King Alice
Cordell, Matthew
A girl informs her father that she is King Alice, then draws him and other family members into her imaginative activities.
Available from another library

The Case of the Missing Chalk Drawings
Byrne, Richard
The chalks are drawing flowers on the chalkboard, but someone keeps stealing their artwork.
Available from another library

Can I Be Your Dog?
Cummings, Troy
Arfy is a hound on a mission! Bound and determined to find a home, Arfy writes letters to everyone on Butternut Street.
Available from another library

PLAY

WINNER: Things to Do with Dad
Zuppardi, Sam
When a little boy see a long list of chores on the refrigerator, he utilize his creative energy with a green crayon to transform time spent with his dad into a celebration of fun.
Available from another library

Unplugged
Antony, Steve
Blip is always plugged into her computer--until one day a blackout forces her outdoors, and she discovers that the real world is a lot more interesting then she realized.
Available from another library

Crash! Boom! A Math Tale
Harris, Robie H.
Build, balance, count - question, estimate, measure - predict, crash, and build again with Elephant and a bucket full of blocks.
Available from another library

Want to Play Trucks?
Stott, Ann
Readers will smile at the quintessential playground squabble on display in this amusing, relatable tale of sandbox play.
Available from another library

If you need help finding a book, just ask at the front desk!
What is Early Literacy?

Learning to read begins at birth, and primary caregivers are a child’s first and best teacher. Parents can help grow brain connections through five practices - reading, writing, talking, playing, and singing - that will help a child develop the foundation needed to read. This book list recommends titles that reinforce these skills.

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READ

WINNER: The Library Book
Chapin, Tom
This book models a child’s love of reading and how it can be enhanced by a trip to the library.
E CHA (Frisco)

Dreamers
Morales, Yuyi
The incredible true story of the author and illustrator’s immigration to America is a lasting testament to the immigrant’s journey.
eBook available from Libby

Share This Book
Hutton, John J.
Book sharing is a perfect way to build emotional connection, early language skills, and a healthy routine of reading. Developed by a pediatrician, this book shows how to get the most out of every reading opportunity!
Available from another library

Mousie, I Will Read to You
Cole, Rachael
When Mousie is little, Mama sings him lullabies about the sky, repeats back his DA DA DEES and BA BA BEES, and reads him poems and stories.
Available from another library

Llama Llama Loves to Read
Dewdney, Anna
Teacher helps Llama Llama practice letters, shows word cards, reads stories, and goes to the library where all can choose a favorite book.
E DEW (Breckenridge, Frisco, & Silverthorne)

The Magician’s Hat
Mitchell, Malcolm
Today is Family Fun Day at the library, and a magician named David puts on a show with his special trick--pulling magic books out of a hat.
E MIT (Breckenridge & Frisco)

TALK

WINNER: Say Zoop!
Tullet, Hervé
Encourages children to interact. Making noises helps children practice the different sounds in words which will help them in acquiring language.
Available from another library

Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur
Dunlap, Cirocco
Teaches young readers on how to interact with a very shy dinosaur!
Available from another library

Dude!
Reynolds, Aaron
A platypus and a beaver who love surfing encounter a shark -- with unexpected results.
E REY (Breckenridge, Frisco, & Silverthorne)

Grandma’s Purse
Brantley-Newton, Vanessa
When Grandma Mimi comes to visit, her granddaughter cannot wait to see what treasures she has hidden in her purse.
Available from another library

Lena’s Shoes are Nervous
Calabrese, Keith
Lena is excited about starting kindergarten but her favorite shoes are not.
E CAL (Breckenridge)

The Rabbit Listened
Doerrfeld, Cori
When Taylor’s block castle is destroyed, all the animals think they know what to do, but only the rabbit quietly listens to how Taylor is feeling.
E DOE (Breckenridge)

WRITE

WINNER: Little Plane Learns to Write
Savage, Stephen
Little Plane to write the perfect loopity-loops. Drawing circles, arcs, and lines helps children learn to form letters, just like Little Plane.
Available from another library

This Story is for You
Pizzoli, Greg
Illustrations and easy-to-read text celebrate a friendship that recognizes what makes one person special and guarantees a closeness that will last through time and across distance.
E PIZ (Breckenridge & Frisco)

SING

WINNER: Motor Goose
Colby, Rebecca
A collection of nursery rhymes with vehicular themes, such as Tow, tow, tow the car and Twinkle, twinkle, UFO.
E COL (Breckenridge & Frisco)

We’ve Got the Whole World in our Hands
López, Rafael
Join in a multicultural celebration of unity and diversity friendships all around the world as we read and sing along with joy, love, and peace.
Available from another library

Hey-Ho, to Mars We’ll Go!
Lendroth, Susan
Explore the science behind a trip to Mars, from launch to landing on the Red Planet. Set to the tune of ‘The Farmer in the Dell.’
E LEN (Breckenridge)

Kat Writes a Song
Foley, Greg E.
On a gray and rainy day, a lonely kitten feels better after writing a song.
Available from another library

Elvis Presley’s Love Me Tender
Presley, Elvis
Elvis Presley’s hit song ‘Love Me Tender’ is reimaged as an ode to families of all shapes and sizes.
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