



Print and Web Resources for Reading to Children

Recommended Print Resources for Parents:

Barr, Catherine and John T. Gillespie. *Best Books for Children*.

Barstow, Barbara, Leslie Molnar and Judith Riggle. *Beyond Beginning Readers: Subject Access to Best Books for Beginning Readers*.

Blakemore, Caroline J. and Barbara Weston Ramirez. *Baby Read-Aloud Basics*. (not for school-aged children—but we want to start them out EARLY!)

Codell, Esmé Raji. *How to Get Your Child to Love Reading*.

Fox, Mem. *Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever*.

Keane, Nancy J. *The Big Book of Children's Reading Lists*.

Nash, Jennie. *Raising a Reader: A Mother's Tale of Desperation and Delight*.

Odean, Kathleen. *Great Books for Boys*.

Odean, Kathleen. *Great Books for Girls*.

Pearl, Nancy. *Book Crush*.

Silvey, Anita. *Best Books for Children*.

Trelease, Jim. *The Read-Aloud Handbook*.

Websites

ALA Notable Books

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnoteable/notablechibooks/index.cfm>

A new list of the most notable books for children is published on this site each year, around February.

The John Newbery Medal

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal.cfm>

Awarded by the American Library Association (ALA) for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children aged 0-14; awarded in late January for books published in the previous year.

Mid Continent Library Series & Sequels website

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/series/juv/>

A great database that you can search for the next book in a favorite series—searchable by series name, author, title, and series subject.

National Education Association (NEA): Educators' Top 100 Books

<http://www.nea.org/grants/13154.htm>

National Education Association (NEA): Kids' Top 100 Books

<http://www.nea.org/grants/13110.htm>

The Randolph Caldecott Medal

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.cfm>

Awarded by the American Library Association (ALA) to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States in the preceding year.

Read-Aloud Books Too Good to Miss--AIME

<http://www.ilfonline.org/Programs/readaloud.htm>

Published every year by the Association for Indiana Media Educators (school librarians).

SJCPL: Kids' Place

<http://www.sjcpl.org/kids/>

Check out the St. Joseph County Public Library's website for booklists, programs and more. The TumbleBook Library is a great collection of free, animated books.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward/index.cfm>

The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year. The award was inaugurated in 2006.

Young Hoosier Book Award

<http://www.ilfonline.org/Programs/yhba.htm>

Started in 1974 by the Association for Indiana Media Educators (AIME), Indiana school librarians help to choose the books on the short list. In the spring, students throughout Indiana vote for their favorites.

Blogs

The Planet Esme Plan: The Best New Children's Books from Esme's Shelf

<http://planetesme.blogspot.com>

Kids Lit: Books and More for Children and Teens

<http://kidslit.menashalibrary.org/>

The best all-around children's literature blog, done by the director of the Greenlake (WI) Public Library, Tasha Saecker.

Kids Book Blog Wilmette PL

<http://www.wilmettelibrary.info/kids/bookblog/kids/>

Children from Wilmette (IL) writing about their favorite books! Let's start a kids' book blog here in St. Joseph County Public Library! E-mail me @ k.springer@sjcpl.org!

Cynsations

<http://cynthialeitichsmith.blogspot.com/>

Information about children's literature, publishing, and more from children's author and teacher Cynthia Leitch Smith.

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