Manners & Magic Words: Updated for 2015!

A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books (Toddler – Elementary School Age)
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Board Books & Picture Books for ages 2-5:

**Big Black Bear** – Wong Herbert Yee
When Big Black Bear comes to visit, he whines, refuses to wipe his paws, demands a soft chair, sticks his nose in the jellybean jar, sneezes without covering his snout, and even threatens to eat the little girl who lets him in. But in a surprising twist, little girl is saved and the bear apologizes. This delightful read-aloud delivers its message on good manners with humor, rhythmic verse and bold, simple illustrations. (Ages 3-6).

**How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? / ¿Cómo comen los dinosaurios?** – Jane Yolen
In rollicking rhyme, dinosaurs comically demonstrate mealtime “don’ts” as well as correct table manners. (Ages 3-5)

**No Biting!; I Can Share** – Karen Katz
Bright and simple books with flaps and thick pages to get toddlers off to a polite start on life. (Ages 1-3)

**Penguin says “Please”; Hippo says “Excuse Me”** – Michael Dahl
“Hello Genius” series. With bright colors, appealing toddler-like animals, and simple repetitive texts, these board books are sized for reading one-on-one or with a small group. (Ages 2-4)

**Milo’s Special Words: A Well-Behaved Little Book with Wheels to Turn and Flaps to Lift** – Charise Mericle Harper
This humorous book about “please and “thank you” features flaps and wheels that offer word and picture choices. (Ages 3-6)

**Please Pass the Manners! Mealtime Tips for Everyone** – Lola M. Schaefer
A simple “bad manners/good manners” board book with flaps and illustrations large enough for group sharing. (Ages 3-6)

**Please Say Please!: Penguin’s Guide to Manners** – Margery Cuyler
Penguin’s animal friends demonstrate party and table manners, bad and good. A question-and-answer refrain and clear illustrations make this a fun read-aloud for groups. (Ages 3-6)
**Picture Books for Ages 4 – Elementary School:**

**Animals Don’t, So I Won’t!** by David Derrick

**Being a Pig is Nice: A Child's-Eye View of Manners** – Sally Lloyd-Jones
*Be prepared for an irreverent and humorous challenge to the rules. (Ages 5-8)*

**The Berenstain Bears Say Please and Thank You** by Jan Berenstain

**A Crazy Day at the Critter Café** by Barbara Odanka

**Clifford’s Manners** – Norman Bridwell *(Ages 4-8)*

**Dinner with the Highbrows** by Kimberly Willis Holt

**Do Unto Otters: A Book of Manners** by Laurie Keller

**The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?** by Mo Willems

**Fancy Nancy Tea Parties** – Jane O’Connor *(Ages 4-7)*

**How to Behave at a Tea Party** by Madelyn Rosenberg

**I Speak Dinosaur!** by Henry Jed

**Lester’s Dreadful Sweaters** by K.G. Campbell

**The Little Brute Family** *(beginning reader)* by Russell Hoban

**Louise the Big Cheese and the Ooh-La-La Charm School** by Elise Primavera

**Mary Wrightly, So Politely** by Shirin Bridges

**May I Please have a Cookie?** – J.E. Morris
*Mommy encourages Alfie to think up a better way to get a cookie. Simple sentences and bright illustrations suit both beginning readers and a younger read-to-me audience. (Ages 4-7)*

**Millie Fierce** by Jane Manning

**Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf** – Judy Sierra
*An elderly B.B. (Big Bad) Wolf attends a storybook tea at the library. Parental warning: Burp Alert! (Ages 5-8)*

**No Fits, Nilson** by Zachariah OHora

**No Slurping, No Burping: A Tale of Table Manners** by Kara LaReau

**Please Is a Good Word to Say** – Barbara Joosse
*With humor and insight, a pint-sized Miss Manners named Harriet goes beyond the basics in introducing good manners. (Ages 5-9)*

**Please, Mr. Panda** by Steve Antony

**Please, Papa** by Kate Banks

**The Princess and the Peas and Carrots** by Harriet Ziefert
**Tea Party Rules** by Ame Dyckman

**Thank You, Mama** by Kate Banks

**Time to Say Please** by Mo Willems

**Tumford's Rude Noises** – Nancy Tillman  *Ages 4-6*

**Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!** by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

**Watch Your Tongue, Cecily Beasley** – Lane Fredrickson

_A Seuss-like cautionary picture book about what happens when rude Cecily sticks out her tongue._  *Ages 5-7*

**Wiggens Learns his Manners at the Four Seasons Restaurant** by Leslie McGuirk

**You’re a Rude Pig, Bertie!** by Claudia Boldt

**School-Age Nonfiction:**

**Are You Quite Polite?: Silly Dilly Manners Songs** – Alan Katz  *Ages 5-10*

**Don't Forget Your Etiquette!: The Essential Guide to Misbehavior** – David T. Greenberg

_With 20 zany poems featuring “Miss Information,” this book is both a subversive spoof on modern manners and an engaging starting point to discuss what’s really proper._  *Ages 6-10*

**Dude, That's Rude!** – Pamela Espeland  *Ages 8-12*

**Manners Mash-up: a Goofy Guide to Good Behavior** – Tedd Arnold

_Fourteen children’s book illustrators each contribute a spread on good and bad etiquette._  *Ages 5-9*

**Manners on the Playground; Manners on the Telephone; Manners on the School Bus; Manners at the Table; Manners in Public; Manners at School; Manners in the Library** – Carrie Finn

_“Way To Be!” non-fiction picture book series. Each title offers nine examples of good manners with straight-forward writing and illustrations._  *Ages 4-8*

**Oh, Behave!** (beginning reader non-fiction) by Acorn Publishing

**A Smart Girl's Guide to Manners : The Secrets to Grace, Confidence, and Being your Best** – Nancy Holyoke  *Ages 8-12*

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