



**BUILDING BLOCK  
PICTURE BOOK  
MASTER LIST  
1996 - 2008**



## **BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK**

### **The Purpose**

1. To encourage language development and pre-reading skills through reading aloud.
2. To provide parents and caregivers with a selection of quality picture books to read aloud to young children.
3. To introduce children to a variety of authors and illustrators of children's books, including Missouri authors, illustrators and themes, when possible.
4. To encourage an appreciation of diverse artistic and literary styles in current children's literature.
5. To encourage the continuation of publication of quality picture books.
6. To encourage the development of visual perception/discrimination.
7. To introduce children to diverse themes, cultures and topics.

### **A Brief History**

The Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award, administered by the Children's Services Round Table of the Missouri Library Association, is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri's public libraries.

Designed to encourage reading aloud to children from birth through kindergarten age, the award was first given in 1996. Parents and other caregivers are encouraged to read aloud to children from a list of ten titles selected annually by a group of Missouri children's librarians.

## **BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK AWARD WINNERS**

- 2006 I AIN'T GONNA PAINT NO MORE!, Karen Beaumont**
- 2005 BUBBLE GUM, BUBBLE GUM, Lisa Wheeler**
- 2004 BUBBLE BATH PIRATES, Jarrett Krosoczka**
- 2003 THE LITTLE SCHOOL BUS, Carol Roth**
- 2002 WHO TOOK THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR, Bonnie Lass  
and Philemon Sturges, Illus. Ashley Wolff**
- 2001 TWO COOL COYOTES, Jillian Lund**
- 2000 BARK GEORGE, Jules Feiffer**
- 1999 NO DAVID, Shannon David**
- 1998 COCK A DOODLE MOO, Barnard Most**
- 1997 HI, PIZZA MAN! Virginia Walter, Illus. Ponder Goembel**
- 1996 SPLASH, SPLASH, Jeff Sheppard, Illus. Dennis Panek**



**BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK MASTER**  
**LIST OF NOMINEES 1996-2008**  
**[All books are “JE” unless noted]**

Aardema, Verna, illus. Marcia Brown

HOW THE OSTRICH GOT ITS LONG NECK 1996-97

A folktale that explains why the ostrich has such a long neck.

Appelt, Kathi, illus. Jane Dyer

OH MY BABY, LITTLE ONE 2001-02

Even when Mama's gone, her love stays.

Asch, Frank

BABY BIRD'S FIRST NEST 2000-01

With help from a friendly frog, baby bird is able to return to her safe home.

Asch, Frank

GOOD NIGHT, BABY BEAR 1999-00

Baby Bear just can't seem to settle down to hibernate.

Ashman, Linda

STARRY SAFARI 2007-2008

A bedtime safari trip in a little girl's imagination.

Bateman, Teresa, illus. Nadine Bernard Westcott

FARM FLU 2002-03

When the farm animals seem to catch the flu one after another, a young boy does his best to take care of them.

Beaumont, Karen

I AIN'T GONNA PAINT NO MORE! 2006-2007

He won't accept it when his mother tells him he can't paint anymore.

Beaumont, Karen

I LIKE MYSELF 2005-2006

Bouncy and silly rhymes about liking oneself.

Beaumont, Karen

MOVE OVER, ROVER! 2007-2008

Lots of animals are welcome to share Rover's dry dog house but what about skunk?

Berends, Polly Berrien, illus. Brad Sneed

I HEARD SAID THE BIRD 1997-98

The animals discuss the New One that is coming and eventually discover that there is a new baby in the house.

Bloom, Suzanne

A SPLENDID FRIEND, INDEED 2007-2008

Different ways of doing things doesn't mean Goose and Polar Bear can't be friends.

Bryan, Sean

A BOY AND HIS BUNNY 2006-2007

A boy wakes up one morning with a bunny on his head, and finds he can still do anything.

