public Library's **Bright & Early** program for families with children 6 and under. Ranging from children's books recommendations to services offered for caregivers and kiddos alike to events that bring you closer together and more, the program provides early learning experiences so each child in Wichita has an equal opportunity to become happy, healthy, and thriving readers. Visit ***wichitalibrary.org/youth/CYR*** to learn more.

We're Aligned!

WICHITA COLLECTIVE IMPACT

The Wichita Public Library supports **Wichita Collective Impact**, working together to improve kindergarten readiness and 3rd grade reading proficiency. Visit ***wichitacollectiveimpact.org/resources*** to see what's available to help.

Tips via Text

Lantern

Caring for a child can be heartwarming yet challenging. Lantern shares daily trusted information over text to support, encourage, and connect families. Visit ***mylantern.org/families*** to sign up for caregiving tips.

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1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Book Recommendations:

Wordless Books

A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka

A Day for Sandcastles by JoArno Lawson

Another by Christian Robinson

Chalk by Bill Thompson

Field Trip to the Moon by John Hare

Float by Daniel Miyares

Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle

The Mango Tree by Edel Rodriguez

I Got It! by David Wiesner

Imagine by Raul Colon

Journey by Aaron Becker

One Little Bag by Henry Cole

Pool by JiHyeon Lee

The Farmer and the Clown by Marla Frazee

The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

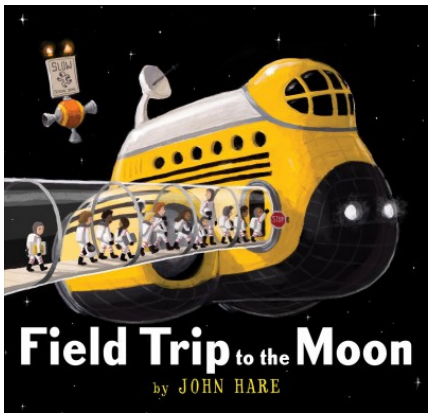
The Paper Boat by Thao Lam

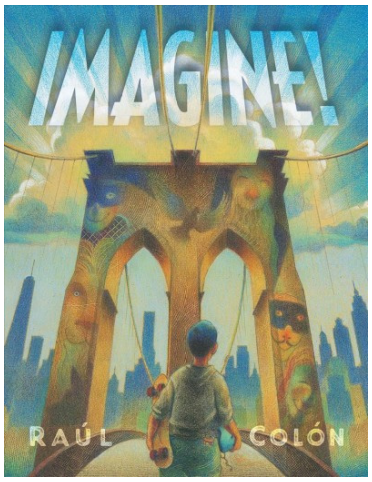
The Secret Box by Barbara Lehman

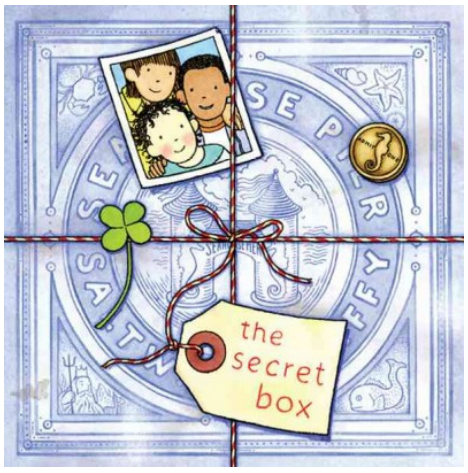
Wave by Suzy Lee

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

Zero Local by Ethan Murrow







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Book Recommendations:

Singing Along

African song lyrics by Peter Tosh

Don't Stop song lyrics by Christine McVie

Every Little Thing by Cedella Marley

Five Little Ducks by Raffi

Good Vibrations song lyrics by Mike Love and Brian Wilson

Happy and You Know It by Steven Anderson

Move the Crowd song lyrics by Eric Barrier and William Griffin

Respect song lyrics by Otis Redding

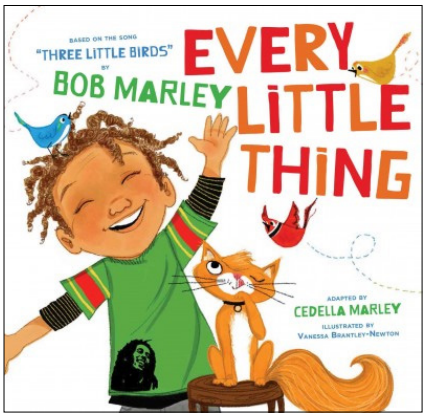
Señor Pancho had a Rancho by René Colato Lainez

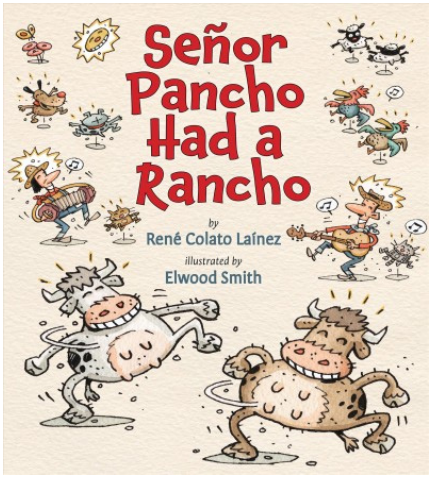
Sharon, Lois, and Bram's Skinnamarink by Sharon Hampson

