



## Book Collection

- ▶ The Raising A Reader book collection includes more than 2000 titles from more than 40 different publishers.
- ▶ Book titles are carefully chosen to represent a wide selection of concepts.
- ▶ The collection is designed to provide children with both a window to the world that surrounds them and a mirror of the world that they know.



### GENRES

Book titles are carefully chosen to represent a wide selection of concept genres including:

- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Colors/Shapes
- Wordless/Limited Text
- Numeracy
- Alphabet/Letters
- Special Collections

### DIVERSITY

In addition to ensuring that our books meet a variety of developmental objectives, we include books that reflect both the broad diversity of the world and the specific cultures of the families that we serve.

### MULTILINGUAL

To support the home language of families, our collection includes books written in more than 15 different languages, including Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Burmese, Vietnamese, Portuguese and more.

### ABOUT US

Raising A Reader is a national non-profit organization offering local agencies an evidence-based early literacy and parent engagement program that has demonstrated it can improve the reading readiness skills of children birth to age eight.

### FAST FACTS

- Since 1999, Raising A Reader (RAR) has reached more than 1.625 million children.
- In 2017, RAR served more than 126,000 children and their families.
- RAR has 290 affiliates in 37 states in more than 2,900 implementation sites.
- RAR has 34 independent evaluations demonstrate Raising A Reader's impact on family engagement, language and early literacy skills.

## SAMPLE BOOK LIST

### RHYTHM AND RHYME:

All the Colors of the Earth, by Sheila Hamanaka

Is Your Mama a Llama, by Deborah Guarino

Feast for 10, by Cathryn Falwell

### NUMBERS:

Marcos Counts: One, Two, Three, by Tomie De Paola

Mojo Means One: A Swahili Counting Book, by Muriel Feelings

One Woolly Wombat, by Rod Trinca

### WORDLESS/LIMITED TEXT:

Pancakes for Breakfast, by Tomie De Paola

Look What I Can Do!, by Jose Aruego

White on Black, by Tana Hoban

Mama: A True Story, by Jeanette Winter

The Red Book, by Barbara Lehman

### ALPHABET/LETTERS:

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z, by Lois Ehlert

Brian Wildsmith's ABC, by Brian Wildsmith (Multiple languages available)

Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English, by Alma Flor Ada

### COLORS/SHAPES:

Baby Gecko's Colors/Colores de Bebé Geco, by Nancy Twinem

Red is the Dragon, by Roseanne Thong

Blue Hat, Green Hat, by Sandra Boynton

Bear in a Square, by Stella Blackstone

It Looked Like Spilt Milk, by Charles G. Shaw

### OTHER GENRES INCLUDED:

The collection is continually growing and changing to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Financial Literacy
- Special Needs
- Expository text/information
- Social/Emotional Well-being

### STEM EXAMPLE:

Motion-Push, Pull, Fast, Slow, by Darlene Stille (Science)

Switch On, Switch Off, by Melvin Berger (Technology)

Engineering in Our Everyday Life, by Reagan Miller (Engineering)

Patterns, by Henry Pluckrose (Math)



### PRAISE FOR RAISING A READER

"We love the books. They have such beautiful illustrations and great stories. Tuesday has become our family's favorite day of the week, because that is when the red book bags are sent home from school!"

Parent, North Carolina

"The program has helped my son to get more excited about learning to read, and we find him in his bedroom "reading" through the books on his own now. Not only that, but it gives us something to look forward to each night as we get to read together before bed time. And, when he sees books he's taken home before, he still gets excited because he remembers the story. We wanted to thank you very much."

- Parent, Pennsylvania



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