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Hot Dog

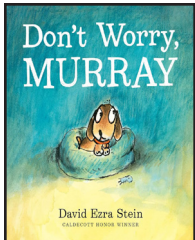
Tired of the city's sizzling sidewalks, wailing sirens and people's feet in his face, a hot dog finds inner peace and calm when his owner takes him to the beach, where he happily cools off.



Savage, Stephen

Moonlight

A tribute to the mysterious moon and the unique ways it reveals itself each night.



Stein, David Ezra

Don't Worry, Murray

Murray worries...about lots of things. He doesn't want to go out in the rain. He's scared of the barking dogs at the park. Fireworks make him jump. But gradually he learns that he can put on a raincoat. He can make new friends. He can be brave.



Straub, Emma

Very Good Hats

Anything, including acorns, raspberries, pudding cups, books and more, can be a hat if you believe it is!



Tullet, Hervé

Tap! Tap! Tap!: Dance! Dance! Dance!

Encourages interactive thinking by inviting children to a very special dance—one in which their hand becomes the dancer and the book the dance floor.

Thousand Oaks Library Recommended Reading List



Books for Preschool

Compiled by the Children's and Young Adults'
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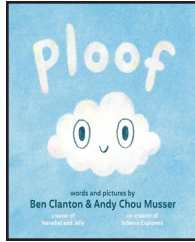
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Toddler Books

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Clanton, Ben

Ploof

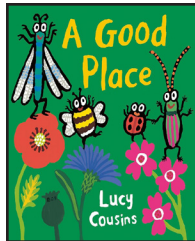
In this interactive book, Ploof, a friendly, puffy cloud is full of feelings.



Clarke, Jane

Tiptoe Tiger

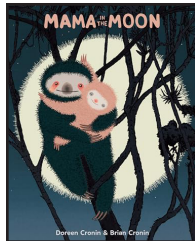
Searching for someone to play with after her bouncing and pouncing scares the other jungle animals away, Tara must learn to tread quietly as she makes her way home.



Cousins, Lucy

A Good Place

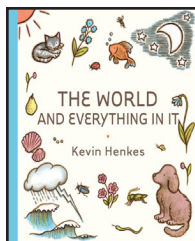
Bee, Ladybug, Beetle, and Dragonfly are looking for somewhere to live. And each has a different want: Bee loves flowers, Ladybug prefers leaves, Beetle is fond of dead wood, and Dragonfly likes ponds. Will these four friends ever find a good place?



Cronin, Doreen

Mama in the Moon

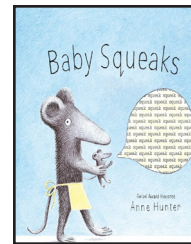
A baby sloth experiences a nighttime tumble and as mama sloth slowly makes her way down the tree, she helps him self-soothe by using his senses.



Henkes, Kevin

The World and Everything In It

Celebrates the big things and little things in the world and everything in between.



Hunter, Anne

Baby Squeaks

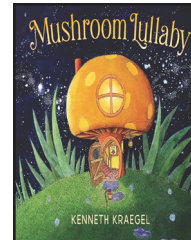
When Baby mouse learns how to squeak, he squeaks all day long, chatting with everyone he meets, but when he wanders off, Mama knows just what to do--follow the squeaks!



Jonker, Travis

Just One Flake

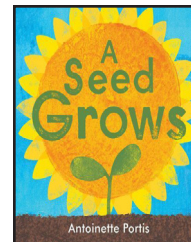
Determined to catch one perfect snowflake, Liam does everything he can to complete his mission.



Kraegel, Kenneth

Mushroom Lullaby

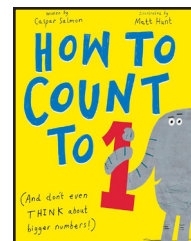
Introduces readers to all sorts of wonderful mushrooms: ones that grow up high and ones that never stay dry, ones that grow in a park and ones that glow in the dark, and even one made just for them!



Portis, Antoinette

A Seed Grows

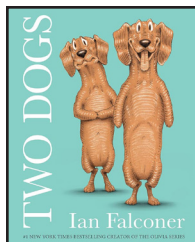
To understand how a seed becomes a sunflower, you have to peek beneath the soil and wait patiently as winding roots grow, a stalk inches out of the earth, and new seeds emerge among blooming petals.



Salmon, Caspar

How to Count to 1 (and don't even THINK about bigger numbers!)

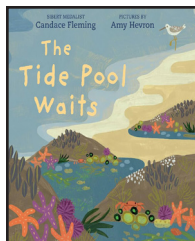
In this interactive book, readers must ONLY ever count to ONE.



Falconer, Ian

Two dogs

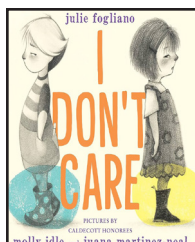
Mischievous dachshund brothers Perry and Augie, home alone for the day, manage to open the door for an awesome backyard adventure but must put things back in order before their owner's return.



Fleming, Candace

The Tide Pool Waits

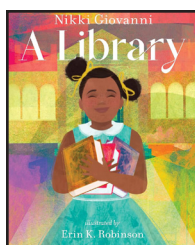
Twice a day when the tide goes out, an astonishing world is revealed in the tide pools that form along the Pacific Coast.



