

Children's Book Project Books @ Scio Public Library

Books for Early & Beginning Readers - Preschool to Grade 2

***Telling Time* by David Adler.** This picture book offers explanations of how to tell time, the difference between digital and analog time and AM and PM.

***Waa'aka: the Bird Who Fell in Love with the Sun* by Cindi Alvitre.** A Tongva creation story of Catalina Island and how the black-crowned night heron came to be.

***Starla Jean* by Elana Arnold.** When Starla first sees the scrawny bird wandering around, she just knows they're destined for one another. Her dad says, If you can catch it, you can keep it, and Starla Jean is not one to back down from a challenge.

***Attack of the 50-Foot Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold.** When Fly Guy snacks from a radioactive trash can he grows until he is fifty feet tall – and Buzz has to find out a way to counteract the effect before the army attacks his pet.

***Fly Guy and Fly Girl: Night Fright* by Tedd Arnold.** When Buzz and Liz visit the zoo, their pets Fly Guy and Fly Girl go looking for food, and find the creatures of the Night exhibit, where they see animals that would like to eat them.

***Fly Guy and the Aliens* by Tedd Arnold.** Buzz is making a movie about aliens from outer space. When the action begins, superheroes Fly Guy and Buzz Boy are protecting a secret fort in the sky when an alien ship captures them!

***Fly Guy Presents: Scary Creatures* by Tedd Arnold.** A Compilation of five books featuring Buzz and Fly Guy as they learn about animals from around the world.

***Hear the Wind Blow* by Doe Boyle.**

Illustrations and rhyming text portray wind, from a kiss of air to a roiling hurricane, in thirteen verses that represent the categories of the Beaufort wind force scale.

***Wild Symphony* by Dan Brown.** Travel through the trees and across the seas with Maestro Mouse and his musical friends! Meet a big blue whale and speedy cheetahs, tiny beetles and graceful swans. Each has a special secret to share.

***A Home in the Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown.** A comforting, snowy story of animals seeking shelter from the cold in a warm barn.

***Goodnight Little One* by Margaret Wise Brown.** Children and animals are all tucked in just in time for bedtime.

***Big Tractor* by Nathan Clement.** This picture book shows the work of a big tractor through the planting and harvesting seasons.

***One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey* by Henry Cole.** Follow the journey of one brown paper bag from a tree in the forest through the years until eventually the old bag becomes the container in which a new tree is planted.

***Jabari Tries* by Gaia Cornwall.** Jabari is inventing a machine to fly all the way across the yard. But making it go from CRASH to WHOOSH will take grit, patience, and maybe even a little help from his sister.

***Click, Clack, Surprise!* By Doreen Cronin.** Little Duck celebrates his first birthday with the other animals by copying them, from shearing off all his feathers to taking a mud bath, before enjoying Farmer Brown's yummy frosted maple cake.

***Duck Stays in the Truck* by Doreen Cronin.** Farmer Brown wants to go camping. He packs up the animals and his brother, Bob. The chickens want to hike. The cows want to fish. The pigs want to picnic. And Duck? Duck just wants to stay in the truck.

***Pool Party!* by Doreen Cronin.** On a hot summer day, Farmer Brown and the animals have a pool party! One by one, everyone gets cool in the pool. Splash! Splash! Splash! Everyone except the cows, that is.

***Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes* by James Dean.** Pete and his friends must solve a mystery when some of the cupcakes go missing!

***The Blue Whale* by Jenni Desmond.** Readers are given the actual size of an eye right on the page, and we are informed how to understand this whale's body size in relation to trucks, cars, milk bottles, and hippos!

***Franklin Endicott and the Third Key* by Kate DiCamillo.** Frank Endicott is a worrier. He worries about lions, submarines, black holes, leprosy, and armadillos. He lists his worries alphabetically in a notebook and suffers vivid nightmares that even a certain neighborhood pig can't dispatch.

***In Search of Dinosaurs* by Dougal Dixon.** Look out for dinosaur bones, footprints, and fossil feathers on your dinosaur dig site, before opening the gatefolds and uncovering the creatures to whom they once belonged, in 3 incredible, expansive panoramic scenes.

***Under Your Feet* by DK Publishing.**

Down where worms wriggle and microbes squirm, there's a whole world waiting to be discovered...Encounter creatures of the deep and marvel at the mind-boggling size of the humongous fungus - the biggest organism in the world. Learn how one handful of ordinary soil contains more organisms than there are people on Earth, and carry out experiments using dirt from your own back garden.

