

Suggested authors

Select books according to child's age and the book's content, durability and appearance.

Preschool & Kindergarten*

Wordless picture books, storybook picture books, alphabet, counting, rhyming, animal stories and concept books.

Suggested Authors:

Mitsumasa Anno
Eric Carle
Pat Cummings
Lois Ehlert
Russell Hoban
Pat Hutchins
Ezra Jack Keats
Leo Lionni
Arnold Lobel
Mercer Mayer
Helen Oxenbury

Todd Parr
Beatrix Potter
Maurice Sendak
William Steig

**Great need for board books in this category*

Early Elementary (grades 1-3)

Early readers, informational, family stories, fables, poetry, classics and multicultural books. Books with children helping others, problem-solving stories, books with good role models.

Suggested Authors:

Alma Flor Ada
Aliki
Jan & Stan Berenstain
Byrd Baylor
Eve Bunting
Lewis Carroll
Beverly Cleary
Robert Cormier
Tomie dePaola
Paul Grobel
Eloise Greenfield
Kevin Henkes
C.S. Lewis
David Macaulay
Patricia MacLachlan
A. A. Milne
Joel Myrtve
Mary Norton
Barbara Park
Patricia Polacco

Connie Porter
Jason Reynolds
Faith Ringgold
Cynthia Rylant
Richard Scarry
Maurice Sendak
Shel Silverstein
Gary Soto
Chief Jake Swamp
Duncan Tonatiuh
Chris Van Allsburg
Judith Viorst
EB White
Jane Yolen
Charlotte Zolotow

Upper Elementary (grades 4-6)

All previously listed genres, plus mysteries, sports stories, biographies, travel, science and world problem books.

Suggested Authors:

Avi
Sandra Cisneros
Andrew Clements
Esme Raji Codell
Judy Blume
Susan Braine
Susan Cooper
Sharon Creech
Karen Cushman
Roald Dahl
Juana Medina
Walter Dean Myers
Madeleine L'Engle
Paul Fleischman
Jean Craighead George
Karen Hesse
S. E. Hinton
James Howe
C.S. Lewis
Lois Lowry
Ann McGovern
E. Nesbit
Simon Ortiz
Katherine Paterson
Gary Paulsen
Dav Pilkey
Connie Porter
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

J.K. Rowling
Pam Muñoz Ryan
Louis Sachar
Jon Scieszka
Armstrong Sperry
Jerry Spinelli
R. L. Stine
Eleanora Tate
Mildred D. Taylor
Yoshiko Uchida
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ted Wood
Rosebud Yellow Robe
Laurence Yep

Junior High (grades 7-8)

All previously listed genres, plus fantasy, sci-fi, historical fiction and general non-fiction.

Suggested Authors:

Julia Alvarez
Suzanne Collins
James Dashner
J.K. Rowling
Nicola Yoon

Librarians are an excellent and accessible resource to help you select titles of books that children like and have survived the test of time. They can suggest hard-cover and paperback titles.

Other good options include books that have won industry awards, such as:

The Caldecott Medal and Honor Books
The Newbery Medal and Honor Books
Hans Christian Andersen International Book Award
Coretta Scott King Award
The Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction
The International Reading Association Children's Book Award
The Carnegie Medal
The Kate Greenway Medal
The Canadian Library Book Award