Buehner, Caralyn

SNOWMEN AT NIGHT 2004-2005

Do you know what snowmen do at night?

Bunting, Eve, illus. Maryann Cocca-Leffler

MY BACKPACK 1999-00

A new backpack inspires a child to collect things that belong to other family members.

Bynam, Janie

OTIS 2001-02

Otis is a little pig who doesn't like to get dirty.

Carle, Eric

LITTLE CLOUD 1998-99

Little Cloud changes into many things before he joins the other clouds.

Casanova, Mary

ONE\_DOG CANOE 2004-2005

Things get tricky when more want to ride in a one\_dog canoe.

Christelow, Eileen

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS WITH NOTHING TO DO 1998-99

Getting ready for Grandmother can be something to do twice.

Christelow, Eileen

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS WASH THE CAR 2002-03

5 little monkeys wash and spruce up their old car before selling it.

Cronin, Doreen, illus. Betsy Lewin

CLICK, CLACK, MOO COWS THAT TYPE 2001-02

Farmer Brown is not amused when his cows start typing demanding letters.

Cronin, Dorren, illus. Betsy Lewin

DOOBY DOOBY MOO 2007-2008

Farmer Brown's animals plan to win the prizes at the county fair talent contest.

Cronin, Doreen, illus. Betsy Lewin

GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK 2003-2004

The duck from CLICK, CLACK, MOO is back. This time with a sharpened pencil!

Cronin, Doreen

WIGGLE 2007-2008

Wiggle, rhyme and move through your day!

Dewdney, Anna

LLAMA, LLAMA RED PAJAMAS 2006-2007

When baby llama is left alone at bedtime, his mama reassures him.

DiPucchio, Kelly

BED HOGS 2006-2007

Little Runt squeezes a spot for himself in the packed family sty.

Durango, Julia

CHA-CHA CHIMPS 2007-2008

Count ten chimps out for a night of dancing.

Edwards, Pamela, illus. Henry Cole  
MULDOON 2003-2004

Muldoon is a busy little dog, taking all his responsibilities – walking his family, keeping the cat on a diet, etcetera—very seriously.

Egan, Tim  
SERIOUS FARM 2005-2006

Farmer Fred is serious about his work – he says there's nothing funny about corn.

Ehlert, Lois  
SNOWBALLS 1997-98

Some children create a family out of snow.

Engel, Diana  
CIRCLE SONG 2000-01

A lullaby encircling a child with love.

Fallon, Jimmy  
SNOWBALL FIGHT! 2007-2008

No school, snow day fun.

Feiffer, Jules  
BARK GEORGE 2000-01

George's voice has a problem so his mom takes him to the vet.

Fleming, Denise  
MAMA CAT HAS THREE KITTENS 1999-00

And one of those kittens doesn't want to do the same as the others.

Fleming, Denise  
TIME TO SLEEP 1998-99

When winter nears, the forest animals remind each other that it is time to sleep.

Gray, Libba Moore, illus. Holly Meade  
SMALL GREEN SNAKE 1996-97

Despite his mother's warning not to wander, Small Green Snake wiggles away to investigate the new sound from across the garden wall.

Gorbachev, Valeri  
CHICKEN CHICKENS 2002-03

Two little chicks are scared on their first visit to the park, until Beaver helps them.

Gorbachev, Valeri  
ONE RAINY DAY 2003-2004

Some rainy days the tales grow.

Harper, Dan  
SIT, TRUMAN! 2002-2003

A busy day in the life of Truman the dog includes walks, play time, and a little dog named Oscar.

Harper, Isabelle, illus. Barry Moser  
MY CATS NICK & NORA 1997-98

Two young girls spend a day with two spirited cats.

Harper, Isabelle, illus. Barry Moser  
OUR NEW PUPPY 1997-98

When the puppy Floyd joins the family, Eliza and Isabelle see how Rosie, the family dog reacts and learn what it is like having and being a younger sibling.

