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What Makes a Good Book for Kids?

Research proves that children who have parents who read to them from an early age are more successful in school. Libraries and book stores are stacked to the rafters with kids' books and as a result, choosing what to read can be daunting. So what makes a good kids' book?

Answering that question is easy—it's up to your child. "A child wants to see their world reflected," says Ken Setterington, international authority on children's books and the Children and Youth Advocate for the [Toronto Public Library](#). And they also want to laugh. "Whether it's a pre-school child or a 12-year-old, kids love humour."



But there are some rules when choosing books for babies and early readers. Every year, the Toronto Public Library creates a list of [best first books](#) that support reading readiness. "We want books that are going to encourage vocabulary, narrative skills, print awareness, and letter knowledge," says Setterington.

For Babies:

Board books are a must-have because they'll last a lot longer. Look for bright colours and very simple illustrations. The text should be simple or have rhythm and rhyme.





For Preschoolers (2-5):

Look for books on subjects that interest your child. If your son likes trucks, pick a book about trucks with lots of great illustrations. Look for a great story with rhythm or rhyme. Get your kids talking about the story during and after you read it.

No matter what books you choose, make sure your kids see you reading and enjoying books yourself. They'll love reading a lot more if it's a family activity.



Connect with your local Public Library to take advantage of Summer Reading Fun programs

Newmarket Public Library
Newmarket
905-953-5105

East Gwillimbury Public Library
Holland Landing
905-836-6492

Georgina Public Library
Keswick
905-476-5762

East Gwillimbury Public Library
Mount Albert
905-473-2472

Georgina Public Library
Sutton
905-722-5702

King City Public Library
Schomberg
905-939-2102

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We are hosting sessions in four parks this year – visit us on-line for more details.

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