



# Get Kindergarten Ready at OC Public Libraries Language: Stories in Rhyme



**[Whose Knees are These?](#)** by Jabari Asim (2006). Simple, playful rhyming text takes a loving look at a child's knees.

**[Two Little Trains](#)** by Margaret Wise Brown (2020). Two little trains make their way West with rhyming text that offers opportunities for making fun sounds.

**[Room on the Broom](#)** by Julia Donaldson (2017). A witch finds room on her broom for all the animals that ask for a ride in this rhyming, repetitive romp.

**[In the Small, Small Pond](#)** by Denise Fleming (2013). Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.

**[Where Is the Green Sheep?](#)** by Mem Fox (2004). A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.

**[I Can Build It!](#)** by Kelly Greenawalt (2020). In rhyming text Princess Truly, super girl, uses her magic curls to build things.

**[Hush! A Thai Lullaby](#)** by Minfong Ho (1996). A rhyming lullaby which asks animals such as a lizard, monkey, and water-buffalo to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby. XP 811.54 HO

**[Joy](#)** by Yasmeen Ismail (2020). Rhythmic language and playful rhymes tell the adventures of a kitten and her mother.

**[Squeak! Rumble! Whomp! Whomp! Whomp!](#)** by Wynton Marsalis (2012). Takes readers on a rollicking, clanging, clapping tour through the many sounds that fill a neighborhood.

**[Chicka Chicka Boom Boom](#)** by Bill Martin Jr. (1989). An alphabet chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a tree.

**[Big Green Crocodile: Rhymes to Say and Play](#)** by Jane Newberry (2020). These original play-rhymes entertain and delight children and build their vocabulary and cognitive skills. XP 398.8 NEW

**[All Are Welcome](#)** by Alexandra Penfold (2018). Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated.

**[Construction Site Mission: Demolition!](#)** by Sherri Dusky Rinker (2020). In rhyming text, the vehicles of the construction crew set to work demolishing an old rickety building.

**[Ninja Red Riding Hood](#)** by Cory Rosen Schwartz (2014). In this rhyming twist on "Little Red Riding Hood," a wolf and Red train to be ninjas.

**[Sheep in a Jeep](#)** by Nancy Shaw (1986). Records the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep.

**[Digger, Dozer, Dumper](#)** by Hope Vestergaard (2013). Rhymes and colorful illustrations invite young readers to meet their favorite trucks and vehicles face-to-face. 811.6 VES

**[Hello Hello](#)** by Brendan Wenzel (2018). In simple text a set of animals greet and interact with one another.

**[People Don't Bite People](#)** by Lisa Wheeler (2018). Humorous illustrations and rhyming text urge children to use their teeth for only biting food.

**[Blue on Blue](#)** by Dianne White (2014). Rhyming text and illustrations depict the swell and quieting of a storm.

**[Silly Sally](#)** by Audrey Wood (1992). A rhyming story of Silly Sally, who is joined by various animals as she travels to town--backwards and upside down.

**[Trashy Town](#)** by Andrea Zimmerman (1999 picture book, 2018 board book). This rhythmic, repetitive book will have children chanting along as Mr. Gilly, the trash man, cleans up his town.



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