100 Best Books to Read in Storytime
Chosen by Kentucky Children’s Librarians

There are a lot of great picture books out there. Some are great for lapsit reading, but don’t work as well when reading to a large group. This is a list of the top 100 storytime books favored by children’s librarians throughout Kentucky.

1. My Car by Byron Barton
2. I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont
3. I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont
4. Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? by Karen Beaumont
5. Moo Baa LaLaLa by Sandra Boynton
6. The Mitten by Jan Brett
7. Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown, Illustrated by Felicia Bond
8. Goodnight, Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, Illustrated by Clement Hurd
9. Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
10. Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss, Illustrated by Tiphanie Beeke
11. 10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle
12. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
13. Mrs. Wishy Washy’s Farm by Joy Cowley, Illustrated by Elizabeth Fuller
14. Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin
15. Wiggle by Doreen Cronin, Illustrated by Scott Menchin
16. The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
17. Jamberry by Bruce Degan
18. Charlie the Chick by Nick Denchfield, Illustrated by Ant Parker
19. Llama, Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney
20. Llama, Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
21. Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen, Illustrated by Daniel X. Hanna
22. Dog’s Colorful Day by Emma Dodd
23. Cha-Cha Chimps by Julia Durango, Illustrated by Eleanor Taylor
25. Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
26. Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley
27. Wide-Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner, Illustrated by Jonathan Lambert
28. Bark George by Jules Feiffer
29. Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas
30. Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming
31. Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox, Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
32. Where is the Green Sheep by Mem Fox, Illustrated by Judy Horacek
33. Corduroy by Don Freeman
34. Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone
35. Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett
36. Birds by Kevin Henkes, by Laura Dronzek
37. A Good Day by Kevin Henkes
38. Kitten’s First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
39. Chickens to the Rescue by John Himmelman

40. Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas

41. The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins

42. I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie by Alison Jackson, Illustrated by Judy Schachner

43. What Do You Do With a Tail Like This by Steve Jenkins

44. Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

45. Fall is Not Easy by Marty Kelley

46. Is Your Mama a Llama by Deborah Guarino, Illustrated by Steven Kellogg

47. This is Not my Hat by Jon Klassen

48. Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin, Illustrated by James Dean

49. Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin, Illustrated by James Dean

50. Pete the Cat, My Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin, Illustrated by James Dean

51. Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London, illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz

52. Trucks Roll by George Ella Lyon, Illustrated by Craig Frazier


54. Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin, Illustrated by Eric Carle

55. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin and John Archambault, illustrated by Lois Ehlert

56. Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

57. Elmer by David McKee

58. I Stink by Kate McMullan and Jim McMullan

59. Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme books

60. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff, Illustrated by Felicia Bond

61. The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn, Illustrated by Ruth E. Harper and Nancy M. Leak

62. Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

63. Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathman

64. We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

65. Memoirs of a Goldfish by Devin Scillian, Illustrated by Tim Bowers

66. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

67. My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss, Illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher

68. Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

69. No, David! By David Shannon

70. It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Green Shaw

71. Dinosaur vs. the Library by Bob Shea

72. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

73. Clip-Clop By Nicola Smee

74. Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback

75. Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

76. Can You Make a Scary Face by Jan Thomas

77. Is Everyone Ready For Fun by Jan Thomas

78. Let’s Sing a Lullaby with Cowboy by Jan Thomas

79. Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas

80. What Will Fat Cat Sit On? By Jan Thomas

81. Little Quack by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Derek Anderson

82. Press Here by Herve Tullet

83. Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, Illustrated by Patrick Benson

84. Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

85. Hi Pizza Man by Virginia Walter, illustrated by Ponder Goembel
86. **Falling for Rapunzel** by Leah Wilcox, Illustrated by Lydia Monks

87. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** by Mo Willems
88. **Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale** by Mo Willems
89. **Leonardo The Terrible Monster** by Mo Willems
90. **There is a Bird on My Head** by Mo Willems
91. **We Are in a Book** by Mo Willems
92. **I Went Walking** by Sue Williams, Illustrated by Julie Vivas
93. **Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything** by Linda Williams, Illustrated by Megan Lloyd
94. **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson, Illustrated by Jane Chapman
95. **Napping House** by Audrey Wood, Illustrated by Don Wood
96. **Silly Sally** by Audrey Wood
97. **The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear** by Don Wood and Audrey Wood
98. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight** by Jane Yolen, Illustrated by Mark Teague
99. **The Wheels on the Bus** by Paul O. Zelinsky
100. **Trashy Town** by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha, illustrated by Dan Yaccarino