

Read for Real

Using Information Books with Young Children

You can teach your child many things using picture books with facts and realistic pictures. It will help him to read and gather information about the world. It will answer his curiosity and give him pleasure. It will build on knowledge he already has. By connecting with interests he has, he will become a better reader.

The following books have been selected as appropriate for sharing with children in preschool through second grade. Find these and other information books at your neighborhood Chicago Public Library. Ask your librarian for other suggested titles on subjects of interest to your child.

Concept Books

Alphabet Books

A is for Africa by Ifeoma Onyefulu
The City ABC Book by Zoran Milich
Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English by Alma Flor Ada
The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet Book by Deborah Lee Rose
The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Colors

Chidi Only Likes Blue: An African Book of Colors by Ifeoma Onyefulu
City Colors by Zoran Milich
Growing Colors by Bruce McMillan
Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Spicy Hot Colors/Colores Picantes by Sherry Shahan
White is for Blueberry by George Shannon



Counting

City 1 2 3 by Zoran Milich
Grandfather Counts by Andrea Cheng
Jelly Beans for Sale by Bruce McMillan
Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book by Yuyi Morales
One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: A Counting by Feet Book by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre
Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond by Cathryn Falwell



The Physical World Around Us

All Around the Town

Building a House by Byron Barton
Construction Zone by Tana Hoban
Firefighters A to Z by Chris L. Demarest
Garbage Collectors by Paulette Bourgeois
Home by Jeannie Baker
Houses and Homes by Ann Morris
I Live in a City by Stasia Ward Kehoe
I Read Signs by Tana Hoban
I Read Symbols by Tana Hoban
In My Neighborhood: Police Officers by Paulette Bourgeois
On the Town: A Community Adventure by Judith Caseley



Science Surrounds Us

Guess Whose Shadow? by Stephen R. Swinburne
I Fall Down by Vicki Cobb
I See Myself by Vicki Cobb
Pop! A Book About Bubbles by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Sounds All Around by Wendy Pfeffer



Transportation

All Aboard!: A True Train Story by Susan Kuklin
Freight Train by Donald Crews
Get to Work Trucks! by Don Carter
On the Go by Ann Morris
School Bus by Donald Crews



The Natural World Around Us

Animals

About Birds: A Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill
About Fish: A Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill
About Reptiles: A Guide for Children by Cathryn Sill
Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Animal Dads by Sneed B. Collard III
Animals in Winter by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard G. Van Gelder
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins
Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth Heller
A Children's Zoo by Tana Hoban
Ducks Don't Get Wet by Augusta Goldin
The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins
How to Talk to Your Cat by Jean Craighead George
How To Talk to Your Dog by Jean Craighead George
Little Shark by Anne Rockwell
The Milk Makers by Gail Gibbons
One Tiny Turtle by Nicola Davies
Pigs by Gail Gibbons
Red-Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins
Where Are the Night Animals? by Mary Ann Fraser
Wonderful Worms by Linda Glaser



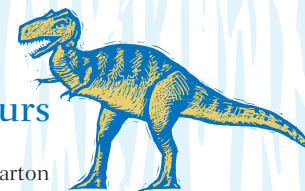
Insects

Ant Cities by Arthur Dorros
Bugs by Nancy Winslow Parker and Joan Richards Wright
Insects Are My Life by Megan McDonald
Spinning Spiders by Melvin Berger
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert



Archaeology and Dinosaurs

Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones by Byron Barton
Digging Up Dinosaurs by Aliki
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs by Byron Barton
Fossils Tell of Long Ago by Aliki
Magic School Bus in the Time of the Dinosaurs by Joanna Cole
My Visit to the Dinosaurs by Aliki



Habitats and Homes

Atlantic by G. Brian Karas
Castles, Caves, and Honeycombs by Linda Ashman
Hello Ocean/Hola Mar by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Here is the Coral Reef by Madeleine Dunphy
A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman
I See a Kookaburra!: Discovering Animal Habitats Around the World by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
Is this a House for Hermit Crab? by Megan McDonald
On the Farm: A First Discovery Look-and-Learn Book by Sonia W. Black and Gallimard Jeunesse
On the Way to the Beach by Henry Cole
Whose House? by Barbara Seuling



Plants

Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell
Are Trees Alive? by Debbie S. Miller
Autumn Leaves by Ken Robbins
From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons
A Grand Old Tree by Mary Newell DePalma
How A Seed Grows by Helene Jordan
Leaves! Leaves! Leaves! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
Pumpkin Circle: the Story of a Garden by George Levenson
Pumpkin Day! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
Seeds by Ken Robbins
Seeds! Seeds! Seeds! by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace



Space

Is There Life in Outer Space? by Franklyn M. Branley
The Planets by Gail Gibbons
Stars! Stars! Stars! by Bob Barner
The Sun is My Favorite Star by Frank Asch
Zoo in the Sky: a Book of Animal Constellations by Jacqueline Mitton



Weather and Seasons

Fall by Ron Hirschi
How Do You Know It's Spring? by Allan Fowler
I Face the Wind by Vicki Cobb
I Get Wet by Vicki Cobb
If Frogs Made the Weather by Marion Dane Bauer
In the Woods: Who's Been Here? by Lindsay Barrett George
Summer by Ron Hirschi
When Winter Comes by Robert Maas

