

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library Phonemic Awareness Books for Children

Phonemic awareness is the understanding that words are made of discrete sounds. If children cannot distinguish individual sounds, or phonemes, within words, they have difficulty learning to read and write.

The books on this list help pre-readers focus on the sounds in words. They are meant to be read to the child, and caregivers can guide listening by asking questions such as: "What sound do most of those words end with?" or "Where do you hear the /b/ sound?"

Title: ABC I Like Me!

Author: Carlson, Nancy

Description: See how easy it is to feel good about yourself letter by letter.

Title: Asana and the Animals

Author: Nichols, Grace

Description: Follow Asana through her charming encounters with the animals of her real and dream worlds.

Title: Bear Snores On

Author: Wilson, Karma

Description: Everyone comes into Bear's cave to warm up, but Bear just snores on!

Title: Dinosaur Roar!

Author: Stickland, Paul; Stickland, Henrietta

Description: Pint-sized paleontologists will be roaring for more after reading this fun-filled book.

Title: Down by the Cool of the Pool

Author: Mitton, Tony

Description: It's hot, and Frog and the other animals have found the perfect way to stay cool!

Title: Edwina the Emu

Author: Knowles, Sheena

Description: What's the perfect job for an emu? Read this delightful rhyming story to find out.

Title: "Fire! Fire!" Said Mrs. McGuire

Author: Martin Jr., Bill

Description: Once Mrs. McGuire points out the fire, other working women with rhyming names help spread the word.

Title: Good Night Pillow Fight

Author: Cook, Sally

Description: No one wants to go to sleep in this funny story.

Title: Grandma's Cat

Author: Ketteman, Helen

Description: Grandma's cat is so furry and cute, why won't he hold still long enough to be friends?

Title: The Hound From the Pound

Author: Swaim, Jessica

Description: When lonely Miss Mary Lynn MacIntosh brings Blue home from the pound, all of his friends soon follow.

Title: How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?

Author: Yolen, Jane

Description: Find out how little dinosaurs get ready for bed in this funny story.

Title: How Do You Sleep?

Author: Bonnett-Rampersaud, Louise

Description: Animals have different ways of getting ready to go to sleep.

Title: Inch By Inch

Author: Mallett, David

Description: Learn from the rhyme and repetition in this delightful traditional song turned picture book.

Title: Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?

Author: Carlstrom, Nancy White

Description: Rhyme with Jesse as he goes through his day.

Title: Jump!

Author: Fischer, Scott M.

Description: Smaller animals had better watch out in this silly, rhyming story all about size.

Title: Llama Llama Red Pajama

Author: Dewdney, Anna

Description: Baby Llama misses his mama after she puts him to bed.

Title: May I Bring a Friend?

Author: De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk

Description: A little boy is invited to have tea at the castle.

Title: Move over, Rover!

Author: Beaumont, Karen

Description: Rover is snug in his doghouse, but plenty of other animals want to come in out of the rain, too.

Title: My Crayons Talk

Author: Hubbard, Patricia

Description: "Talk. Talk. My crayons talk. Yackity. Clackity. Talk. Talk. Talk." Practice rhyming and color words while enjoying this exuberant book.

Title: Old Black Fly

Author: Aylesworth, Jim

Description: This fly is on an alphabetical rampage through the house, leaving destruction all around him.

Title: Shhhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping

Author: Markes, Julie

Description: It's time to sleep, no matter what kind of job you do!

Title: Slinky Malinki

Author: Dodd, Lynley

Description: "Slinky Malinki was blacker than black, a stalking and lurking adventurous cat!" You'll love reading about Slinky's nighttime adventures!

Title: The Snail and the Whale

Author: Donaldson, Julia

Description: A humpback whale makes friends and has adventures with a tiny snail.

Title: Some Smug Slug

Author: Edwards, Pamela Duncan

Description: Snort out loud at the surprise ending for this smug slug — as you practice finding and hearing the letter "s".

Title: Tanka Tanka Skunk!

Author: Webb, Steve

Description: Tanka the elephant and Skunk the skunk play the drums, finding music in the sounds of the other animals' names.

Title: Ten Little Caterpillars

Author: Martin, Bill, Jr., Bill

Description: Follow ten little caterpillars on their adventures.

Title: There's a Wocket in My Pocket

Author: Seuss, Dr.

Description: This boy has some crazy creatures living in his house!

Title: Wiggle

Author: Cronin, Doreen

Description: This fun story describes all the ways you can wiggle!