Reading Recommendations for Kids Ages 3-5

Reserve these titles and more in our catalog.

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs
Mo Willems

Dinosaur vs. the Library
Bob Shea

Shapes
Shelley Rotner & Anne Woodhull

Dinosaurs
Gail Gibbons

ABC
Dr. Seuss

Library Learning
Tips and activities for preschoolers
Dinosaur Crafts & Activities

- **Dino Feet**: Empty tissue boxes to make dinosaur feet and decorate them with markers or paint.
- **Shape Dinosaurs**: Cut out shapes like circles, triangles, and squares and arrange them to make dinosaurs.
- **Fossil Dig**: Fill a tub or box with sand, cornmeal, or something similar and bury toys, twigs, or bone-shaped dog biscuits to act as bones. Then kids can dig them up!
- **Virtual Museum Tours**: Many museums offer kid-friendly museum tours online!

"We Are the Dinosaurs" on hoopla

Check out the song "We Are the Dinosaurs" by The Laurie Berkner Band on hoopla, a free resource from the Library for music, shows, books, and more. www.hoopladigital.com

Literacy Skills: Letter Recognition

Letters are the building blocks of words and literacy! Shapes are the building blocks of letters!

Tips and ideas for memorizing shapes and letters:

- Read alphabet books! Trace letters with your fingers and name them.
- Children are often most interested in the letters of their own name. It’s okay to start with these! Look for them together while you go about your day.
- Teach older preschoolers to recognize letters in different styles: print, cursive, handwritten, upper and lowercase. Help them type their name in different fonts on your computer.
- Play with letters! Flash cards, magnets, blocks, and letter games will help.

Social-Emotional Skill: Calming Down

Do you ever feel a dinosaur roar coming on? Here are some ways your preschooler can help themselves calm down. Practice these together before you need them, and model them for your child

- Breathe and count: Practice taking deep breaths and counting each one.
- Sing a song
- Make a space: Create a corner, a chair, or a spot where your child knows they can go to calm down in peace.