***The World of Whales* by Darcy Dobell.** The World of Whales explores the special characteristics and reveals mind-blowing facts about these fantastic animals.

***Sleep Tight Farm: A Farm Prepares for Winter* by Eugenie Doyle.** It is December, and there are many things for the family to do around the farm to get it ready for winter.

***Swashby and the Sea* by Beth Ferry.** Captain Swashby loves the sea: salty and sandy and serene. A girl and her granny move into the house next door. Swashby wants his new neighbors to go away and take their ruckus with them.

***The Scarecrow* by Beth Ferry.** The animals know not to mess with Old Scarecrow. But when a small, scared crow falls from midair, Scarecrow saves the tiny baby crow. A loving bond grows between the two unlikely friends. Is it strong enough to weather the changing of the seasons?

***Weather Words and What They Mean* by Gail Gibbons.** Simple, kid-friendly text explains the origins of fog, clouds, frost, thunderstorms, snow, fronts, and hurricanes, reinforcing the explanations with clear, well-labeled drawings and diagrams.

***Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* by Shannon Hale.** Kitty, who looks like a kitten yet feels she is actually a unicorn, begins to doubt herself as others ridicule her, until she meets a unicorn that helps her discover and embrace who she is.

***Summer Song* by Kevin Henkes.** Bees buzz and birds sing in the heat of the summer sun. With imagery, repetition, and alliteration, learn the basic concepts of summer.

***Winter Is Here* by Kevin Henkes.** Snow falls, animals burrow, and children prepare for the wonders winter brings.

***Construction People* by Lee Bennett Hopkins.** Poems full of noise and action describe every step of the construction process. From welders and carpenters building the skeleton of the building to plumbers and electricians making its insides work.

***Red Sled* by Lita Judge.** At night, a host of woodland creatures play with a child's red sled.

***The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield.** Bear finds a piano in the woods and begins to play. He practices for years, but soon grows weary of playing and leaves. When he returns, he finds the woodland animals cared for his piano as they awaited his return.

***Boats Float* by George Ella Lyon.** Boats come in all styles, as sailboats, steamboats, canoes, and gondolas. One thing they all do is float.

***Planes Fly* by George Ella Lyon.** From jet planes to puddle jumpers, from the cockpit to the rudders, all planes fly.

***Trains run* by George Ella Lyon.** From steam engines to subways to the locomotive and caboose, explore different kinds of trains and what they do in a day.

How Do Apples Grow? by Jill McDonald. Describes how apples grow from seed to fruit, detailing how plants use water, light, and air to grow, how bees help pollinate apple trees, and how apples travel from the farm to the table.

Judy Moody and Friends: Judy Moody, Tooth Fairy by Megan McDonald. Judy and her friends are on the playground when Jessica overhears a 5th-grader talking, "What!?' There's no such thing as the Tooth Fairy? Can she be right? Luckily, Judy Moody is on the case!

Judy Moody and Friends: Prank You Very Much by Megan McDonald. The Summer Science Showdown is just around the corner, and Stink is positive he has the recipe for a winning entry. He's a mad scientist, with strong-smelling potions and visions of super tomatoes.

Where Are You From? by Yamile Saied Mendez. A little girl who is constantly asked where she is from, and unsure how to answer, turns to her abuela for help.

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner. Readers see a view of the garden from above and below the dirt. On the surface, a child and her grandmother work and play, while below, worms and insects work.

Johnny's Pheasant by Cheryl Minnema. Johnny spies a pheasant which he believes is sleeping and his Grandma fears is dead, but they learn they were both wrong when the pheasant departs, leaving behind a gift.

Bear Came Along by Richard Morris. There's a river flowing through a forest. The river didn't know it was capable of adventures until a big bear came along. Other animals take off downstream too for a great fun adventure.

Hum and Swish by Matt Myers. Jamie wants to spend some time alone at the beach and finish her project in the sand. Everyone around keeps asking her pesky questions she doesn't know how to answer. Jamie does her best to focus on her creation...until she finds a friend.