Hazen, Barbara, illus. Jane Manning  
THAT TOAD IS MINE 2000-01  
Two friends argue over toad ownership while the toad hops away.

Henkes, Kevin, illus. Nancy Tafuri  
THE BIGGEST BOY 1996-97  
Billy and his parents discuss how big he is getting.

Hines, Anna Grossnickle, illus. LeUyen Pham  
WHICH HAT IS THAT? 2003-2004  
You can be anything with the right hat. Lift the flaps and see what happens!

Hort, Lenny, illus. G. Brian Karas  
SEALS ON THE BUS 2001-02  
Who said riding the bus was boring?

Howard, Arthur  
HOODWINKED 2002-03  
A little witch wants a creepy pet like the rest of her spooky family has.

Howard, Arthur  
WHEN I WAS FIVE 1997-98  
A six-year-old boy describes the things he liked when he was five and compares them to the things he likes now.

Johnson, Angela, illus. Ken Page  
SHOES LIKE MISS ALICE'S 1996-97  
Nothing like spending a day with a lively new babysitter, Miss Alice.

Kajikawa, Kimiko  
SWEET DREAMS 2000-01  
A gentle verse introduction to how animals sleep.

Krosoczka, Jarrett  
BUBBLE BATH PIRATES 2004-2005  
Pirate Mommy can scrub her crew clean but can't keep them away from the buried treasure.

Kroll, Steven, illus. Scott Nash  
OH, TUCKER 1999-00  
Tucker is a nice dog, a friendly dog, a disastrous dog.

Lass, Bonnie & Philemon Sturges, illus. Ashley Wolff  
WHO TOOK THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR 2002-03  
A skunk tries to find out which of his friends stole the cookies, in this rhyming tale set in the Southwest.

Leuck, Laura, illus. Pat Schories  
TEENY, TINY MOUSE: A book about colors 1999-00  
A little mouse identifies colors for his mother.

Lionni, Leo  
AN EXTRAORDINARY EGG 1996-97  
Jessica the frog befriends the animal that hatches from an egg she brought home, thinking it is a chicken.

London, Jonathan, illus. Karen Lee Schmidt  
WHAT DO YOU LOVE? 2001-02  
A mother and her child share a day and the things they love.

Lund, Jillian

TWO COOL COYOTES 2001-02

Frank and Angelina are two cool coyotes together but then Angelina moves away.

MacDonald, Suse

NANTA'S LION 1997-98

A Masai child is curious to see the lion that her father and the other villagers are hunting.

MacDonald, Margaret, illus. Tim Coffey

MABELA THE CLEVER 2003-2004

Little mice should always remember what their fathers teach them, especially when cats are involved.

MacLachlan, Emily

BITTLE 2006-2007

Nigel and Julia, a cat and dog, need to adjust to a new family member.

Mallet, Kathy

JUST DUCKY 2004-2005

A lonesome little duckling discovers his reflection makes a just ducky playmate.

Markes, Julie, illus. Maggie Smith

GOOD THING YOU'RE NOT AN OCTOPUS 2002-03

A little boy discovers that all the things he doesn't like to do could be worse.

Martin, David

WE'VE ALL GOT BELLYBUTTONS 2006-2007

A rollicking group of animals explores the different things they can do.

Maynard, Bill, illus. Frank Remkiewicz

QUIET WYATT 2000-01

Wyatt wants to be helpful but his family only wants him to be quiet.

McCall, Francis and Patricia Keeler

A HUGE HOG IS A BIG PIG 2003-2004

A rhyming word game illustrated with photos of children and animals.

McFarland, Lynn Rossiter, illus. Jim McFarland

WIDGET 2002-03

A small stray dog shows a houseful of cats that being a dog has its uses.

McGeorge, Constance, illus. Mary Whyte

BOOMER'S BIG SURPRISE 2000-01

A baby Boomer causes big Boomer dismay.

