

Give a child the gift of reading! Encourage the child in your life to read books that make them laugh, take them on trips to faraway places, or simply make them wild about books. The Chicago Public Library suggests these children's books, all published in 2008, as perfect gifts to get caught reading on any occasion, all year round.

The Chicago Public Library's next Bookmania celebration is November 21, 2009. You can celebrate Bookmania every day by getting a library card and using it, reading aloud with a child twenty minutes a day and having these and other wonderful books in your home.

For the Littlest Book Lovers

10 Things I Can Do to Help My World: Fun and Easy Eco-Tips

By Melanie Walsh
Candlewick, Ages 3-6

This 100% recycled book shows how easily even the youngest citizens of Earth can read green and live green every day.

Alphabet

By Matthew Van Fleet
Simon & Schuster, Ages 2-6

This alphabetic menagerie, from alligators, to zorillas—that's right, zorillas!—is an interactive delight with flaps, pull-tabs and touchable textures for young hands and imaginations.

Little Hoot

By Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Jen Corace
Chronicle, Ages 4-6

Life in the roost just isn't fair for Little Hoot; his parents make him stay up late every single night, even long after his all of his friends have gone to bed.

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy

By Mo Willems
Hyperion, Ages 2-6

And he'll do anything to get one!

Sweet Dreams/Dulces sueños

By Pat Mora, illustrated by Maribel Suárez
HarperCollins/Rayo, Ages 1-6

From the *My Family/Mi familia* series comes a charming and gentle goodnight story for all families.

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

By Mem Fox, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
Harcourt, Birth-age 2

No matter where in the world they live, babies have a lot in common, most importantly lots of love.

Picture Book Delights

Born to Read

By Judy Sierra, illustrated by Marc Brown
Knopf, Ages 4-8

Everybody is born to read, and this fun, rhyming romp shows lots of things you can do with a book from basketball to outer space flying.

Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp

By Denise Fleming
Holt, Ages 5-8

Off to Sagebrush Kennels for the weekend whether he likes it or not, Buster soon discovers that he's become a real canine buckaroo.

Doo-Wop Pop

By Roni Schotter, illustrated by Bryan Collier
HarperCollins/Amistad, Ages 7-10

When the quiet kids in school come together, and their tune fills the room, they make beautiful music that will last forever.

Melvin Might?

By Jon Scieszka, David Shannon, David Gordon and Loren Long
Simon & Schuster, Ages 3-7

Melvin is one mixed-up cement mixer, but luckily for him his friends in Trucktown are there to help him through the sticky times.

Too Many Toys

By David Shannon
Scholastic/Blue Sky, Ages 3-7

Is such a thing even possible?!

Truck Stuck

By Sallie Wolf, illustrated by Andy Robert Davies
Charlesbridge, Ages 4-7

As more and more vehicles get caught in a traffic jam it's up to the neighborhood kids to figure out how to get everyone unstuck and on their way.

Willie and the All-Stars

By Floyd Cooper
Philomel, Ages 7-9

Willie scores tickets to an exhibition game between All-Stars from the Negro League and Major League at Wrigley Field in 1942 and the excitement and dreaming are contagious.

Going Global

The Little Matador

By Julian Hector
Hyperion, Ages 3-7

Introduce yourself to this brave young man who, in the great peace-loving tradition of Ferdinand, would rather draw a picture than draw a sword.

Grandma Calls Me Beautiful

By Barbara M. Joosse, illustrated by Barbara Lavalley
Chronicle, Ages 2-6

In the lush and lovely land of Hawai'i a beloved granddaughter is happily reassured by the knowledge that she is loved more than anything.

The Magic Pillow

By Demi
Simon & Schuster/McElderry, Ages 7-10

In this sumptuously illustrated story a poor young boy living in the mountains of China dreams of great things in life and yet learns that wisdom and truth are the most valuable things of all.

The Scrambled States of America Talent Show

By Laurie Keller
Holt, Ages 6-8

Sit back and enjoy the show as the fifty states perform all kinds of amazing stunts and prove just what a talented country we all live in.

The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos

By Lucía M. González, illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Children's Book Press, Ages 6-9

This is the inspiring true story of how one special librarian many years ago, Pura Belpré, showed all the children in her community that "la biblioteca es para todos."

Wish: Wishing Traditions around the World

By Roseanne Thong, illustrated by Elisa Kleven
Chronicle, Ages 4-8

Whether by putting a penny in your shoe, blowing on a dandelion or casting your hopes onto a dashing weasel, this worldwide collection and charmingly beautiful pictures will make your wishes for a wonderful book come true.

Join the Adventure

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)

By Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by John Hendrix
Schwartz & Wade, Ages 6-9

If it wasn't for Benjamin Austin Gollaher somebody else would have been our sixteenth president and you'll soon see why in this folksy edge-of-your-seat tale from America's early days.

The 39 Clues Series

Scholastic, Ages 9-12

The Maze of Bones By Rick Riordan
One False Note By Gordon Korman

This new series features books by your favorite authors which tell the story of the world's most powerful family, and readers can get the adventure underway with these first two titles and by joining in the search for clues at www.the39clues.com.

