Books about visiting the library, learning to read, and loving books.

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**Amelia Bedelia, Bookworm**

Herman Parish  
(Juvenile Early Readers - J-ER Par)  
The literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos at her local library when she stops by to help the librarian.

**Clara and the Bookwagon**

Nancy Smiler Levinson  
(Juvenile Early Readers - J-ER Le)  
Clara's dream of enriching her rough life on the family farm is fulfilled when a horse-drawn book wagon visits with the country's first traveling library.

**I Can Read with My Eyes Shut**

Dr. Seuss  
(Juvenile Early Readers - J-ER Se)  
The Cat in the Hat takes Young Cat in tow to show him the fun he can get out of reading.

**Look! I Can Read!**

Susan Hood  
(Juvenile Early Readers - J-ER Ho)  
A young girl demonstrates to her mother and father how well she has learned to read.
Marvin One Too Many

Katherine Paterson
(Juvenile Early Readers - J-ER Pa)
When Marvin refuses to go back to his new school because he is the only one in his class who cannot read, his father decides to help him learn by reading with him.

Bats at the Library

Brian Lies
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Lie)
Bored with another normal, inky evening, bats discover an open library window and fly in to enjoy the photocopier, water fountain, and especially the books and stories found there.

Biblioburro : A True Story from Colombia

Jeanette Winter
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 921 Soriano Win)
"After amassing piles of books, Luis, a voracious reader, dreams up a way to share his collection with 'faraway villages.' He starts with two burros--one for himself, one for books--and heads off. Tough terrain and menacing bandits challenge him along the way, but at last he reaches a remote town, where he holds a story hour and loans titles to eager kids before returning home to his wife and reading late into the night."

A Book is a Book

Jenny Bornholdt
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bor)
Books can be true and not true and sometimes they can be both at the same time. A book belongs in a library, on a bookshelf, in a bookshop, in your house. A story belongs wherever a story belongs. If it's Sunday and raining, a book is the perfect thing. Even a small book, because boredom can be very big.

Book! Book! Book!

Deborah Bruss
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Br)
When the children go back to school, the animals on the farm are bored, so they go into the library in town trying to find something to do.

**The Boy who was Raised by Librarians**

Carla Morris  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Mor)  
Melvin discovers that the public library is the place where he can find just about anything--including three librarians who help in his quest for knowledge.

**Carlo and the Really Nice Librarian**

Jessica Spanyol  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Sp)  
When Carlo the giraffe and Crackers the cat visit the new library, they meet Mrs. Chinca, a very friendly and helpful librarian.

**Charlie and Lola: But Excuse Me That is My Book**

Lauren Child  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Charlie Hur)  
When Lola's favorite book is not on the library's shelf, her older brother, Charlie, tries to find another book she will enjoy.

**A Child of Books**

Oliver Jeffers  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Jef)  
A young reader introduces a boy to the many imaginative worlds that books bring to life.

**The Day Dirk Yeller Came to Town**

Mary Casanova
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Cas)
When outlaw Dirk Yeller arrives in Cowtown looking for something to take away his cat-scratch fever, young Sam, whose pa says he is "a world-a-trouble and curious as a tomcat," knows just what this dangerous and jittery criminal needs to calm him down.

**Dinosaur Vs. the Library**

*Bob Shea*
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej She)
Dinosaur is going to one of his favorite places, the library, and on the way he encounters a series of animals, including a cow, baby chicks, a turtle, and an owl, and shares his roars with each.

**Finding Lincoln**

*Ann Malaspina*
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Mal)
In segregated 1950s Alabama, Louis cannot use the public library to research a class assignment, but one of the librarians lets him in after hours and helps him find the book that he needs. Includes an author's note with historical information about library segregation in the South.

**Hot City**

*Barbara Joosse*
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Jo)
Mimi and her little brother Joe escape from home and the city's summer heat to read and dream about princesses and dinosaurs in the cool, quiet library.

**The Incredible Book Eating Boy**

*Oliver Jeffers*
(Juvenile Picture Books - E Jef)
Henry loves to eat books, until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
It’s a Book
Lane Smith
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Smi)
Two readers compare a print book to digital media, and learn books are still valuable.

