

2015 SRP

Early Literacy Reading List

NLS Edition

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Preschool to Grade 2

The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man by Michael Chabon
BR 20019

Superhero Awesome Man can fly straight as an arrow, shoot positronic rays from his eyes, and hug mutant Jell-O. But he has something exciting to tell you: his secret identity! Illustrated by Jake Parker. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2011.

Bear Feels Sick by Karma Wilson
SKS00068

Read by Jessica Whitsitt. Reading time: 4 minutes.
When Bear is too sick to play, his animal friends go to his cave to make him soup and tea and keep him company. 2007.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle
SKS00069

Read by Jessica Whitsitt. Reading time: 2 minutes.
Uses rhyme, rhythm, and repetition to describe a variety of animals, each one a different color. 1983.

Fire Engine Man by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha
SKS00392

Read by Jessica Whitsitt. Reading time: 2 minutes.
A young boy imagines the work he will do and the safety gear he will wear when he becomes a fireman some day, as his younger brother first watches then joins him on the job. 2007.

The Firefighters by Sue Whiting
BR 19003

Mrs. Iverson's class puts out an imaginary fire on their playground. After the students rest, Mrs. Iverson surprises them with a visit from real firefighters. The children learn what to do in a burning building: "get down low and go, go, go!" PRINT/BRAILLE. 2008.

Fireman Small by Wong Herbert Yee

RC 41099

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

Because Fireman Small is the only fireman in his neighborhood, he works day and night, rescuing animals and putting out fires. Between emergencies, tired Fireman Small returns to station number nine, slowly walks upstairs, "closes the curtains, gets in bed, and pulls the covers over his head." 1994.

Inch by Inch: The Garden Song by David Mallett

RC 43794

Read by John Polk. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

A youngster takes his rake and hoe and, inch by inch and row by row, plans to make a garden grow. 1995.

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

SMA00998

Read by Yvonne Fuller. Reading time: 5 minutes.

When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him. 1993.

Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity by Mo Willems

BR 18015

Her daddy in tow, Trixie hurries to school to show off her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny. But an awful surprise awaits her: someone else has the exact same bunny! Sequel to Knuffle Bunny (BR 16029). PRINT/BRAILLE. 2007.

Llama Llama Home with Mama by Anna Dewdney
SKS00066

Read by Jessica Whitsitt. Reading time: 3 minutes.

Llama Llama's mother takes good care of him when he has to stay home from school because he is sick, but when Mama Llama begins to feel sick too, Llama Llama knows how to take care of her. 2011.

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile by Bernard Waber
RC 28122

Read by Mary O'Neal. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

Lyle the crocodile is very happy living with the Primm family on East Eighty-eighth Street. But Mr. Grumps and his cat, Loretta, are very unhappy with Lyle's presence. Mr. Grumps even has Lyle put in the zoo! But there will soon come a day when Mr. Grumps and Loretta cannot thank Lyle enough. 1965.

Maisy Goes to the Hospital by Lucy Cousins
BR 17332

When Maisy the mouse bounces too high on a trampoline and hurts her leg, she visits a hospital for the first time. There, Dr. Duck and Nurse Comfort take good care of her. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2007.

My Father's Hands by Joanne Ryder
BR 15006

A young girl enjoys examining the small creatures that her father finds in the garden and brings to her cupped in his hands. They share the wonders of a pink worm, a round beetle, a snail, and a praying mantis. PRINT/BRAILLE. 1994.

Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme by Nadine Bernard Westcott
BR 7533

This play rhyme tells how to make that perennial favorite, a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich. Print/Braille. 1987.

Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping by Julie Markes
SMO55513

Read by UNKNOWN. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

A young child is encouraged to go to sleep by the thought of everyone else sleeping, from teacher to baker to postman. 2005.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead
BR 20037, SKS00265

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. Reading time: 6 minutes.

Zookeeper Amos McGee always takes time to visit his good friends the elephant, tortoise, penguin, rhinoceros, and owl. But one day, Amos stays home because he is sick--and receives an unexpected visit.

PRINT/BRAILLE. Caldecott Medal.

Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester

BR 8904

Tacky the penguin does not fit in. He is not sleek, graceful, and formally groomed like his companions--Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly, and Perfect. He is loud, awkward, and gaudy. But when the hunters come, Tacky proves himself a good bird to have around. 1988

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
BR 18039

Babies born in different countries and in different circumstances have in common ten little fingers and ten little toes. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2008.

The Terrible Plop by Ursula Dubosarsky
SMO11051

Read by Dan Deidrich. Reading time: 10 minutes.

When a mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to discover what really happened. Pictures by Andrew Joyner. Building Block Award nominee, 2011. 2009.