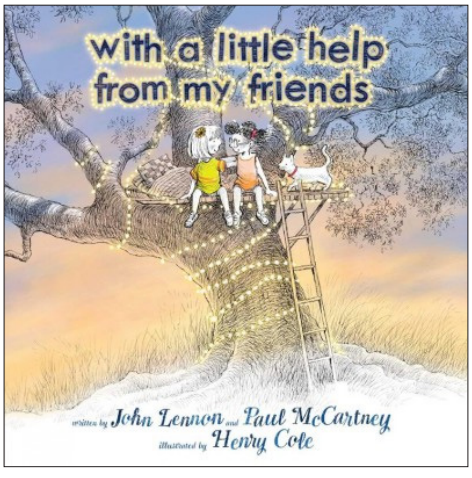
Singing in the Rain lyrics by Arthur Freed and Nacio Herb Brown

This Land Is Your Land song lyrics by Bob Dylan

With A Little Help From My Friends by John Lennon and Paul McCartney







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Book Recommendations:

Participation

Before & After by Jean Jullian

Clip-clop by Nicola Smee

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?
by Susan A. Shea

Don't Push the Button! by Bill Cotter

Don't Wake up the Tiger by Britta Teckentrup

Stomp by Ian Aurora

"Hi, Pizza Man!" by Virginia A. Walter

Hop, Hop, Jump! by Lauren Thompson

Hungry Bunny by Claudia Rueda

I Just Ate My Friend by Heidi McKinnon

I Say Ooh You Say Aah by John Kane

Open Very Carefully by Nicola O'Byrne

Play This Book by Jessica Young

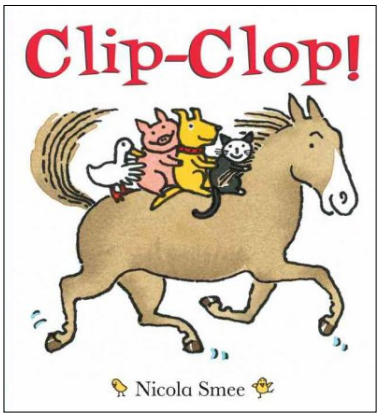
Press Here by Hervé Tullet

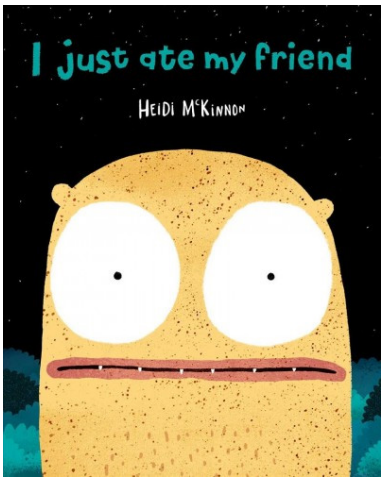
Shake the Tree! by Chiara Vignocchi

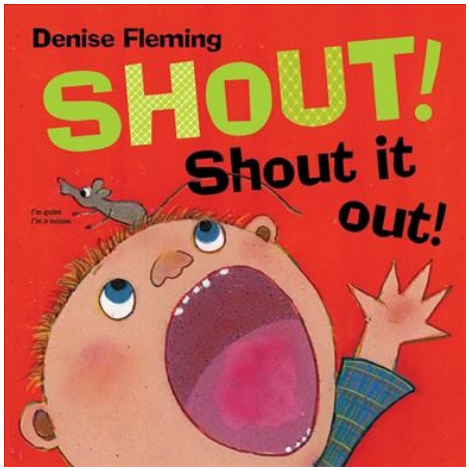
Plant the Tiny Seed by Christie Matheson

Tip Tip Dig Dig by Emma Garcia

What Ship Is Not A Ship? by Harriet Ziefert







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Book Recommendations:

Rhyme & Poetry

1-2-3 Peas by Keith Baker

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Bugs Galore by Peter Stein

Dream Flights on Arctic Nights

by Brooke Hartman

Each Peach Pear Plum

by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Follow Me by Ellie Sandall

Grump Groan Growl by Bell Hooks

How Do You Wokka-Wokka?

by Elizabeth Bluemle

Little Miss, Big Sis by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Little You by Richard Van Camp