A Library Book for Bear
Bonny Becker
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bec)
Although he sees no need for more books to read, Bear agrees to accompany Mouse to the library.

The Little Red Fish
Taeueun Yoo
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Yoo)
A little boy named JeJe explores a magical library with his friend, a little red fish.

Lola at the Library
Anna McQuinn
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Mcq)
Every Tuesday Lola and her mother visit their local library to return and check out books, attend story readings, and share a special treat.

The Lonely Book
Kate Bernheimer
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ber)
Once popular, an increasingly shabby library book grows lonely until a young girl rediscovers it, but when it becomes lost again both the book and the girl wonder if they will have a happy ending.

Maisy Goes to the Library
Lucy Cousins
Maisy goes to the library in search of a book about fish and a quiet place in which to read it.

**Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)**

*Barbara Bottner*  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Bot)  
A first-grade girl who does not like to read stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.

**A Perfectly Messed-Up Story**

*Patrick McDonnell*  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Mcd)  
Louie becomes angry when the story in which he appears is ruined by messes from jelly, peanut butter, and other things that do not belong in books.

**Quiet! There's a Canary in the Library**

*Don Freeman*  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Fr)  
Cary imagines a special day at the library when she invites only animals and birds to browse.

**Reading Makes You Feel Good**

*Todd Parr*  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Pa)  
Describes the characteristics and various advantages of reading.

**Stella Louella's Runaway Book**

*Lisa Campbell Ernst*  
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Er)  
As she tries to find the book that she must return to the library that day, Stella gathers a growing group of people who have all enjoyed reading the book.
The Storyteller's Candle - La Velita de los Cuentos

Lucia Gonzalez
(Espanol Juvenil - Ej Gon)
During the early days of the Great Depression, New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian, Pura Belpre, introduces the public library to immigrants living in El Barrio and hosts the neighborhood's first Three Kings' Day fiesta.

That Book Woman

Heather Henson
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Hen)
A family living in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1930s gets books to read during the regular visits of the "Book Woman"--a librarian who rides a pack horse through the mountains, lending books to the isolated residents.

Tomas and the Library Lady

Pat Mora
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Mo)
While helping his family in their work as migrant laborers far from their home, Tomas finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library.

Where Are My Books?

Debbie Ridpath Ohi
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ohi)
Spencer loves books and reads one every night, sometimes aloud, then puts the book back in its place, but one morning his favorite book is missing, and the next day another, each replaced by a different object.

Why I Will Never Ever Ever Ever Have Enough Time to Read This Book

Remy Charlip
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Ch)
A busy girl recounts all of the things she has to do in a day as she tries to find time to read.
Wild About Books

**Judy Sierra**
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Si)
A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

**Wolves**

**Emily Gravett**
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Gr)
When a young rabbit checks out a library book about wolves, he learns much more about their behavior than he wanted to know.

**Yoko Learns to Read**

**Rosemary Wells**
(Juvenile Picture Books - Ej Wel)
Despite the doubts of some classmates and her native-born Japanese mother's inability to read English, Yoko finds the key to reading and catches up with the other students in putting new leaves on the classroom's book tree.

**Down Cut Shin Creek : The Pack Horse Librarians of Kentucky**

**Kathi Appelt, Jeanne Cannella Schmitzer**
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 027 Ap)
Unlike WPA programs that built roads, bridges, and other public projects across the country, the work of the Kentucky pack-horse librarians is practically unknown. These women and men rose before dawn and followed dangerous mountain trails to deliver books, magazines, pamphlets, and scrapbooks to the schools and homes of some of America's poorest people.

**Hands Around the Library : Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books**

**Susan L. Roth, Karen Leggett Abouraya**
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 962 Rot)
During the 2011 Egyptian Revolution, hundreds of young people, led by library director Ismail Serageldin, joined hands around the world-famous Alexandria Library to protect it from damage by the marching crowds. Although much property was destroyed and many people died, the library survived
The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq

Jeanette Winter
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 921 Baker Win)

My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World

Margriet Ruurs
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 027.4 Ru)
Describes unusual mobile libraries found around the world.

Richard Wright and the Library Card

William Miller
(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 921 Wright Mil)
Based on a scene from Wright's autobiography, Black boy, in which the seventeen-year-old African-American borrows a white man's library card and devours every book as a ticket to freedom.