A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Toddler – Early Elementary)
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**Picture Books**

* = toddler picks

**Baking and Cooking**

*All for Pie, Pie for All* by David Martin
*Apple Cake: A Recipe for Love* by Julie Paschkis
*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.

*The Apple Pie that Papa Baked* by Lauren Thompson
*Bake You a Pie* by Ellen Olson-Brown

Story-tellers who love using silly accents will be delighted to share this lively twist on a traditional song. For cowboy baby Hank only a cactus meringue pie will do, while Buddy the hound dog dreams of Mississippi mud pie and Smelly the garbage truck loves “moldy cheese, banana peel, fishhead pie.” But what kind of slice does a Baby Giant cry for? The comical conclusion of this rowdy tale will leave children delighted. An audio CD with boisterous narration is included. (Ages 4-8).

*Cake Girl* by David Lucas
*Cooking with Grandma* by Rosemary Mastnak
*Cooking with Henry and Elliebelly* by Carolyn Parkhurst
*Crepes by Suzette* by Monica Wellington
*The Donut Chef* by Bob Staake
*Easy as Pie* by Cari Best
*Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert
*Hooray for Bread* by Alan Ahlberg
*Minette’s Feast: The Delicious Story of Julia Child and her Cat* by Susanna Reich (ages 5+)
*Mr. Cookie Baker* by Monica Wellington*
*My Pop Pop and Me* by Irene Smalls*
*Pancakes for Breakfast* by Tomie DePaola
*Pastry School in Paris* by Cindy Neuschwander
*A World of Food* by Carl Warner

**Classics and Folktales**

*Armadilly Chili* by Helen Kettleman
*Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
When a little girl leaves her teddy bear picnic momentarily unattended, a hungry bear cub stumbles upon the outdoor scene and decides to take the teddy bear's place in front of a pile of toast and jam. The prim young hostess returns, and oblivious to the switch off, dresses her “teddy” in a frilly outfit and demands proper manners. Robbed of his dignity, the rebellious bear cub dives into the dainty feast in a scene of adorable havoc. Little listeners will be surprised by the little girl’s reaction and delighted with the be-ruffled bear cub’s antics in this sweetly funny story with a subtle message about manners. For ages 3-6.

Gatherings and Traditions/Manners

Tea Party Rules by Ame Dyckman

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Healthy Eating/Gardening/Grocery Shopping

Adventures of Cow, Too by Lori Korchek
Adventures of Wedgieman (series) by Charise Myracle Harper
Auntie Yang’s Great Soybean Picnic by Ginnie Lo (ages 6 +)
Bebe Goes Shopping by Susan Middleton Elya
Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert*
Farmer’s Market Day by Shanda Trent
Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert*
Jam and Honey by Melita Morales
Lunch by Denise Fleming*
Max Goes to a Farmers’ Market (beginning reader) by Adria Klein
Molly’s Organic Farm by Trina Hunner
My Garden by Kevin Henkes
Our Community Garden by Barbara Pollak
Our Corner Grocery Store by Joanne Schwartz
Pizza at Sally’s by Monica Wellington*
The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin
Water, Weed, and Wait by Edith Fine (ages 5+)

Picky Eaters
Fussy Freya by Katherine Quarmby
The Greatest Potatoes by Penelope Stowell (ages 5+)
Gregory the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmatt
I Will Never not ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child
The King’s Taster by Kenneth Oppel (ages 5+)
Little Pea by Amy Rosenthal
Mealtime (board book) by Elizabeth Verdick
The Princess and the Peas and Carrots by Harriet Ziefert
Rabbit Food by Susanna Gretz
Tales for Very Picky Eaters (beginning reader) by Josh Schneider (ages 5+)
Too Pickley! by Jean Reidy*

Silly Food Stories
The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers (ages 5+)
The Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson
A Crazy Day at the Critter Café by Barbara Odanka
Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds (ages 5+)
Duck Soup by Jackie Urbanic (ages 5+)
The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?/Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog! by Mo Willems
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin
Edwin Speaks Up by April Stevens
Erroll by Hannah Shaw (ages 5+)
Even Aliens Need Snacks by Matthew McElligot
Gobble It Up: A Fun Song about Eating! by Jim Arnosky
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
How Martha Saved her Parents from the Green Beans by David LaRochelle (ages 5+)
Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto
Me Hungry! by Jeremy Tankard
Put it on the List! by Kristen Darbyshire
Ready for Anything by Keiko Kasza
Scrambled Eggs Super! by Dr. Seuss
**Secret Pizza Party** by Adam Rubin (ages 5+)

The bushy tailed bandit of Adam Rubin’s Secret Pizza Party is even more determined and mischievous than the average raccoon. This slyly humorous tale is an ode to pizza and to pizza’s Number One Fan, Raccoon, who can often be found plastered against the outside of pizza shop windows with a look of longing. Unfortunately, raccoons don’t have money (through no fault of their own!), so the furry fellow resorts to pizza theft and his face is featured on wanted posters across town. The townsfolk thwart Raccoon’s “evil” plans by holding top-secret pizza parties to which Raccoon is not invited and planting broom-wielding, laser-eyed robots along his escape route. Daniel Salmieri’s quirky illustrations are priceless, such as the scene of raccoon rolling around euphorically on a buffet line of pizzas as the attendees look on in open-mouthed dismay (one father even covers his son’s eyes). By the time our crafty anti-hero hatches the perfect plot to make his pizza pie dreams come true, readers will be both sympathetic to Raccoon’s plight and thrilled by his triumph. Pair this hilarious misadventure for ages 4-8 with Dragons Love Tacos by the same author/illustrator duo for a clever culinary coupling.

**There’s A Fly Guy in My Soup** (beginning reader) by Tedd Arnold

**Those Darn Squirrels!** by Adam Rubin (ages 5+)

**To Market, To Market** by Anne Miranda*

**Watermelon Seed** by Greg Pizzoli

**Wild Boars Cook** by Meg Rosoff

**The Wolf’s Chicken Stew** by Keiko Kasza

**You Can’t Eat a Princess!** by Gillian Rogerson

**Yum, Yum! What Fun!** by Mara Bergman*

**Yummy, Yucky** (board book) by Leslie Patricelli

**Non-Fiction**

**Favorite Food Facts** (series) by Pebble Plus

**First Facts: First Cookbooks** (series) by Sarah Schuette

Bright, appealing photographs combine with simple, healthy recipes in these cookbooks with kid-appeal. Titles in this series include A Pirate Cookbook, A Ballerina Cookbook, A Halloween Cookbook, and more. The Superhero Cookbook features recipes for “Gamma Rays” a.k.a. sandwich kabobs and “Crime-Fighting Carrots” to heighten “x-ray vision.” Each volume contains approximately seven recipes as well as illustrated step-by-step instructions and a guide to kitchen tools and techniques. Simple enough for preschool – early elementary aged children to prepare with adult help, these recipes will complement a themed party and may coax a picky eater into trying something new.

**Food Jokes** by Pam Rosenberg

**Grover’s Guide to Good Eating** by Naomi Kleinberg

**Healthy Eating with MyPlate** (beginning reader series) by Nancy Dickmann

**Rah, Rah, Radishes!: A Vegetable Chant** by April Pulley Sayre

**Sam the Chef** by Felicity Brooks

**To Market, To Market** by Nikki McClure

**The Monster Health Book** by Edward Miller (ages 5+)

**Start to Finish, Second Series: Food** (series) by Lerner Publications

**What’s On MyPlate** (series) by Marie Schuh

**Yummy Tummy Recipes** (series) by Marilyn La Penta

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