Meeker, Clare, illus. Megan Halsey

WHO WAKES ROOSTER? 1998-99

All's too quiet on the farm the morning the sun is hidden by clouds.

Most, Bernard

COCK-A-DOODLE-MOO 1998-99

The rooster can't crow so the cow helps him out.

Naylor, Phyllis, illus. Jef Kaminsky

"I CAN'T TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!" 1999-00

Little Amy is accident prone but not all the time.

Nielsen, Laura, illus. Christine Schneider  
JEREMY'S MUFFLER 1997-98

Jeremy's problems begin when his mother says he must wear the muffler his Aunt Alice knitted for him.

Numeroff, Laura

WHAT MOMMIES DO BEST; WHAT DADDIES DO BEST 1999-00

Mommies and daddies can do lots of things but especially they can love their children.

O'Garden, Irene

SCRUBBLY\_BUBBLY CAR WASH 2004-2005

Everyone knows you should take a dusty, crusty car to the scubbly\_bubbly car wash!.

Pearson, Tracey Campbell

BOB 2003-2004

Bob picks up many useful languages while searching for someone to give him crowing lessons.

Pilkey, Dav

THE HALLO-WIENER 1997-98

All the other dogs make fun of Oscar the dachshund until one Halloween when, dressed as a hot dog, Oscar bravely rescues the others.

Pinkney, J. Brian

MAX FOUND TWO STICKS 1996-97

Not wanting to talk, a young boy responds to question by drumming on various objects,

Riley, Linnea

MOUSE MESS 1998-99

Somebody should teach this hungry mouse better eating habits.

Root, Phyllis, illus. Laura Cornell

CONTRARY BEAR 1998-99

Bear is especially contrary around Father.

Root, Phyllis

LOOKING FOR A MOOSE 2007-2008

Through the woods, the swamp and up the hill we go, looking for a moose.

Roth, Carol, illus. Valeri Gorgachev

LITTLE BUNNY'S SLEEPLESS NIGHT 2000-01

Little Bunny can't sleep in his bed and searches for another's where he can.

Roth, Carol, illus. Pamela Papparone

LITTLE SCHOOL BUS 2003-2004

Rhymes describe many different animals riding the bus to school in this colorful book.

Roth, Carol

WHO WILL TUCK ME IN TONIGHT? 2005-2006

No other mother can do it just right.

Scott, Ann Herbert, illus. Glo Coalson

HI! 1996-97

Margarita enjoys greeting the patrons who come to the post office.

Seuling, Barbara, illus. Greg Newbold

WINTER LULLABY 1999-00

When it gets cold outside, where do the animals and people go?

Shannon, David

ALICE THE FAIRY 2006-2007

Alice is a fairy in training who tells all about her “magical” abilities.

Shannon, David

DUCK ON A BIKE 2003-2004

Duck has such fun bike\_riding that all the other animals want to do it too.

Shannon, David

HE CAME WITH THE COUCH 2006-2007

A strange creature suffering from “upholsterosis” comes with the family’s new couch.

Shannon, David

NO, DAVID 1999-00

Sometimes it seems that all a mother says is NO.

Shannon, George

TIPPY\_TOE CHICK, GO 2004-2005

Hen may have promised a good meal in the garden but it takes littlest chick to figure out how to get there.

Sheppard, Jeff, illus. Dennis Panek

SPLASH, SPLASH 1996-97

All kinds of animals, from a bee to a frog, fall into the water, making their own distinctive noises as they get wet.

Smith, Dana

A WILD COWBOY 2005-2006

A young cowboy and his brother spend the day with their grandmother.

Spinelli, Eileen, illus. Melissa Iwai

NIGHT SHIFT DADDY 2001-02

A little girl relates her own and her father’s bedtime routine.

Stevens, Janet & Susan Stevens Crummel, illus. Janet Stevens

MY BIG DOG 2000-01

Merl, the cat, is not amused when his people bring home a puppy.

