A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Toddler–Early Elementary)
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Basics (Toddler-Kindergarten)

ABC Zooborns by Andrew Bleiman

All Aboard: a Traveling Alphabet by Chris Demarest

All the Awake Animals are Almost Asleep by Crescent Dragonwagon

Apple Pie ABC by Alison Murray
An impish terrier discovers an unguarded apple pie cooling on the kitchen table, and so begins an alphabetically ordered account of our wire-haired anti-hero. This utterly delightful frolic through the alphabet unfolds with bright, cheery 50’s style illustration.

B is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by June Sobel

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

A Child’s Day: An Alphabet of Play by Ida Pearle
A summery, Popsicle-hued ode to quality childhood play. The very basic text highlights this book’s standout feature: Pearle’s breathtaking collage illustrations.

Colors, Numbers, Letters (Board Book) by Leo Lionni

Creature ABC by Andrew Zuckerman

Curious George’s ABCs by H.A. Rey

Danny is Done with Diapers: A Potty ABC by Rebecca O’Connell

Dr. Seuss’s ABC: An Amazing Alphabet Book!

A Fabulous Fair Alphabet by Debra Frasier

If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet by Leslie McGuirk
This inimitable ABC book features river pebbles in the shape of each letter, as well as rocks whose shapes suggest a different alphabetical activity. The concepts illustrated include the concrete (“b” is for bird, “t” is for toast) and the abstract (“j” is for joy features to rocks that look like a parent and child fish, both smiling). The author’s note explains that the rocks are unaltered and took years to collect, making this book an ode to patience and the natural world as well as creativity.
LMNO Peas by Keith Baker
Max’s ABC by Rosemary Wells
Miss Bindergarten Takes A Field Trip with Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
On Market Street by Anita Lobel
Now I Eat my ABC’s (Board Book) by Pam Abrams
Paul Thurby’s Alphabet
Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes: A Very Silly Alphabet Book by Brian Cleary
Q is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game by Mary Elting
Richard Scarry’s Find Your ABC’s
Sleepy ABC by Margaret Wise Brown
Sleepy Little Alphabet by Judy Sierra
26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban
Walter Was Worried by Laura Vacarro Seeger
What Pete Ate from A to Z by Maira Kalman
Complex (Grade 1-3)
An ABC of Pirates by Heath McKenzie
AlphaOops!: The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis
AlphaOops: H is for Halloween by Alethea Kontis
Animalia by Graeme Base
Base’s classic alphabet is a feast of alliteration and sumptuous illustrations rife with hidden clues. Better pored over than read at a quick pace, older children will learn new descriptive language when reading about “diabolical dragons daintily devouring delicious delicacies.” This wondrous (and ponderous) volume is best shared one-on-one.
Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
Ellsworth’s Extraordinary Electric Ears by Valorie Fisher
Surreal suburban scenes created with vintage figurines illustrate alliterative phrases about mechanical moustache machines and loopy letters on a laundry line. This celebration of the eclectic is like an “I Spy” for the sophisticated set, with each scene containing at least four alphabetical objects.
E-Mergency by Tom Lichtenfeld
Firefighters A to Z by Chris Demarest
Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English by Alma Flor Ada

Homes Around the World ABC by Amanda Tourville

Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Tale by Yuyi Morales

Sign Language ABC by Lora Heller

Superhero ABC by Bob McLeod

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham

The best alphabet book of 2012, Bingham’s approach is both innovative and hilarious. Zebra is the director of an alphabetical production with a prop or animal carefully chosen to represent each letter. Moose is an overeager participant, who interrupts several scenes while waiting for the letter "M". The real trouble begins when Moose finds out that a mouse has been chosen to represent “his” letter. What follows is an epically hilarious meltdown that effects the rest of the alphabet, until zebra, realizing he is a friend first and a director second, comes up with a way to appease his distressed pal.

The Z Was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg

Parent/Teacher Alphabet Books

Art Across the Alphabet: Over 100 Art Experiences that Enrich Early Literacy by Kelly Justus Campbell

I Love Letters!: More Than 200 Quick and Easy Activities to Introduce Young Children to Letters and Literacy by Jean Feldman

Inclusive Literacy Lessons for Early Childhood by Pamela Schiller

L is for Lion and Other Playful Alphabet Fun by Between the Lions Staff

101 Alphabet Activities by Lisa Schwimmer Marier

You and Me and the ABCs by Michael Rosen

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