



**Raise a Reader  
with Hoover Library!**

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# STROLLER COASTER —

## A wild learning ride for babies, toddlers and preschoolers!

### Meet the Mice . . . and Kevin Henkes!

Kevin Henkes has been an author and illustrator for more than 30 years. What keeps him motivated? "Books are often the first exposure to art that children have. Keeping that in mind urges me to make the very best books possible." His website, [www.kevinhenkes.com](http://www.kevinhenkes.com), includes a "Meet Kevin Henkes" video, a photo gallery of his most beloved characters, plus lots of downloadable activities for you and your child.

Words & pictures by KH  
*Chrysanthemum*  
*A Good Day*  
*Jessica*  
*Julius, The Baby of the World*  
*Kitten's First Full Moon*  
*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*  
*Little White Rabbit*  
*My Garden*  
*Old Bear*  
*Owen*  
*Penny and Her Marble*  
*Sheila Rae, the Brave*  
*Waiting*  
*Wemberley Worried*

*Circle Dogs* illustrated by Dan Yaccarino  
*When Spring Comes* illustrated by Laura Dronzek



Lilly loves dressing up!  
Owen loves his fuzzy yellow blanket!



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#### LITERACY BEGINS AT BIRTH!

##### Read-Aloud Benefit #6

- Reading aloud helps children learn the meanings of words. Understanding vocabulary is the basis of communication, literacy and intelligence.

##### Read-Aloud Tip #6

- Repeated readings are good for your child's language development. Re-reading helps your child identify and learn the sounds of his language. Sound discrimination forms the basis of reading and writing skills.

### All A-BOARD for Books!

Once your toddler has a favorite story, he will want to read it again and again. If your child doesn't seem to have a long attention span for books, try a story featuring a character she already loves. The familiarity may be just the ticket to building enthusiasm for reading.

*Blaze and the Monster Machines: Racing Colors*  
*Curious George and the Bunny* by H. A. Rey  
*Duck & Goose: Let's Dance!* by Tad Hills  
*Elmo Says* by Sarah Albee  
*Ladybug Girl Plays* by David Soman  
*Llama Llama Hoppity-Hop* by Anna Dewdney  
*Maisy's Fire Engine* by Lucy Cousins

*DC Super Heroes: Colors, Shapes, and More*  
*Paw Patrol: Pups Save the Day!*  
*The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too!* by Mo Willems  
*Pooh's Bees* by Laura Dollin  
*Skippyjon Jones Up & Down* by Judy Schachner  
*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Know Your Shapes!*

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## Rhyme Time

Two little pumpkins sitting on a hill.  
One named Jack, and one named Jill.  
Roll away Jack, roll away Jill.  
Roll back Jack, and roll back Jill.

*Rhyme Time Tip: Hide both fists behind back.  
Reveal a fist as you name each pumpkin.  
Hide a fist as each pumpkin rolls away.  
Reveal a fist as each pumpkin rolls back.*

I'm stretching very tall.  
And now I'm very small.  
Now tall, now small,  
Now I'm a tiny ball.

*Rhyme Time Tip: Start in a squat then stand tall on the first line. Lower back down to a squat on the second line. Repeat both movements on the third line. Curl up on the floor at the end.*

## Tiny Tunes Playlist

Music matters! The key to toddler music is the repetition of songs. This encourages the use of words and memorization. If the songs feature their favorite characters, even better! Find these CDs in the DISNEY and FAVORITE CHARACTERS sections of the Kid Zone's music collection.

*The Backyardigans: Born to Play*

*Barbie: It's My Party!*

*Barney Perfectly Platinum:  
30 Dino-Mite Songs*

*Disney Fairies: Faith, Trust and  
Pixie Dust*

*Disney Junior DJ Shuffle 2*

*Disney Pixar All Time Favorites*

*Disney Villain Simply Sinister Songs*

*Doc McStuffins: The Doc Is In*

*Dora Rocks!*

*Jake and the Never Land Pirates:  
Yo Ho, Matey!*

*The Lion Guard soundtrack*

*Mater's Car Tunes*

*Mickey Mouse Clubhouse: Meeska  
Mooska Mickey Mouse*

*Minnie's Favorites*

*Now That's What I Call Disney  
Princess*

*Playhouse Disney Music Play Date*

*Sesame Street Platinum All-Time  
Favorites*

*Sheriff Callie's Wild West*

*Sofia the First: Songs from  
Enchancia*

