

OTHER MATERIALS

AUDIOS

Splat the Cat. Author and Illustrator: Rob Scotten. Narrator: John Keating. Music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds. Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods Studios, 2010. Length: 15 minutes. Format: CD. Experience the first day of school with Splat the Cat.

The True Story of the Three Little

Pigs. Author and Illustrator: Jon Scieszka. Narrator: Paul Giamatti. Music by Chris Thomas King. Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods Studios, 2008. Length: 8 minutes. Format: CD. Entertaining spin of a favorite tale told from the wolf's point of view.

VIDEOS

The Curious Garden. Author and Illustrator: Peter Brown. Narrator: Katherine Kellgren. Music by David Mansfield. Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods Studios, 2010. Length: 10 minutes. Format: DVD. Marvel as a boy's special garden spills into the dreary city

Scaredy Squirrel. Author and Illustrator: Mélanie Watt. Narrator: David de Vries. Music by Scotty Huff and Robert Reynolds. Norwalk, CT: Weston Woods Studios, 2011. Length: 7 minutes. Format: DVD. Children learn to face and laugh at everyday fears with Scaredy Squirrel.

SOFTWARE

Zoodles 3.4.4. Mountain View, CA: Inquisitive Minds, 2010. Online application for Mac, PC, iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android. Make learning fun! Math, reading, and adventure games your child will love. Free version is available.

Notable Children's Materials for K-2

Kathy Gaines

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best in children's books. The criteria for the list states that, "As applied to children's books, notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways."

For more award-winning books and non-print materials, visit American Library Association's website.

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists>



BOOKS

A Ball for Daisy. By Chris Raschka. New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2011. (E RAS). Your child will learn about loss as a little dog deals with the destruction of his most prized possession.



A New Year's Reunion: A Chinese Story. By Yu Li-Qiong. Illus. by Zhu Cheng-Liang. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011. (E QIO). Celebrate Chinese New Year with young Maomao and her family.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee. By Philip C. Stead. Illus. by Erin E. Stead. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, 2010. (E STE).

Entertain your child as Zookeeper Amos McGee gets a visit from some special friends.



Blackout. By John Rocco. New York, NY: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2011. (E ROC).

What happens when the power goes out? This family joins a block party that will never be forgotten.

The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden

Stirred. By Samantha R. Vamos, Illus. by Rafael López. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge 2011. (E VAM). Get ready to laugh when the farm animals have a hand or rather a hoof in preparing a bowl of arroz con leche.



Chicken said, "Cluck!" By Judyann Ackerman Grant, Illus. by Sue Truesdell. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2008. (E GRA). Your child will cheer as Chicken saves the day AND the pumpkin patch.

Chirchir Is Singing. By Kelly Cunnane, Illus. by Jude Daly. New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2011. (E CUN). Brimming with African folk art and culture, join Chirchir as she sings while helping with family chores.



Diary of a Spider. By Doreen Cronin, Illus. by Harry Bliss. New York, NY: Joanna Cotler Books, 2005. (E CRO). Who would have known that a spider's life was so adventurous? Learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

...MORE BOOKS

Duck on a Bike. By David Shannon. New York, NY: Blue Sky Press, 2002. (E SHA). Entertain your child with Duck's hilarious ride through the barnyard.



Grandpa Green. By Lane Smith. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, 2011. (E SMI). Experience a wildly fanciful garden tended by a child and his beloved great-grandfather.

Harley. By Star Livingston, Illus. by Molly Bang. New York, NY: SeaStar Books, 2001. (E LIV). A delightful story that teaches a lesson about fitting in. Meet Harley the llama as he finds his role as sheep guardian.



Harry and Hopper. By Margaret Wild, Illus. by Freya Blackwood. New York, NY: Feiwel and Friends, 2011. (E WIL). A child learns about grief and acceptance at the loss of a beloved pet.

I Broke My Trunk. By Mo Willems. New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children, 2011. (E WIL). Your child will learn about sequencing as Gerald the Elephant tells his friend Piggie about how he broke his trunk.

Interrupting Chicken. By David Ezra Stein. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010. (E STE). "I promise I won't interrupt again!" A hilarious story of a patient papa, who just wants to get through a bedtime story without his daughter's disruptions.



I Spy Fly Guy! By Tedd Arnold. New York, NY: Scholastic, 2009. (E ARN). A disastrous ending to a game of hide and seek finds Fly Guy hauled away to the local dump.

Little Treasures: Endearments from Around the World. By Jacqueline K. Ogburn. Illus. by Chris Raschka. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2011. (808.88 OGB). Celebrate how much children are loved in every language and culture. Translations and pronunciation guides are included.



Me...Jane. By Patrick McDonnell. New York, NY: Little, Brown, 2011. (E MCD). Discover the wonders of nature with primatologist, Jane Goodall, as a child.

...AND MORE BOOKS

Mouse & Lion. By Rand Burkert, Illus. by Nancy Ekholm Burkert. New York, NY: Scholastic, 2011. (E BUR). Captivate your child with the retelling of this familiar Aesop's fable set in beautiful Africa.



Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-- Think of That! By Leo & Diane Dillon. New York, NY: Blue Sky Press, 2002. (E DIL). Entertain your child with rhyming text and illustrations that describe the dancing of Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, one of the most famous tap dancers of all time.



Tales for Very Picky Eaters. By Josh Schneider. New York, NY: Clarion Books, 2011. (E SCH). Join James as he refuses to eat yet another disgusting, smelly, repulsive, lumpy, or slimy food.

Tell Me the Day Backwards. By Albert Lamb, Illus. by David McPhail. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011. (E LAM). Reinforce the concept: sequencing as Mama Bear and child recount the events of the day in reverse order.

Ten Little Caterpillars. By Bill Martin, Jr. Illus. by Lois Ehlert. New York, NY: Beach Lane Books, 2011. (E MAR). It's rhyme time as ten different caterpillars inch their ways across a vibrantly-illustrated water colored collage of the environment.



These Hands. By Margaret H. Mason, Illus. by Floyd Cooper. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. (E MAS). A part of American history unfolds as a grandfather explains to his grandson one reason labor unions fought for workers' rights.

