

Here are some great books to read before kindergarten. These were hand-picked by Washington County library staff. Find your new favorite book today! Ask your local library staff for more recommendations.

Into the Snow Yuki Kaneko
A mother and child play and explore outside on a snowy day.

Don't Throw It to Mo David A. Adler
Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins, his football team. Mo's coach has a plan to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins in this early chapter book!

One Word from Sophia Jim Averbeck
Sophia has one true desire for her birthday. Will her presentations, proposals, and pie charts help her get it? Turns out, all it takes is one word.

Juna's Jar Jane Bahk
Determined to find her friend, Juna turns to her special kimchi jar for help each night. What Juna finds is that adventure--and new friends--can be found in the most unexpected places.

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match Monica Brown
Clothes, food, recess games—Marisol's mismatched favorites might be confusing to everyone else, but they make perfect sense to her.

Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Peña
A grandparent and grandchild talk about the beauty and fun in the world around them while riding the city bus.

Fire! ¡Fuego! Brave Bomberos Susan Middleton Elya
Spanish words sprinkled throughout the lively text—plus a glossary at the end—will enrich young readers as they cheer for the firefighters to save the day.

Lailah's Lunchbox Reem Faruqi
Lailah is so excited that she is old enough to fast with her parents and friends during Ramadan; but first, she wants to find a way to explain it to her classmates and teachers.

Sofia Martinez: The Secret Recipe Jacqueline Jules
Sofia helps her grandmother make rice pudding for the church dinner, but things don't go as planned. Find out if Sofia is able to fix the recipe in this early chapter book.

Me...Jane Patrick McDonnell
As the young Jane Goodall observes the natural world around her with wonder, she dreams of “a life living with and helping all animals,” until one day she finds that her dream has come true.

Niño Wrestles the World Yuyi Morales
No opponent is too big a challenge for the cunning skills of Niño – popsicle eater, toy lover, somersault expert, and world champion lucha libre competitor!

If You Plant a Seed Kadir Nelson
Learn the process of planting and growing a seed, and about how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.

The Book with No Pictures BJ Novak
A book with no pictures? What could be fun about that? There's nothing to look at but the words on the page.... Words that make you say silly sounds... in ridiculous voices!

I Don't Want to Be a Frog Dev Petty
Frog reads about other animals and decides he no longer wants to be a frog. With the help of his father, Frog realizes that being who he is can be a pretty good thing after all.

One Family George Shannon
A playful, interactive book that shows how a family can be big or small and made up of people of a range of genders and races.

Hiccupotamus Steve Smallman
The jungle animals are having a musical celebration! Everyone has a music-making talent to share. But what is that silly Hippo doing?

Interrupting Chicken David Ezra Stein
It's time for the little red chicken's bedtime story – and a reminder from Papa to try not to interrupt. But the chicken can't help herself!

Ming Goes to School Deidre Sullivan
Ming is ready to start school! She is curious and playful and ready for adventure, but even she gets scared of new things sometimes.


Alphabet Trains Samantha Vamos
All aboard for a train ride through the alphabet! With a bouncy rhyming text, and clever illustrations full of visual cues, young readers will love learning all about trains.

Wild About Us! Karen Beaumont
Wouldn't it be dull if all the animals at the zoo – and all the people in the world – looked alike? A joyful picture-book celebration of everything that makes us individuals!

Did you know?

If your child turns 5 before September 1, they can register for kindergarten!

Get your student ready by registering for kindergarten before the end of this school year. **Don't wait!** The sooner you register, the better for your child.

Call 211 to find the school nearest you. 

Reading aloud to your child and sharing books at home are great ways to get your child ready for school.

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