

Book Collection



Mission

The Raising A Reader mission is to foster healthy brain development, parent-child bonding and early literacy skills critical for school success by engaging parents in a routine of daily "book cuddling" with their children from birth to age five.



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About Our Book Collection

The Raising A Reader book collection includes over 600 titles from over 35 different publishers.

Genres:

Book titles are carefully chosen to represent a wide selection of concept genres including:

- ★ Rhythm and Rhyme
- ★ Colors
- ★ Numeracy
- ★ Alphabet/Letters
- ★ Shapes
- ★ Wordless/Limited Text
- ★ Fable/Folklore
- ★ Diversity themes

Multicultural Focus:

In addition to ensuring that our books meet these developmental objectives, we include books that reflect both the broad diversity of the world and the specific cultures of the families that we serve.

Our book collections are designed to provide children with both a window to the great world that surrounds them and a mirror of the world that they know.

Multi-Lingual Options:

In order to support the home language of our nation's fastest growing immigrant population (per U.S. 2000 Census), we have developed Book Bag kits in Spanish for all age ranges.

Due to the difficulty and expense of finding high-quality children's books in languages other than Spanish and English, we do not currently offer books in other languages in our Book Bag kits, although our award-winning parent DVD/Video "*Read Aloud: Share a Book With Me*" is currently dubbed in 14 different languages and more can be added as needed.

Book Bag Kits:

Through our "build-a-kit" system, kits can be designed to meet individual classroom needs. Kits can be tailor-made to meet age, language, and diversity needs. A kit is made up of a foundation set and additional supplemental building blocks that can be added on as needed.

Each foundation set of 10 includes 40 books, Red Book Bags, Blue Library Bags, parent videos or DVDs, and a teacher attaché.

(Note that we recommend that each classroom or setting have 1-2 extra bags in case of absence or loss.)

Supplemental building blocks come in groups of 5 and include 20 books, Red Book Bags, Blue library bags, parent videos or DVDs.

Book Availability:

We cannot guarantee that all kits will have the same titles—books frequently go in and out of print and some publishers take longer to ship than others do.

What we can guarantee is that all books will be beautiful, age-appropriate, and diverse in nature—and will reflect the genres listed above. For examples of some of the classics that we include in our kits, see the *Sample Book List by Genre*. →

Sample Book List by Genre

Rhythm and Rhyme:

All the Colors of the Earth, by Sheila Hamanaka
(3-4 English)

Is Your Mama a Llama, by Deborah Guarino
(3-4 English)

Feast for 10, by Cathryn Falwell
(4-6 African American)

The Baby Chicks are Singing/Los Pollitos Dicen, by
Ashley Wolff (0-2 Spanish)

Numbers:

Hippos Go Berserk, by Sandra Boynton (0-2 English)

Marcos Counts: One, Two, Three, by Tomie De Paola
(0-2 Spanish)

Mojo Means One: A Swahili Counting Book, by Muriel
Feelings (3-4 Mixed Diversity)

One Woolly Wombat, by Rod Trinca (4-6 English)

One Duck Stuck, by Phyllis Root (0-2 English)

Wordless/Limited Text:

Pancakes for Breakfast, by Tomie De Paola
(3-4 English)

Look What I Can Do!, by Jose Aruego (4-6 English)

A Boy, A Dog and A Frog, by Mercer Mayer
(3-4 English)

White on Black, by Tana Hoban (0-2 English)

Mama: A True Story, by Jeanette Winter
(4-6 English)

Colors:

Baby Gecko's Colors/Colores de Bebé Geco, by
Nancy Twinem (3-4 Spanish)

Red is the Dragon, by Roseanne Thong
(3-4 Mixed Diversity)

Blue Hat, Green Hat, by Sandra Boynton
(0-2 English)

Please Note: This list is a sample of books in our collection based on language and age range. There is no guarantee these books will be available at the time of purchase.

Shapes:

Bear in a Square, by Stella Blackstone, (3-4 English)

It Looked Like Spilt Milk, by Charles G. Shaw
(3-4 English)

My Shapes/Mis Formas, by Rebecca Emberley
(0-2 Spanish)

Flip A Shape: Go!, by Sami (0-2 English)

Round is a Mooncake, by Roseanne Thong
(3-4 Mixed Diversity)

Fable/Folklore:

Anansi and the Magic Stick, by Eric A. Kimmel
(4-6 English)

The Bossy Gallito/El Gallo de Bodas, by Lucia M.
Gonzalez (4-6 Spanish)

How the Stars Fell into the Sky: A Navajo Legend,
by Jerrie Oughton (4-6 Mixed Diversity)

Mole's Hill: A Woodland Tale, by Lois Ehlert
(4-6 English)

Alphabet/Letters:

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z, by Lois Ehlert (0-2 and 4-6 English – Paperback and Board versions available)

The Children's Alphabet (Los Ninos Alfabeticos), by
Lourdes Ayala (4-6 Spanish)

Brian Wildsmith's ABC, by Brian Wildsmith
(3-4 Spanish)

A B C, by DK Publishers (0-2 English)

Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English, by Alma Flor Ada (4-6 Spanish)

Other Concept Genres Included:

- ★ Diversity themes
- ★ Developmental Stages
- ★ Nature/Environment
- ★ Expository text/information
- ★ Social/Emotional Well-being
- ★ Cause/Effect and other complex concepts
- ★ Predictability and Repetitive/Pattern