

Donation Suggestions for Kids Connection

Kids' Connection is a popular program; in 2009, volunteers held 52 recording sessions with incarcerated parents for 109 children. Both the book and CD are sent as a gift to the child, who can connect with his or her parent's voice while following along in the book¹. Our target audience for this book drive is ages 6 months-10 years old (baby to fourth grade), especially toddlers.

Inmates are incredibly grateful to have the chance to do something positive for their children. One Kids' Connection participant writes, "I have participated numerous times and my daughter is just overjoyed every time she sees the big envelope with her name on it from Dad...I believe this program has really helped with her all around positive attitude toward books and reading. Please keep the program going as I'm sure many other inmates feel the same."

Thank you in advance for your generosity! People like you make it possible for incarcerated parents to foster relationships with their children through the memorable experience of being read a story. For even more suggestions about noteworthy works of children's literature, visit the Cooperative Children's Book Center's website at <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/default.asp>.

Books for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

- 📖 Any of the Little Golden Books series, especially "The Pokey Little Puppy"
- 📖 Dr. Seuss books, like Hop on Pop, My Many Colored Days, The Cat in the Hat, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, Oh! The Places You'll Go, etc.
- 📖 Sandra Boynton books, like Hippos Go Berserk, Belly Button Book, Opposites, etc.
- 📖 Ballard, Robin. My Day, Your Day. Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2001. Ages 2 - 5
- 📖 Cousins, Lucy. Za-Za's Baby Brother. Candlewick Press, 1995. Ages 2 - 4
- 📖 Dale, Penny. Big Brother, Little Brother. U.S. edition: Candlewick Press, 1997. Ages 1-4
- 📖 Johnson, Angela. One of Three. Illustrated by David Soman. Orchard, 1991. Ages 2 - 5
- 📖 Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. Zelda and Ivy. Candlewick Press, 1998. Ages 4 - 8
- 📖 Look, Lenore. Henry's First-Moon Birthday. Illustrated by Yumi Heo. An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum, 2001. Ages 4 - 7
- 📖 Martin, Bill. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?. Illustrated by Eric Carle. Holt, 1992. Ages 3 - 5
- 📖 Masurel, Claire. Two Homes. Illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton. Candlewick Press, 2001. 32 pages. Ages 3 - 5
- 📖 O'Keefe, Susan Heyboer. One Hungry Monster: A Counting Book in Rhyme. Illustrated by Lynn Musinger, 1992. Ages 3 - 5
- 📖 Steptoe, John. Baby Says. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1988. Ages 1 - 3
- 📖 Williams, Vera B. More, More, More, Said the Baby: Three Love Stories. Greenwillow, 1990. Ages 9 mos - 3 years

¹ <http://slisweb.lis.wisc.edu/~jail/volunteer/kc.html>

Books for K-4th grade (5-10)

- 📖 Adoff, Arnold. [black is brown is tan](#). Illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Amistad/HarperCollins, 2002. 32 pages. Ages 3 – 7
- 📖 Anderson, Sara. [Octopus Oyster Hermit Crab Snail: A Poem of the Sea](#). Handprint Books, 2005. 32 pages. Ages 3-7
- 📖 Brisson, Pat. [Mama Loves Me From Away](#). Illustrated by Laurie Caple. Boyds Mills Press, 2004. 32 pages. Ages 5 - 9
- 📖 DeGross, Monalisa. [Donovan's Word Jar](#). Illustrated by Cheryl Hanna. HarperCollins, 1994. Ages 7-10
- 📖 Edwards, Michelle. [Zero Grandparents](#). Harcourt, 2001. Ages 7 – 9
- 📖 Ehlert, Lois. [Waiting for Wings](#). Harcourt, 2001. 28 pages. Ages 3 - 9
- 📖 Griffith, Helen V. [Granddaddy and Janetta Together: The Three Stories in One Book](#). Illustrated by James Stevenson. Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, 2001. Ages 7 – 9
- 📖 Hartman, Bob. [The Wolf Who Cried Boy](#). Illustrated by Tim Raglin. Putnam, 2002. 32 pages. Ages 4 - 8
- 📖 Johnson, Angela. [Daddy Calls Me Man](#). Illustrated by Rhonda Mitchell. Orchard, 1997. Ages 6 – 9
- 📖 Little, Jean. [Emma's Yucky Brother](#). Illustrated by Jennifer Plecas. HarperCollins, 2001. Ages 5 – 7
- 📖 Perkins, Lynne Rae. [Clouds for Dinner](#). Greenwillow, 1997. Ages 4 – 8
- 📖 Rosoff, Meg. [Meet Wild Boars](#). Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Henry Holt, 2005. 32 pages. Ages 4 - 8
- 📖 Shea, Pegi Dietz. [New Moon](#). Illustrated by Cathryn Falwell. Boyds Mills, 1996. Ages 4 - 7
- 📖 Smith, Cynthia Leitich. [Jingle Dancer](#). Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu. Morrow/HarperCollins, 2000. Ages 5 – 8
- 📖 Williams, Vera B. [A Chair for My Mother](#). Greenwillow, 1982. Ages 4 - 9

Spanish/English Bilingual Language Picks

Ages baby-4

- 📖 Ada, Alma Flor and F. Isabel Campoy, selectors. English adaptations by Alice Schertle. [¡Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes](#). Ages birth - 6 years
- 📖 Gonzalez, Lucia M. [The Bossy Gallito/El gallo de bodas](#). Ages 3 - 6
- 📖 Hall, Nancy Abraham and Jill Syverson-Stork. [Los pollitos dicen: Juegos, rimas y canciones infantiles de paises de habla hispana/The Baby Chicks Sing: Traditional Games, Nursery Rhymes, and Songs from Spanish-Speaking Countries](#). Ages 9 months - 4 years
- 📖 Orozco, Jose-Luis. [Diez deditos/Ten Little Fingers, and Other Play Rhymes and Action Songs from Latin America](#). 6 months - 8 years
- 📖 Reiser, Lynn. [Tortillas and Lullabies/Tortillas y cancioncitas](#). Ages 3 – 8
- 📖 Suen, Anastasia. [Toddler Two / Dos años](#). Ages 1 – 3

Ages 6-10

- 📖 Alarcon, Francisco X. [Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems/Jiomates risuenos y otros poemas de invierno](#). Ages 7 – 10
- 📖 Best, Cari. [Taxi! Taxi!](#). Ages 4 - 8
- 📖 Herrera, Juan Felipe. [The Upside Down Boy/El Nino de Cabeza](#). Ages 7 - 10
- 📖 Lomas Garza, Carmen . [Magic Windows/Ventanas magicas](#). Ages 9 - 12
- 📖 Lomas Garza, Carmen and Harriet Rohmer . [In My Family/En mi familia](#). Age 5 and older