

## **Hands & Hearts**

**By Donna Napoli**

E NAPOLI

This fun story about a beach day includes illustrated signs for American Sign Language.

## **My Rainbow**

**By Deshanna Neal and Trinity Neal**

E NEAL

My Rainbow is a celebration of showing up as our full selves with people who have seen us fully all along.

## **A Giraffe Did One**

**By Jerry Pallotta**

J 818 PALLOTTA

Readers must figure out just exactly what it is these animals are doing. A fun reminder on good manners.

## **The Deaf Musicians**

**By Pete Seeger and Paul Jacobs**

E SEEGER

When a musician begins losing his hearing, he learns sign language and forms a new band.

## **Mommy Sayang**

**By Rosana Sullivan**

E SULLIVAN

Brightly illustrated, this book is about togetherness, hope and patience.

## **The Skin You Live In**

**By Michael Tyler**

E TYLER

Another great pick for children's books about race, written specifically for little kids. A rhyming book that celebrates all different skin colors.

## **There is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me**

**By Alice Walker**

J 811 WALKER

Glowing colors and radiant images accompany this joyous celebration of the connections and interconnections between self, nature, and creativity.

## **Breathe with Bear**

**By Kira Willey**

J 158.12 WILLEY

This beautifully illustrated book teaches both child and care giver techniques to be mindful, calm, and focused.

# Pre-readers Book List

## RECOMMENDED READS



**Solano County**  
**LIBRARY**

Web: [solanolib.org](http://solanolib.org)  
Phone: 1-866-57-ASKUS  
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## ***Across the Bay***

**By Carols Aponte**

E APONTE

This book was the honor recipient of the 2019 Pura Belpre Illustrator award. *Across the Bay* has vivid illustrations and explores a child's love for his family and search for his father.

## ***Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match***

**By Monica Brown**

E BROWN

Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. This Spanish bilingual book tells a playful story of mixing cultures.

## ***Lilah Tov Goodnight***

**By Ben Gundersheimer**

E G

A soothing Hebrew lullaby takes on added meaning for a refugee family in this visually stunning debut.

## ***Good Night Yoga***

**By Mariam Gates**

J 613.7046 GATES

Goodnight Yoga is a pose-by-pose bedtime story. Whimsical illustrations are easy to follow along with for a bedtime yoga routine. A matching DVD can be found at J DVD 613.7046 GOOD.

## ***Black is a Rainbow***

**By Angela Joy**

E JOY

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this moving and powerful anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.

## ***Antiracist Baby***

**By Ibram X Kendi**

BB KENDI

This counting book has playful wording and bold illustrations. Count the first steps in building an equitable world with Antiracist baby.

## ***Like the Moon Loves the Sky***

**By Hena Khan**

E KHAN

This lyrical book celebrates a mother's love for her children. Vibrant illustrations and prose inspired by the Quran, this book is about unconditional love and great for bedtime.

## ***We are the Water Protectors***

**By Carole Lindstrom**

E LINDSTROM

Stunning illustrations, with a message inspired by many indigenous-led movements across North America, this Caldecott award winner has lyrical text

that encourages readers to take care of the earth.

## ***The Book of Mistakes***

**By Corinna Lytken**

E LUYKEN

A book that explores mistakes and what wonderful and spontaneous things they can create.

## ***Plenty of Hugs***

**By Fran Manushkin**

E MANUSHKIN

A cheerful book that follows a family from morning to night in a lively rhyme that rolls off the tongue.

## ***Lubna and Pebble***

**By Wendy Meddour**

E MEDDOUR

In an unforgettable story that subtly addresses the refugee crisis, a young girl must decide if friendship means giving up the one item that brings her comfort during a time of utter uncertainty.

## ***Grandpa Grumps***

**By Katrina Moore**

E MOORE

Kids will love this funny and heartwarming story about overcoming cultural differences and connecting across generations!