



# *Monthly Booklist*

*January 2006*

Picture books for young children  
featuring books and reading.

*Wolf!* by Becky Bloom. Pictures by Pascal Biet. (1999) Ages 4-8

A wolf learns to read (by attending school, going to the library, and going to the bookstore) in order to impress a group of farmyard animals he has met.

*A Splendid Friend, Indeed* by Suzanne Bloom. (2005) Ages 2-4

Using large, easy-to-see type and bright pictures, this book shows how a studious polar bear and an inquisitive goose learn to be friends.

*A Bedtime Story* by Mem Fox. (1996) Ages 4-8

A young girl repeatedly asks her parents to interrupt their own reading long enough to read a bedtime story to her.

*A Story for Bear* by Dennis Haseley. Pictures by Jim LaMarche. (2002) Ages 4-8

A young bear who is fascinated by the mysterious marks he sees on paper finds a friend when a kind woman reads to him.

*The Red Book* by Barbara Lehman. (2004) Ages 4-8

This wordless book, which received a Caldecott Honor in 2005, follows an urban girl and an island boy as they travel through the pictures in a very special book, finally meeting each other.

*The Alphabet Tree* by Leo Lionni. (1968) Ages 2-4

After a storm, all the letters on the alphabet tree are huddled together. The word-bug comes along and teaches them to form words, then a purple caterpillar teaches them to form sentences.

*Tom and Pippo Read a Story* by Helen Oxenbury. (1998) Ages 2-4

Tom likes his father to read to him and his toy monkey, Pippo, but when his father gets tired, Tom "reads" to Pippo himself.

*Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra. Pictures by Marc Brown. (2004) Ages 4-8

In this rhyming book, a librarian named Molly McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

*Carlo Likes Reading* by Jessica Spanyol. (2001) Ages 2-4

Labeled scenes from a young giraffe's life—at home, at the market, in the park, and at the library—offer opportunities to learn new words.