Ninja Red Riding Hood

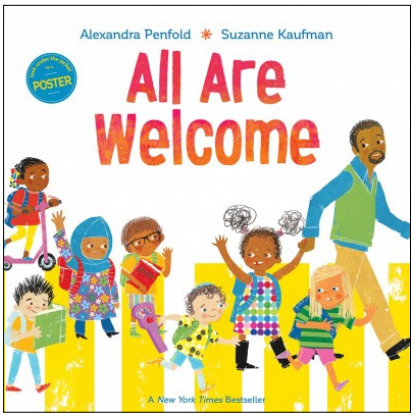
by Corey Rosen Schwartz

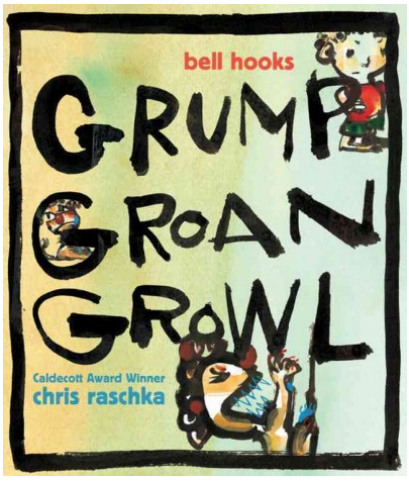
Squeak, Rumble, Whomp, Whomp, Whomp

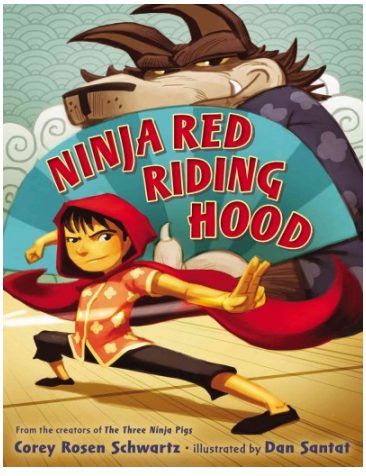
by Wynton Marsalis

Underwear! by Jenn Harney

Whose Knees Are These? by Jabari Asim







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Wordless Books

Wordless books let your child be the storyteller. These books require children to look closely at the art, interpret characters' emotions visually, and supply their own words to describe the action.



Singing Along

Did you know that when we sing, we are pronouncing every single syllable of every word? This is a great way to help children hear the different sounds in words. Singing stimulates our brains and helps us to remember large chunks of information — and it's fun!



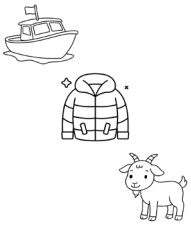
Participation

Books with repeated phrases and instructions draw little readers into the experience! Whether we're tapping the page, moving our bodies, or responding to the narrator, we become part of the story.



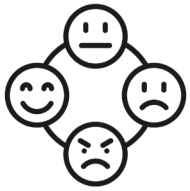
Rhyme & Poetry

Before children can learn to spell words, they have to hear the different sounds in language. Rhymes and poems also have patterns that repeat, giving them many chances to learn new sounds. It's a fun way to build a foundational skill!



Social & Emotional Skills

Kids have a lot of big feelings! It's crucial for them to be able to name their emotions, the emotions of others, and to learn strategies to self-regulate so that they can keep learning and having fun.



Using Audiobooks

Our variety of audiobook options let your whole family listen to a story together! Audiobooks can help little listeners learn new words, and provide a rest for your tired voice. They make a car or bus ride way more fun, and help young readers to pronounce new words they haven't yet heard in real life situations.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Book Recommendations:
Social & Emotional Skills

Coping Skills, Self-Regulation, & Worries

Sometimes, All I Need is Me by Jennifer Perdomo

Out of a Jar by Deborah Marcero

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

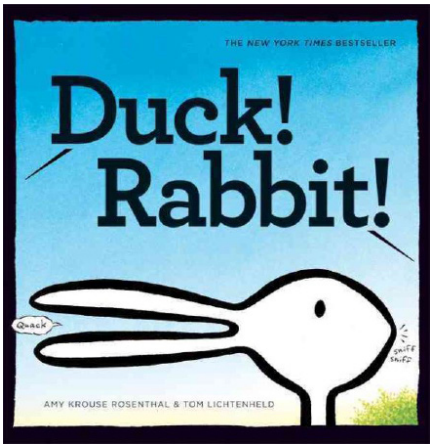
This Beach is Loud! by Samantha Cotterill

Henry, Like Always by Jenn Bailey

Seeing Another's Perspective

A Tale of Two Beasts by Fiona Roberton

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal



Consent

Don't Hug Doug by Carrie Finison

Whoa Panda! by C.S. Jennings

Perfectionism

ish by Peter Reynolds

Perserverance

Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall



Emotions & Self-Esteem

I Feel by Juana Medina

I Will by Juana Medina

I Am by Juana Medina

Francis Discovers Possible by Ashlee Latimer

Kindness & Inclusivity

You Can Sit with Me by Rachel Tawil Kenyon

Patience

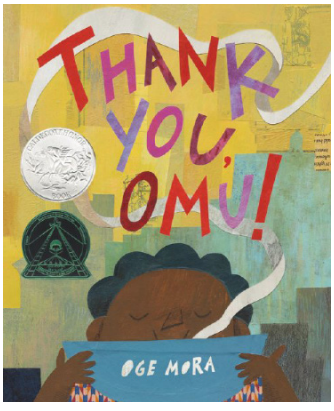
Tofu Takes Time by Helen Wu

Honesty

A Bike Like Sergio's by Maribeth Boelts

Sharing & Generosity

Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora



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