



# Get Kindergarten Ready at OC Public Libraries Books about Community



[Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood](#) by Isabel F. Campoy (2016). Based on the Urban Art Trail in San Diego, this book follows a little girl named Mira who learns how art can change the world.  
XFICP CAMPOY I

[Last Stop on Market Street](#) by Matt de la Peña (2015). In this award-winning story, a boy and his grandmother take a bus trip through their neighborhood.  
XFICP DE LA PENA M

[Windows](#) by Julia Denos (2017). A boy walks his dog through his neighborhood as the sun goes down and watches as his neighbors' windows come to life.  
XFICP DENOS J

[Every Night is Pizza Night](#) by J. Kenji López-Alt (2020). A child takes a trip through the neighborhood to try out the many foods on offer.  
XFICP LOPEZ-ALT J

[I'm Brave](#) by Kate McMullan (2014). An action-packed story that celebrates the importance of firefighters.  
XFICP MCMULLAN K

[Lola and the Library](#) by Anna McQuinn (2006). Follow Lola and her mother as they make their weekly visit to their local library.  
XFICP MCQUINN A

[Thank You, Omu!](#) by Oge Mora (2018). A story of the power of community and the joy of sharing.  
XFICP MORA O

[City Shapes](#) by Diana Murray (2016). A young girl journeys through her neighborhood and notices shapes in surprising places.  
XFICP MURRAY D

[My Papi Has a Motorcycle](#) by Jasmyn Wright (2019). Daisy takes a trip through her city on the back of her Papi's motorcycle.  
XFICP QUINTERO I

[Anywhere Farm](#) by Phyllis Root (2017). A fun, rhyming story about the joys of a community garden.  
XFICP ROOT P

[Read a Book with Me](#) by Lawrence Schimel (2020). Antonio takes a trip through his neighborhood looking for someone to read his favorite book.  
XFICP SCHIMEL L

[Construction](#) by Sally Sutton (2014). Visit a construction site as a new library is built. A fun read aloud with lots of sound words.  
XFICP SUTTON S

[Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community](#) by Susan Verde (2018). A community comes together to transform a drab wall into something beautiful.  
XFICP VERDE S

[I Am One: A Book of Action](#) by Susan Verde (2020). A child-friendly exploration of how to take the first small step in order to make a difference in their community.  
XFICP VERDE S

[Trashy Town](#) by Andrea Griffing Zimmerman (1999). Mr. Gilly picks up trash all over town, with the fun refrain: "Dump it in, smash it down, drive around the Trashy Town!"  
XFICP ZIMMERMAN A

[The Library](#) by Julie Murray (2017). A non-fiction book about what goes on in the library.  
XP 027 MUR

[Whose Hands Are These? A Community Helper Guessing Book](#) by Miranda Paul (2016). A fun book that will have kids guessing the jobs based on the actions of busy hands.  
XP 331.7 PAU

[Helpers in Your Neighborhood](#) by Shira Evans (2018). A simple, non-fiction exploration of community helpers.  
XP 363.10023 EVA

[Hooray for Helpers! First Responders and More Heroes in Action](#) by Mike Austin (2018). A vividly illustrated title that explores the work and tools of first responders in straightforward language.  
XP 363.348 AUS