Fogliano, Julie

I Don't Care

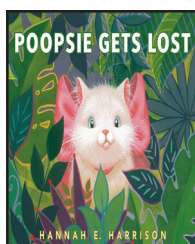
Two friends share their delight in the little things that set them apart, and the big things that bring them together.



Giovanni, Nikki

A Library

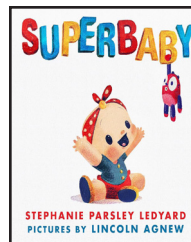
This ode to libraries is a celebration for everyone who loves stories.



Harrison, Hannah E.

Poopsie Gets Lost

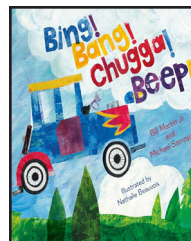
Forced out of her comfort zone by the pushy narrator, Poopsie, a fluffy, nap-loving cat, goes on a fur-raising adventure in the jungle where she must call upon her inner tough kitty to make it out in one piece.



Ledyard, Stephanie Parsley

Superbaby

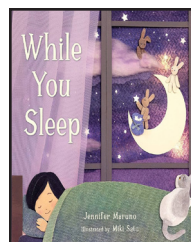
Follows the adventures babies enjoy between naptimes.



Martin, Bill

Bing! Bang! Chugga! Beep!

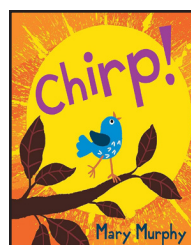
A clever young boy loves his old car, which has been everywhere, from the backyard to the sky, from the hills to the water, in this delightful singsong story.



Maruno, Jennifer

While You Sleep

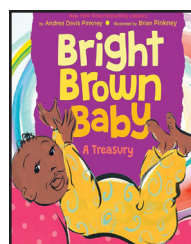
This rhyming bedtime story shows what happens after a little girl goes to sleep as helper-bunnies work their magic to clean and polish the world for a new day.



Murphy, Mary

Chirp!

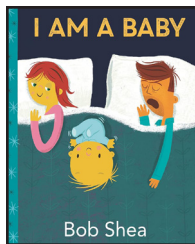
In this ode to individuality and a celebration of the joy of sound, each bird wakes up to a new day and gives voice to its own song.



Pinkney, Andrea Davis

Bright Brown Baby

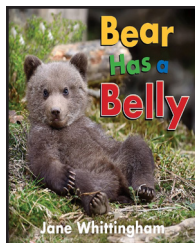
A celebration of Black and Brown babies and the happiness, gentle moments and endless love shared between children and their caregivers.



Shea, Bob

I Am a Baby

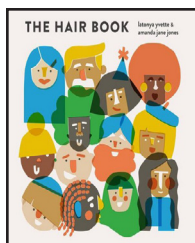
Looks at the chaos of life with a baby, narrated by the amiably new arrival.



Whittingham, Jane

Bear Has a Belly

Do you have a nose like Fox, cheeks like Squirrel, and a tongue like Frog does? In rhythmic text, little ones are invited to chime in with every body part they share in common.



Yvette, LaTonya

The Hair Book

Bold graphics and simple alliterative text celebrate all types of hair.

Preschool Books

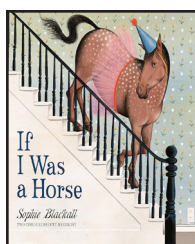
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Alexander, Rilla

You Rule!

A book about measuring the immeasurable in life!



Blackall, Sophie

If I Was a Horse

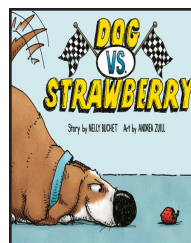
If you were a horse, what would you do? Could you fit in your clothes? Would you give your little sister a ride? Would your brother even notice? Gallop along through this riotous day in the life of a child who imagines their life as a horse.



Boynton, Sandra

Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!

Whether you are learning to skate, baking a cake, or even making a mistake, this heartfelt rhyming book reminds us that trying our best is reason to celebrate.



Buchet, Nelly

Dog vs. Strawberry

When Dog is handed a strawberry from the fruit bowl, she attempts to race the strawberry, but when her opponent doesn't move, she refuses to give up.



Carzoo, Breanna

Lou

Meet Lou. Lou has an important job . . . as the neighborhood toilet for dogs on their walks. Useful as he may be, he gets the feeling that deep down inside, there might be more to him than that. He just doesn't seem to know exactly what yet.



Curato, Mike

Where Is Bina Bear?

Tiny is having a party, but Bina Bear is nowhere to be found. Is that Bina hiding under a lampshade? It looks like Bina . . . but it must be a lamp. Is that Bina beneath the fruit bowl? It could be . . . but it's probably just a table. Searching for Bina, Tiny realizes something is wrong--and sets out to make it right.



Ejaita, Diana

A Day in the Sun

This wonderfully diverse celebration of our Sun and how it connects each of us, all around the world, depicts children in different countries reveling in the universal benefits of the Sun.