



Get Kindergarten Ready at OC Public Libraries Phonics or Decodable Books



Books that help teach the relationship between letters (or groups of letters) and their sounds are often called “phonics” or “decodable” books. Learning about phonics can help kids sound out unfamiliar words. Look for most of these books in your library’s “Reader” section.

[See Fred Run](#) by **Kevin Bolger (2017)**. Poor Fred is being chased by a series of terrifying animals. The good news is this book features both words to sound out and the 50 most common “sight” words - very common English words that don’t follow the usual phonics rules.

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[Bob Books: Phonics for Early Readers](#) by **Lisa Charlesworth (2024)**. Read twelve very simple stories focused on short vowel sounds in one handy book!

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[My Pet & Full Bed](#) by **Rebecca Colbie (2025)**. Young witches show off their pets and dragons don’t want to go to bed in this two-stories collection.

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[Flip! Flap! & Go for It!](#) by **Katie Dale (2025)**. Penguins frolic on ice and then play hockey in this two-story collection.

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[Disney Princess Phonics Collection: Short Vowels](#) (2021) Join the adventures of princesses Tiana, Ariel, Rapunzel and more in this five story collection featuring short vowel sounds.

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[Og Meets Mog](#) by **Ame Dyckman (2024)**. Og the monster finds someone trapped in ice and helps to get them free in this first book in the “Monster Og” series.

XFICP DYCKMAN A

[Stop That Mop!](#) by **Jonathan Fenske (2025)**. Mop is tired of cleaning up other people’s messes. Who can blame him?

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[Nat the Cat Has a Hat](#) by **Jarrett Lerner (2023)**. Poor Nat the Cat just wants to nap but pesky Pat the Rat isn’t helping.

XFICP LERNER J

[Bob Books. Set 1, Beginning Readers](#) by **Bobby Lynn Maslen (2023)**. This first book in the “Bob Books” series has very simple letter sounds and stories to help the earliest readers build confidence.

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[Big Bug & On the Map](#) by **Jenny Moore (2025)**. Bugs argue over who is largest and a squirrel hunts for buried treasure in this two-story collection.

XFICP MOORE J

[Pixar Phonics Collection: Short Vowels](#) (2021). Join Lightning McQueen, Sully Monster and other favorite Pixar characters in five adventures featuring short vowel sounds.

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[Rubble and Crew: Five-Minute Phonics](#) (2024). Enjoy five stories featuring Rubble from the series “Rubble & Crew” with activities to reinforce reading skills.

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[The Best Beasts](#) by **Kim Thompson (2024)**. Learn the long and short “e” sound with this story about beasts who don’t want to be mean. It’s one of many books in the “My Decodable Readers” series, each focusing on a different letter sound.

XFICP THOMPSON K

[My Big Book of Phonics](#) (2025). This is a handy guide with pages for each basic letter sound and letter blends as well as activities to practice recognizing them.

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[Learn to Read the Easy Way: 60 Exciting Phonics-Based Activities for Kids](#) by **Heather McAvan (2020)**. This adult book has plenty of hands-on phonics activities to help make sounding out words fun for the littlest readers.

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