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka

By Jon Scieszka
Viking, Ages 8-12

There was never a dull day at the Scieszka house (sound familiar?) so take a funny peek into the lives of these six brothers and find out how one of them grew up to be a rich and famous author and the first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

Masterpiece

By Elise Broach
Holt, Ages 9-12

Part *The Cricket in Times Square*, part *Chasing Vermeer* and all wholly original, this tale filled with adventure, friendship, mystery and art will satisfy anyone who's ever felt invisible.

Nick of Time: An Adventure Through Time

By Ted Bell
St. Martin's Griffin, **Ages 10 and up**
 If anyone you know loves Harry Potter, Long John Silver, Indiana Jones, or all three, then this is the book for them!

Spycraft: The Complete Book of Spycraft

By Dugald Steer
Candlewick, **Ages 9 and up**
 Get on the case with Agent K and uncover the ins and outs of espionage.

Winning Words: Sports Stories and Photographs

By Charles R. Smith Jr.
Candlewick, **Ages 9-13**
 All kinds of athletes overcome the odds to succeed on the field and in life in these six inspirational and exciting tales.

Curious and Crazy Creatures

Don't Bump the Glump! And Other Fantasies

By Shel Silverstein
 HarperCollins, **Ages 5 and up**
 Silverstein's first book of wacky and wild poetry is back and here come the Slithergadee and the Wild Gazite, not to mention the Long-Necked Preposterous.

The Elephant and Piggie Books

By Mo Willems
Hyperion, **Ages 5-8**
Are You Ready to Play Outside?
I Love My New Toy!
I Will Surprise My Friend!

Elephant and Piggie build reading skills and tickle funny bones in each of these hilarious adventures.

Frankenstein Takes the Cake

By Adam Rex
Harcourt, **Ages 8-12**
 A monster's life is not easy, especially when he wants to get married, but laughing all the way through this dynamic collection of frightening poems is a piece of . . . well, cake.

Get the Facts

Brothers and Sisters: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World

By Robin Page, illustrated by Steve Jenkins
Houghton Mifflin, **Ages 7-9**
 If you think your house is full of wild animals, take a look at what it's like in these families as brothers and sisters grow, learn and eat together.

Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany

By Jane O'Connor, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser
HarperCollins, **Ages 6-8**
 If you yearn for a more joyous vocabulary, simply use this compendium, *s'il vous plait*, and soon you will have a knack for glorious language. *Ooh la la!*

Lincoln Shot!: A President's Life Remembered

By Barry Denenberg, illustrated by Christopher Bing
Feiwel and Friends, **Ages 9 and up**
 As they gear up to celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday, young history buffs will devour this big book designed to look like an old fashioned newspaper which is crammed full with stories from an amazing life.

Moon Landing

By Richard Platt and David Hawcock
Candlewick, **Ages 8 and up**
 Blast off with this out-of-this-world pop-up book and discover the science and surprises behind the launch of *Apollo 11* forty years ago.

Our White House: Looking Out, Looking In

National Children's Book and Literary Alliance
Candlewick, **Ages 9 and up**
 From presidents to parrots and grandchildren to ghosts, many have lived, worked, and made history at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and here more than 100 authors and illustrators provide a one-of-a-kind tour of The People's House.

The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body

By David Macaulay
Houghton Mifflin, **Ages 10 and up**
 This masterpiece really gets under your skin to provide a fascinating and unique guide to what's inside each of us and how it helps us do what we do.



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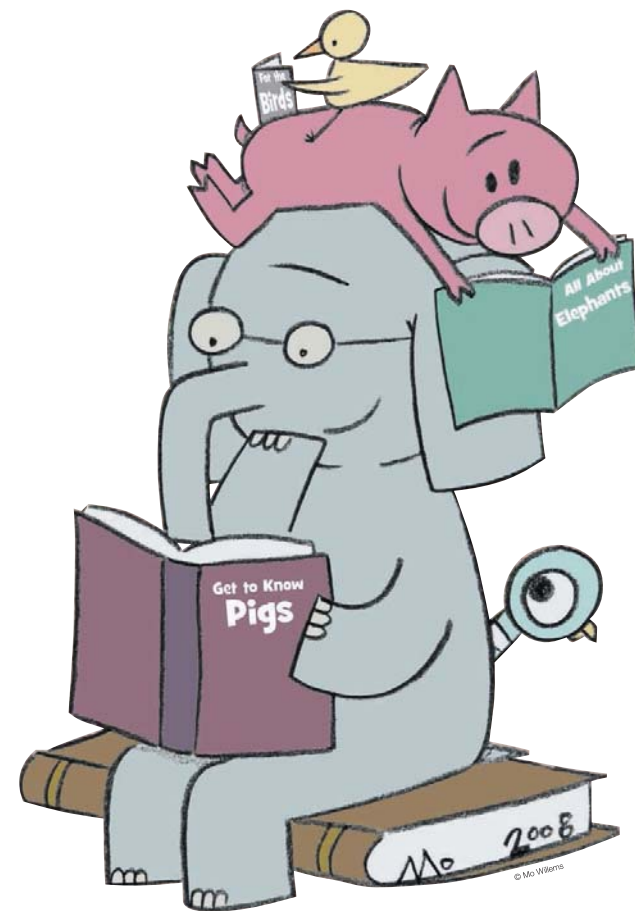


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