

Popular Picture Book Series

Madeline—EJ Bemelmans

The Berenstain Bears—EJ Berenstain

Clifford—EJ Bridwell

Arthur—EJ Brown

Maisy—EJ Cousins

Strega Nona—EJ DePaola

Llama Llama—EJ Dewdney

Olivia—EJ Falconer

Corduroy—EJ Freeman

Angelina Ballerina—EJ Holabird

Spot—EJ Hill

Rocket—EJ Hills

Pinkalicious—EJ Kann

Groovy Joe — EJ Litwin

The Nuts—EJ Litwin

Froggy—EJ London

Little Critter—EJ Mayer

I'm Dirty/Smart/Stinky... —EJ McMullan

If You Give...—EJ Numeroff

Fancy Nancy—EJ O'Connor

Peppa Pig—EJ Peppa

Pete the Cat—EJ Pete

Curious George—EJ Rey

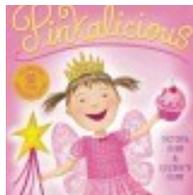
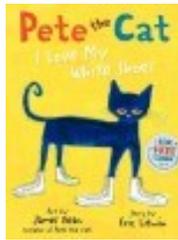
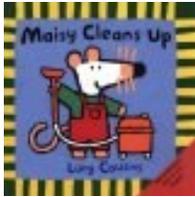
Ladybug Girl—EJ Soman

Thomas—EJ Thomas

Knuffle Bunny—EJ Willems

The Pigeon—EJ Willems

How Do Dinosaurs...—EJ Yolen



Popular Picture Book Authors

Aliki

Frank Asch

Mac Barnett

Byron Barton

Andrea Beatty

Jan and Stan Berenstain

Jan Brett

Margaret Wise Brown

Eve Bunting

Eric Carle

Tomie DePaola

Anna Dewdney

Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Doreen Cronin

Michael Dahl

Drew Daywalt

Kelly DiPucchio

Disney

Emma Dodd

Lois Ehlert

Greg Foley

Mem Fox

Denise Fleming

Kevin Henkes

Ryan T. Higgins

Eric Hill

John Jory

Stephen Kellogg

Jon Klassen

Leo Lionni

Eric Litwin

Bill Martin

Christie Matheson

Kate & Jim McMullan

Zachariah Ohora

Todd Parr

Leslie Patricelli

Greg Pizzoli

Antoinette Portis

Adam Rex

Aaron Reynolds

Anne Rockwell

Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Adam Rubin

Cynthia Rylant

Jon Scieszka

Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Dr. Seuss

David Shannon

Bob Shea

Phillip Stead

Jan Thomas

Chris Van Allsburg

Melanie Watt

Rosemary Wells

David Wiesner

Mo Willems

Jane Yolen

Riverdale Public Library Recommended Picture Books for Toddlers and Children



This list includes classics and newer picture books sure to become classics.

All picture books are located in the Picture Book section or the New Picture Book section and start with the call number EJ.

Summaries provided by library catalog and/or Novelist database.

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Picture Books for Toddlers & Children

Unplugged—NEW EJ Antony

Blip is always plugged into her computer--until one day a blackout forces her outdoors, and she discovers that the real world is a lot more interesting than she realized.

Extra Yarn—EJ Barnett (Caldecott Shelf)

A young girl and her box of magical yarn transform a community.

Noisy Night —EJ Barnett

A clever picture book about a multi-level apartment building's occupants and their many nighttime noises.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs—EJ Barrett

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice and snows mashed potatoes—until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Ada Twist, Scientist—EJ Beaty

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world. Related titles include [Rosie Revere, Engineer](#) and [Iggy Peck, Architect](#).

What If...—NEW EJ Berger

A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative.

A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo – NEW EJ Bundo

Meet Marlon Bundo, a lonely bunny who lives at the Naval Observatory with his Grandpa, the Vice President of the United States. But on this Very Special Day, Marlon's life is about to change forever.

