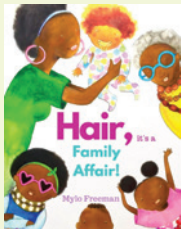
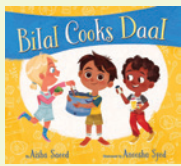
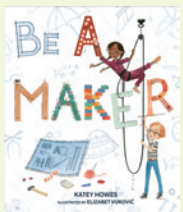
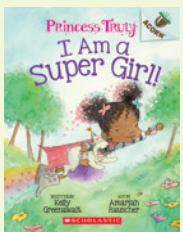
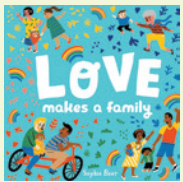
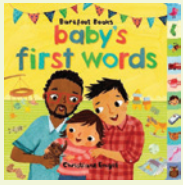


Book Recommendations for Young Learners from Dayton Metro Library

Books featuring African American lead characters and/or focused on diversity and social-emotional health
(alphabetical by title)



Board Books

- Baby Botanist* by Laura Gehl (2019)
- Baby's First Words* by Stella Blackstone (2017)
- Bath! Bath! Bath!* by Douglas Florian (2018)
- Bitty Brown Babe* by Deborah Lefalle (2019)
- Dream Big, Little One* by Vashti Harrison (2018)
- Global Baby Boys* by Maya Ajmera (2014)
- I Can Dream* by Betsy Snyder (2018)
- I Love Science* by Allison Wortche (2019)
- Leo Gets a Checkup* by Anna McQuinn (2018)
- Love Makes a Family* by Sophie Beer (2018)
- Rosa Loves Dinosaurs* by Jessica Spanyol (2018)
- Rosa Plays Ball* by Jessica Spanyol (2018)
- Rosa Rides her Scooter* by Jessica Spanyol (2018)
- Toesy Toes* by Sarah Yi-Mei Tsiang (2018)
- What Do I Feel? / ¿Que siento?* by Annie Kubler (2015), bilingual: Spanish and English
- Where Do Pants Go?* By Rebecca Van Slyke (2019)
- Whose Knees are These?* by Jabari Asim (2019)

Early Readers

- Apple Picking Day!* by Candice Ranson (2016)
- Garden Day!* by Candice Ranson (2019)
- Get a Hit, Mo! (Mo Jackson)* by David A. Adler (2016)
- I Am a Super Girl!* by Kelly Greenawalt (2019)
- Kick It, Mo!* by David A. Adler (2018)
- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse: Passport to Reading* by Rory Keane (2018)
- Snow Day!* by Candice Ranson (2018)

Picture Books

- A Beach Tail* by Karen Lynn Williams (2010) (PreK-1st)
- All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold (2018) (PreK-2nd)
- Around the Table that Grandad Built* by Melanie Heuser Hill (2019) (PreK-2nd)
- Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max (2017) (PreK-K)
- B is for Baby* by Atinuke (2019) (PreK-K)
- Be a Maker* by Katey Howes (2019) (PreK-1st)
- Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed (2019) (PreK)
- Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins* by Michelle Meadows (2019) (PreK-2nd)
- Carmela Full of Wishes* by Matt de la Peña (2018) (PreK-2nd)
- Common Threads: Adam's Day at the Market* by Huda Essa (2019) (PreK)
- Cool Cuts* by Mechal Renee Roe (2020) (PreK-1st)
- Daniel's Good Day* by Micha Archer (2019) (PreK-K)
- Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stagecoach Driver* by Tami Charles (2019) (PreK-3rd)
- The Best Kind of Bear* by Greg Gormley (2019) (PreK)
- The Big Bed* by Bunmi Laditan (2018) (PreK-K)
- The Big Five* by Bella Makatini (2019) (PreK-K)
- Five Minutes: (That's a Lot of Time) (No, It's Not) (Yes, It Is)* by Liz Garton Scanlon (2019) (PreK-1st)
- Going Down Home with Daddy* by Kelly Starling Lyons (2019) (PreK-2nd)
- Grandpa's Stories* by Joseph Coelho (2019) (PreK-3rd)
- Hair, It's a Family Affair!* by Mylo Freeman (2019) (PreK-2nd)
- Hair Love* by Matthew Cherry (2019) (PreK-3rd)
- Hands Up!* by Breanna J. McDaniel (2019) (PreK-3rd)
- Harriet Gets Carried Away* by Jessie Sima (2019) (PreK)

Picture Books (continued)

Hide and Seek by Polly Noakes (2019) (PreK-K)

The Hike by Alison Farrell (2019) (PreK-K)

Home is a Window by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard (2019) (PreK-3rd)

How to Take Care of Your Dinosaur by Jason Cockcroft (2019) (PreK-1st)

I Am Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brown (2019) (PreK-2nd)

I Used To Be Famous by Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie (2019) (PreK-1st)

Ice Breaker by Rose Viña (2019) (PreK-2nd)

I'm a Brilliant Little Black Boy! by Joshua Drummond (2016) (PreK-2nd)

Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones (2018) (PreK-2nd)

The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes (2019) (PreK-K)

The Little Red Stroller by Joshua Furst (2019) (PreK-K)

Lola Goes to School by Anna McQuinn (2019) (PreK)

Look Up With Me by Neil Degrasse Tyson (2019) (PreK-2nd)

Loretta's Gift by Pat Zietlow Miller (2018) (PreK-1st)

Love You Head to Toe by Ashley Barron (2019) (PreK)

Lovely by Jess Hong (2017) (PreK-2nd)

M is for Melanin by Tiffany Rose (2019) (PreK-K)

Max Speed by Stephen Shaskan (2019) (PreK-K)

Mira's Curly Hair by Maryam Al Serkal (2019) (PreK-1st)

Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba (2019) (PreK-1st)

My Hair by Hannah Lee (2019) (PreK-1st)

My Mama is a Mechanic by Doug Cenko (2019) (PreK)

My Mommy Medicine by Edwidge Danticat (2019) (PreK)

The Night is Yours by Abdul-Razak Zachariah (2019) (PreK-2nd)

Nighttime Symphony by Timbaland (2019) (PreK)

Off & Away by Cale Atkinson (2018) (PreK-2nd)

Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry (2019) (PreK-1st)

Remarkably You by Pat Zietlow Miller (2019) (PreK-1st)

Ruby Finds A Worry by Tom Percival (2019) (PreK-2nd)

Saturday by Oge Mora (2019) (PreK-1st)

Small World by Ishta Mercurio (2019) (PreK-2nd)

Some Days by Karen Kaufman Orloff (2019) (PreK-K)

A Squiggly Story by Andrew Larsen (2016) (PreK-2nd)

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o (2019) (PreK-2nd)

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora (2018) (PreK-2nd)

Twins by Mike Ciccotello (2019) (PreK-1st)

Wallpaper by Thao Lam (2018) (PreK-2nd)

Want to Play Trucks? by Ann Stott (2018) (PreK-K)

When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff (2019) (PreK-2nd)

When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree by Jamie L.B. Deenihan (2019) (PreK-1st)

