A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Toddler – Grade 3)
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* = humorous picks

**Toddler Reads**

- Cinderella (board book) by Trixie Belle
- The Little Red Hen by Byron Barton
- Snow White (board book) by Trixie Bell
- The Three Bears by Byron Barton
- Yummy by Lucy Cousins

**Preschool-Kindergarten Picks**

**Fractured Fairytales/Original Tales**

- The End by David LaRochelle*
- Falling for Rapunzel/Waking Beauty by Leah Wilcox*
- Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett
- Goldilocks and Just One Bear by Leah Hodgkinson*
- The Great Fairy Tale Disaster by David Conway*
- I am So Handsome by Mario Ramos*
- Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein*
  
Papa chicken attempts to read some bedtime stories to his exuberant daughter, but she is the interrupting type. Little Chicken knows the endings to all the fairytales and she doesn’t care for them, so she likes to warn her favorite characters of the dangers ahead. Perfect for children who like to insert themselves into their favorite stories, and the patient storytellers who love them!

- Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto*
- King Arthur’s Very Great Grandson by Kenneth Kraegal
- King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood*
- The Kiss that Missed by David Melling*
Open this Little Book by Jess Klassmeier
Open Very Carefully: A Book with Bite by Nick Bromley*

An ill-tempered alligator is trapped in the tale of The Ugly Duckling. The traditional tale fades to the background as the duckling (who is actually quite adorable) advises the audience on how to deal with the scaly nemesis. This entails rocking the book back and forth to lull the beast into slumber, and then drawing a ballerina ensemble on the snoring beast with pink crayon (the duckling can’t resist). Children will delight in the abounding mischief of this interactive fable-gone-amok.

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf by Rachael Mortimer
Senorita Gordita by Helen Ketteman*

The Sunflower Sword by Mark Sperring
The Three Pigs by David Wiesner*
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel*
Too Tall Houses by Gianna Marino
Who Is It?: It’s the Three Little Pigs! by Helen Webster

Traditional Tales

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott
Beginning-to-Read (series) by Margaret Hillert
The Bremen Town Musicians by Brian Wildsmith
The Crocodile and the Scorpion by Rebecca Emberly
The Folk Tales Classics Treasury by Paul Galdone
The Frog with the Big Mouth by Teresa Bateman
Joseph had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
Little Red Riding Hood by Bernette Ford
The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale by Jan Brett
Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile by Won-Ldy Paye
The Snow Child by Harriet Ziefert

Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young

A visually stunning and timeless fable, Ed Young’s adaption of “Seven Blind Mice,” despite the blindness of the central characters, is an eye-opening work. Hyper-pigmented hues combine with cut-paper collage to create a visual feast of texture, color, and contrast. Seven mice come across a mysterious object or creature, and six of them take a trek across a part of what they call “the Something.” Each of the six rodents is sure that they know the identity of the curious thing, and each guess is wildly different, from a rope to a fan to a snake. The viewer only sees a part of the object at a time, giving them the opportunity to make educated guesses alongside the mice. Only the seventh mouse, the most intrepid of the group, has the inquisitiveness to explore the entire Something. The wisdom of knowing the whole story provides the seventh mouse with the true answer, which is confirmed
in the final illustration to be an elephant. This tale of curiosity and patience will be enjoyed by ages 3 and up.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

Selections for Grades 1-3

Fractured Fairytales/Original Tales

Cinder Edna by Ellen Jackson
Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming
The Cloud Spinner by Michael Catchpool
Dangerously Ever After by Dashka Slater
Don’t Read this Book! by Jill Lewis*

The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss*
The Frog Prince, Continued… by Jon Scieszka
The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School by Laura Murray*
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems*

Heckedy Peg by Audrey Wood
Holler Loudly by Cynthia Leitich Smith*

The King of Little Things by Bil Lepp
The King’s Taster by Kenneth Oppel*
Little Red Writing by Joan Holub*

Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf/Tell the Truth B.B. Wolf by Judy Sierra*

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe

A Zimbabwean tale with echoes of Cinderella tells of two sisters, one vain and selfish, the other kind and generous, and a clever test to determine which will become queen. This timeless tale is supported by superb illustration, which at times appears photorealistic. Share this flawless tale with an elementary-aged audience.

Mustache! by Mac Barnett*

One Potato, Two Potato by Cynthia DeFelice*

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude/Once Upon a Royal Superbaby by Kevin O’Malley *

Previously by Allan Ahlberg*

The Princess who could not Sleep by An Leysen

The Secret River by Marjorie Rawlings

Snoring Beauty by Bruce Hale*
The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka
Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola*
The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugenios Trivizas*
The Three Ninja Pigs by Corey Rosen Schwartz*
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka*
Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty: and other Notorious Nursery Tale Mysteries by David Levinthal*
Yours Truly, Goldilocks by Alma Flor Ada*

Traditional Tales
Beware, Beware of the Big Bad Bear! by Dianne De Las Casas*
The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo
The Empty Pot by Demi
Eric Kimmel’s retellings of the Anansi stories*
Fat Cat: A Danish Folktale by Margaret Read MacDonald
Goha the Wise Fool by Denys Johnson-Davies*
The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story by Joseph Bruchac
The Legend of the Lady Slipper: An Ojibwe Tale by Lise Lunge-Larsen
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale by Carmen Agra Deedy

Martina, a beautiful cockroach living on a stately lamppost in Havana, has never lacked for suitors. But how will she know if they are what they seem? Martina’s wise grandmother shares her never-fail method to find out a suitor’s true character: the coffee bean test. Skeptical at first, Martina realizes that the strange test is exposing suitors both vain and selfish, but soon worries that she won’t find the kind-hearted companion she desires. This jaunty and atmospheric tale is interspersed with Spanish words, and complemented by lively, sunset-hued illustrations.

Sausages by Jessica Souhami*
Stories to Solve/More Stories to Solve/Still More Stories to Solve by George Shannon
The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South by Robert San Souci
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens*
The Twelve Dancing Princesses by Brigette Barrager
Who Took My Hairy Toe? by Shutta Crum*

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