When We Were Alone by David Robertson. When a young girl helps tend to her grandmother's garden, she begins to notice things that make her curious. Why does her grandmother have long, braided hair and beautifully colored clothing? Why does she speak another language and spend so much time with her family? As she asks her grandmother about these things, she is told about life in a residential school a long time ago, where all of these things were taken away. *When We Were Alone* is a story about a difficult time in history, and, ultimately, one of empowerment and strength.

Let's Go to the Hardware Store by Anne Rockwell. A move to a larger home, sends the family to the hardware for tools and materials for home renovations. Throughout the journey through the hardware store, readers learn about different tools and their purpose.

***The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach.** Bear's journey from the forest to the city and back helps to explain the disappearance of an unattended sandwich in the park.

***Jumping Mouse* by Misty Schroe.** A classic and dynamic Native American legend gets an innovative retelling - illustrated with breathtaking photographed sculptures.

***Speak* by De'Asia Scott.** It's Amaya's first month at a new school in a new state, and she's too scared to speak. Amaya has a stutter. The only friend she shares her feelings with is her dog, Journey, who can talk back! If Amaya doesn't start speaking soon, she'll keep getting in trouble and will never make friends. Can Journey and her classmates help Amaya find her voice?

***Swirl by Swirl* by Joyce Sidman.** Celebrates the shape of a spiral in nature, from rushing rivers to flower buds and even the shape of an ear.

***At the Mountain's Base* by Traci Sorell.** In a cabin at the mountain's base, a Cherokee family waits for their loved one, a pilot, to return home.

***We Are Grateful: Ostaliheliga* by Traci Sorell.** The word ostaliheliga is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

***Tractor Mac Autumn Is Here* by Billy Steers.** In Stoney Meadow Farm, Fergus the calf does not like change and misses shade trees until Tractor Mac helps him to appreciate the changes autumn brings, such as colorful leaves, pumpkin festivals, and apples.

***Tractor Mac New Friend* by Billy Steers.** When a new red tractor named Daisy joins the team at Stony Meadow Farm, she has trouble adjusting to all the different chores that must be done and realizes that she has much to learn.

***Tractor Mac School Days* by Billy Steers.** Betty the school bus is upset over making mistakes on her first day, but Tractor Mac provides tips and encourages her to try again.

***Tractor Mac Worth the Wait* by Billy Steers.** The lovable pigs, Pete and Paul, learn the importance of patience when they try (unsuccessfully) to speed along the growth of Farmer Bill's prize watermelons.

***Counting Birds* by Heidi Stemple.** A beautifully illustrated book that introduces kids to the idea of bird counts and bird watches. Along the way, they will learn about Frank Chapman, who used his bird knowledge and magazine Bird-Lore to found the first annual bird count.

***Seashells: More than a Home* by Melissa Stewart.** Learn how seashells – the protective outer layer that mollusks inhabit – serve tremendous purpose. This large group of marine animals needs shells for protection, feeding, transportation, anchorage, and more.

***Swift Fox all Along* by Rebecca Thomas.** A Mi'kmaq girl meets her Native family for the first time and finds a way to connect with her heritage to complete a traditional ritual. The text is straightforward and child-oriented, capturing Swift Fox's voice and fears effectively.

***Migration: Incredible Animal Journeys* by Mike Unwin.** Travel around the globe with some of the world's most incredible animals and discover their unique migration stories. With stunning color illustrations, uncover the astonishing migrations of 20 creatures, in this truly inspiring narrative.

***What This Story Needs Is a Hush and a Shush* by Emma J. Virján.** All Pig wants to do is sleep, but the farm animals are keeping her awake! Will she ever find some peace and quiet?

***What This Story Needs Is a Munch and a Crunch* by Emma J. Virján.** Pig decides to go on a picnic with her friends Squirrel and Rabbit. Can pig save the day when a sudden storm sends the trio seeking shelter?

***What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig* by Emma J. Virján.** This circular rhyming narrative starts with a pig in a wig. More rhymes and animals are added to the mix until the boat becomes too crowded.

***Animal Gallery* by Brian Wildsmith.** Discover a troop of kangaroos, an ambush of tigers, a rafter of turkeys, and a flotilla of swordfish in this glorious introduction to the animal kingdom. Step into this rich world of animals from an illustrator whose work influenced generations of younger artists. Collective nouns - some familiar, others wonderfully surprising - are used to describe each group of animals.

***Because* by Mo Willems.** A series of events, some seemingly very insignificant, lead to a young girl attending a life-changing concert.

***The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson.** There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just a random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you.