I Am Not a Chair! - EJ Burach

A giraffe's day goes from bad to worse when every animal he encounters mistakes him for a chair.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar—EJ Carle

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large and varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type—EJ Cronin

When Farmer Brown's cows learn to type, they send him a note demanding electric blankets.

The Day the Crayons Quit—EJ Daywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to color, but when he opens his box of crayons, he finds his crayons have had enough!

Du Iz Tak?—EJ Ellis

Readers are invited to imagine the dramatic possibilities to be found in the natural world, even the humblest back garden!

Go Away, Big Green Monster!—EJ Emberley

Features die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed—and taken away. Designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

Bark, George—EJ Feiffer

George is a puppy who does not sound like a puppy should, despite the efforts of his mother.

Bear Is Not Tired—EJ Gavin

Bear is supposed to sleep through the winter, but he doesn't want to miss out on any of the fun. Fortunately, Mama Duck comes up with a plan that will help everyone have the perfect winter. Related titles include [Bear Likes Jam](#).

Is Your Mama a Llama?—EJ Guarino

A young llama asks his friends if their mothers are llamas, and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other animals.

My Friend Maggie—EJ Harrison

Paula and Maggie are best friends until Paula starts playing with some new friends instead, but when her new playmates turn on her, it's Maggie who rushes to Paula's defense.

Kitten's First Full Moon—EJ Henkes (Caldecott Shelf)

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Flora & the...—EJ Idle

Wordless picture books that capture the ups and downs of coordinating a dance with feathered friends.

Pinkalicious—EJ Kann

A little girl obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she herself turns pink.

Same, Same But Different—EJ Kosteck-Shaw

Two boys in seemingly very different cultures on opposite parts of the world become pen pals and are able to see both similarities and differences in their every day lives.

Fort-Building Time—EJ Lloyd

An exploration of building forts throughout all four seasons.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?—EJ Martin

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom—EJ Martin

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Tap the Magic Tree—EJ Matheson

Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves.

Make Way for Ducklings—EJ McCloskey (Caldecott Shelf)

How will Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings cross the busy street to the pond? With the help of the Boston Police!

The Book with No Pictures—EJ Novak

What's in a picture book with no pictures? Silly words children will beg you to read over and over!

Not a Box — EJ Portis

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.

Good Night, Gorilla—EJ Rathmann

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind at the zoo.

Creepy Carrots—EJ Reynolds

The carrots that grow in Crackerhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepycarrots wherever he goes. Now also available: [Creepy Pair of Underwear!](#)

Mighty, Mighty Construction Site—EJ Rinker

Told in rhyming text, Excavator, Bulldozer, Crane Truck, Dump Truck, and Cement Mixer will all need to work together as they tackle their biggest job yet--a massive building. Related titles include [Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site](#).

We're Going On A Bear Hunt—EJ Rosen

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a quick retreat.

Uni the Unicorn—EJ Rosenthal

Uni the unicorn believes that little girls are real.

Dear Girl—NEW EJ Rosenthal

Encourages readers to accept and love themselves as they are and advises them to be confident, curious, adaptable, and willing to speak up.

Dragons Love Tacos—EJ Rubin

Chicken tacos, beef tacos, big tacos, tiny tacos. If you want to lure a dragon to your party, you should definitely serve tacos! Now available: [Dragons Love Tacos 2!](#)

Where the Wild Things Are—EJ Sendak (Caldecott Shelf)

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Let's Play!—EJ Tullet

A lively yellow dot leads the reader through a journey through color, shape, and a child's imagination. Related titles include [Mix It Up!](#) and [Press Here](#).

What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night—EJ Tuma

Humorous picture book that captures the antics the toy dinosaurs got up to the night before.

What To Do With a Box — EJ Yolen

Jane Yolen poetically reminds young readers that a simple box can be a child's most imaginative plaything as artist Chris Sheban illustrates its myriad and magical uses.