Stoeke, Janet

FRIEND FOR MINERVA LOUISE 1998-99

Minerva Louise knows something is happening around the farmhouse.

Sturges, Philemon

SHE’LL BE COMIN’ ROUND THE MOUNTAIN 2005-2006

All the mesa residents excitedly get ready for “when she comes”.

Tafari, Nancy

THIS IS THE FARMER 1996-97

A farmer’s kiss causes an amusing chain of events on the farm.

Teague, Mark

PIGSTY 1996-97

When Wendell doesn’t clean his room, a whole herd of pigs comes to live with him.

Thompson, Lauren

LITTLE QUACK 2005-2006

Even ducklings must be brave when leaving the nest.

Walsh, Ellen

FOR PETE'S SAKE 2000-01

Little Pete doesn't look like the other flamingoes with his green skin and four feet but being different is okay too.

Walter, Virginia, illus. Ponder Goembel

"HI, PIZZA MAN!" 1997-98

Waiting for the delivery of a hot pizza, a young girl provides the appropriate animal sounds for a variety of pretend animal pizza deliverers.

Walton, Rick, illus. James Warhola

THE BEAR CAME OVER TO MY HOUSE 2002-03

Told in rhyme, this is a story about Bear's mishaps during a visit with a friend.

Weeks, Sarah

IF I WERE A LION 2005-2006

A little girl explains how she is not wild.

Wells, Rosemary

BUNNY CAKES 1998-99

Max foils his sister's baking efforts.

Wells, Rosemary, illus. Susan Jeffers

McDUFF AND THE BABY 1999-00

A baby displaces McDuff and he is not pleased.

Wells, Rosemary, illus. Susan Jeffers

McDUFF MOVES IN 1998-99

A little dog finds a home and a name.

Wells, Rosemary

MAX CLEANS UP 2002-03

Max's big sister tries to help him clean up his room, but Max keeps rescuing things from the rubbish bin and hiding them in his pocket.

Weston, Martha

TUCK IN THE POOL 1997-98

Tuck, overcomes his fear of water with the help of a lucky rubber spider.

Wheeler, Lisa

BUBBLE GUM BUBBLE GUM 2005-2006

A lot can get caught in sticky, icky bubble gum.

Wheeler, Lisa

ONE DARK NIGHT 2004-2005

A scary trip can have a tasty ending.

Willems, Mo

EDWINA 2007-2008

This cookie baking dino doesn't care that know-it-all Reginald says she doesn't exist and neither do her friends.

Willems, Mo

KNUFFLE BUNNY 2005-2006

Little Trixie doesn't have the words to describe what's missing.

Willems, Mo

LEONARDO THE TERRIBLE MONSTER 2006-2007

Little Leonardo is a horrible monster, but he might be better at something else.

Willems, Mo

PIGEON FINDS A HOT DOG! 2005-2006

If you found a treat, would you share?

Wilson, Karma

FROG IN THE BOG 2004-2005

Serious side effects for log siding and frog dining are detailed here in.

Wilson, Karma

SAKES ALIVE! A CATTLE DRIVE 2007-2008

Molly and Mabel change the meaning of cattle drive when they borrow the farmer's truck.

Wood, Douglas, illus. Doug Cushman

WHAT DADS CAN'T DO 2001-02

Unlike ordinary people there are lots of things dads can't do.

Yaccarino, Dan

UNLOVABLE 2003-2004

Alfred, a pug dog, feels unlovable and tells a fib to feel important.

Yolen, Jane

HOW DO DINOSAURS GET WELL SOON? 2004-2005

Can a dinosaur get better if he won't open wide?

Yolen, Jane, illus. Mark Tegue

HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY GOOD NIGHT? 2001-02

Do dinosaur say good night by throwing their teddy bears about?

Zimmerman, Andrea & David Clemesha, Illus. True Kelley

MY DOG TOBY 2001-02

Toby the dog may learn a trick but maybe not.



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