

ABC!



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

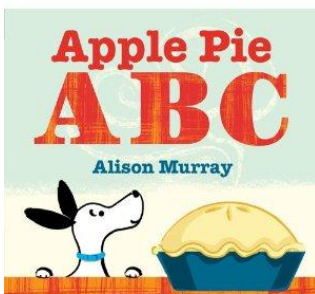
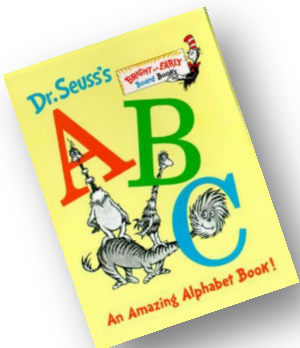
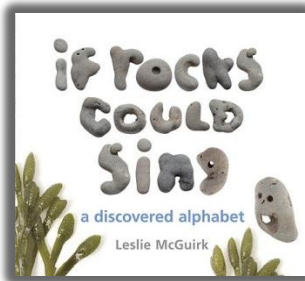
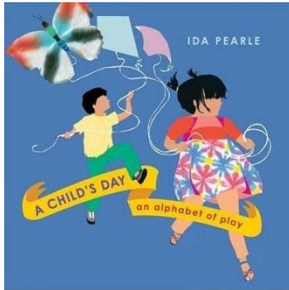
[Danny is Done with Diapers: A Potty ABC](#) by Rebecca O'Connell

[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 Vaccaro Seeger

[What Pete Ate from A to Z](#) by Maira Kalman

Complex (Grade 1-3)

[An ABC of Pirates](#) by Heath McKenzie

[Alpha Oops!: The Day Z Went First](#) by Alethea Kontis

[Alpha Oops: H is for Halloween](#) by Alethea Kontis

[Animalia](#) by Graeme Base

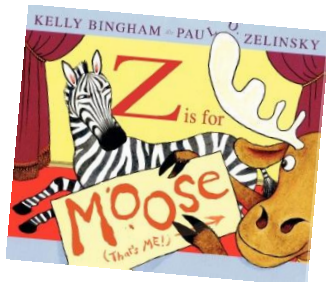
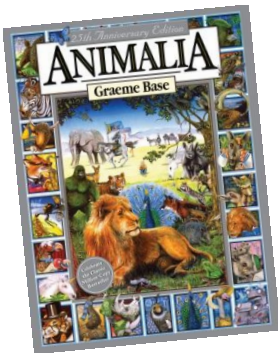
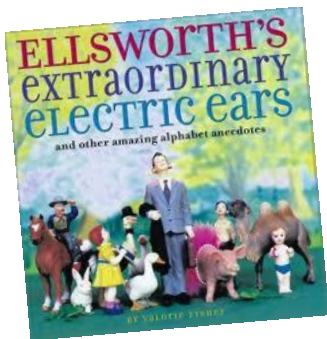
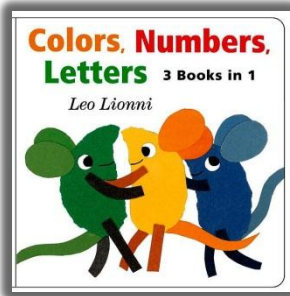
Base's classic alphabet is a feast of alliteration and sumptuous illustrations rife with hidden clues. Better pored over than read at a quick pace, older children will learn new descriptive language when reading about "diabolical dragons daintily devouring delicious delicacies." This wondrous (and ponderous) 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



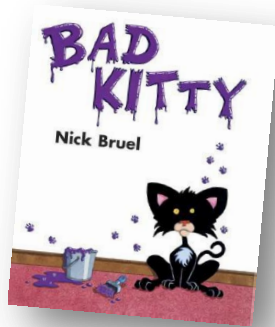
[Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English](#) by Alma Flor Ada

[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

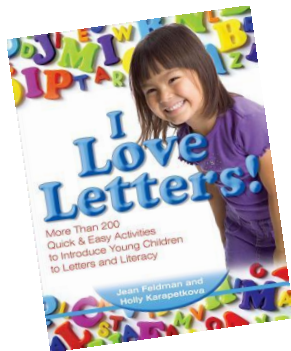
[Superhero ABC](#) by Bob McLeod



[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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