Kindergarten to Grade 3

Bill and Pete: The Complete Series by Tomie DePaola

DB 48265

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 29 minutes.

William Everett Crocodile ("Bill") has a best friend (also a personal toothbrush), a bird named Pete. In these three adventures, Pete helps Bill escape being turned into a suitcase, they apprehend a jewel thief, and they rescue Egyptian animals from captivity in New Orleans. 1998.

Crictor by Tomi Ungerer

BR 16357

Madame Bodot is surprised to receive a boa constrictor for a birthday present, but soon she is knitting a long sweater for him and taking him to the school where she teaches. Then one night Crictor repays her kindness with his bravery. PRINT/BRAILLE. 1958.

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

RC 51149

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: UNKNOWN

When a man walks into the rain forest and begins to chop down a great kapok tree, all the different animals that live in the tree try to convince him of the importance of sparing their home. 1990.

It's Hard to be Five: Learning How to Work My Control Panel by

Jamie Lee Curtis

SBI02524

Read by Carrie Dobro. Reading time: 5 minutes.

A young girl learns to like herself every single day, no matter what. 2004.

Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen

BR 17035, DB 63583

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 14 minutes.

When a lion visits the library, Miss Merriweather's main concern is whether he is obeying the rules. All is well until an emergency arises, causing the lion to break the rule about silence. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2006.

Madeline series by Ludwig Bemelmans

Mad About Madeline: The Complete Tales by Ludwig Bemelmans

BR 13202, RC 54416

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

A collection of all six rhymed stories about Madeline. The first--published in 1939--introduces Madeline, the smallest of twelve girls who live together in Paris with Miss Clavel. She has various adventures involving animals, gypsies, travel, a boy called Pepito, and a magical Christmas.

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

BR 3644, DB 44292

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 4 minutes.

A story in rhyme about a little girl in a Paris boarding school who manages to have a lively time in spite of appendicitis. Print/Braille.

Madeline's Rescue by Ludwig Bemelmans

BR 5901, DB 44293

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 6 minutes.

Another story about little Madeline in Paris, this time being rescued from the Seine by a dog named Genevieve. Print/Braille. Caldecott Medal.

Madeline and the Bad Hat by Ludwig Bemelmans

DB 44294

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 6 minutes.

The Spanish ambassador moves next door to Madeline's Paris boarding school. Instead of being a good playmate to the twelve girls, the ambassador's prankish son, Pepito, is what Madeline calls a "bad hat."

Madeline and the Gypsies by Ludwig Bemelmans

DB 33513

Read by Madelyn Buzzard. Reading time: 7 minutes.

Madeline and Pepito are left and forgotten on the top of the ferris wheel during a terrible storm. Taken in by a Gypsy Mama, they travel and perform with their new friends until they find Miss Clavel again.

Madeline's Christmas by Ludwig Bemelmans

BR 6372

On Christmas Eve Madeline is the only one who is not sick in bed at Miss Clavel's school. Although she must do all the cooking and cleaning, the spunky little girl is not too busy to arrange a special Christmas treat for her beloved schoolmates.

Mr. Putter and Tabby Catch the Cold by Cynthia Ryland

DB 56601

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 9 minutes.

Mr. Putter's cat, Tabby, can't comfort him when he catches a cold. Then their neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry, has the good idea to use her dog, Zeke, for some special deliveries. Mr. Putter and Tabby series. 2002.

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

BR 10015

Officer Buckle knows lots of safety tips, and he loves to share them with the students at Napville School. But nobody seems to listen to him. Then one day, the Napville police department gets a police dog--Gloria. Office Buckle takes her along the next time he goes to Napville School, and this time the children listen. But why? PRINT/BRAILLE. Caldecott Medal. 1995.

Robert the Rose Horse by Joan Heilbroner

BR 6602, RC 23542

Read by Patricia Beaudry. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

Robert is a horse with a problem: roses make him sneeze. He sneezes his way out of every job he gets--until he becomes a police horse.

Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom by John Rocco

BR 20044

A boy who believes he gets his strength from his hair fears he has lost his superpowers when a villain cuts his curls off. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2013.

A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry

BR 6122

A simple text explains in childlike terms why trees are nice to have around and to be around. Caldecott Medal.

Grades 2 to 4

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

DB 31231

Read by John Stratton. Reading time: 14 minutes.

Once, when the grass was still green, and the pond was still wet, and the clouds were still clean, Swomee-Swans, Brown Bar-ba-loots, and Humming-Fish lived happily among the Truffula Trees. The Once-ler settled in this beautiful place and discovered that he could make Thneeds, which sold quite handsomely, from the Truffula Trees. Overcome by greed, he did not heed the warning of the Lorax. 1971.