Early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success in learning to read. You can help build reading readiness. Talk, sing, read, write and play with your child - all of these activities help to develop language and literacy skills. Use this list of recommended stories to celebrate the joy of reading and libraries with your child.

Discover more stories at your library – we are happy to help you find some great ones! To learn about the library’s free pre-school story time programs, please visit the library website at winnipeg.ca/library or pick up a copy of the library newsletter, At The Library, available at all branches.

Share books together every day and have fun reading!
**The Library Book**
by Tom Chapin
PICTURE CHAPIN
What's the best way to spend a gloomy day? Why, at the library of course!

**Miss Brooks loves books (and I don’t)**
by Barbara Bottner
X BOTTNER
A little girl stubbornly resists the librarian's efforts to convince her to love books, until she finds one book that might change her mind.

**A Library Book for Bear**
by Bonny Becker
PICTURE BECKER
When Bear reluctantly agrees to go with his friend to the big library, neither rocket ships nor wooden canoes are enough for Bear's picky tastes. How will Mouse ever find the perfect book for Bear?

**The Lonely Book**
by Kate Bernheimer
X BERNHEIMER
Once popular, an increasingly shabby library book grows lonely until a young girl rediscovers it; but when it becomes lost again, the book and the girl wonder if they will have a happy ending.

**The Jacket**
by Kirsten Hall
PICTURE HALL
Book is very happy when he is finally found by the perfect child - if Redd and Bloo can decide whose book it is.

**GIVE ME BACK MY BOOK**
by Travis Foster
PICTURE FOSTER
This book is full of wonderful WORDS and beautiful PICTURES! And it's EXCITING! And it's FUNNY! It might be the BEST BOOK EVER - if Redd and Bloo can decide whose book it is.

**We Are in a Book**
by Mo Willems
X WILLEMS (BEGINNER)
Elephant and Piggie are in a book and can make the reader say words; but, Nick loves books and wants to teach his friend, Verne and Stevenson, to read

**How to Read**
by Lauren Child
PICTURE CHILD
It's not easy to teach a cat to read; but, Nick loves books and wants to teach his feline friends, Verne and Stevenson, to read

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X KIRK
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