Recommended Books for Young Listeners with Special Needs (Ages 0-3)

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All of the books below are owned by the Fair Lawn Public Library. Where the books are shelved is indicated in the far right column. The following call numbers are included:

JE Juvenile Easy (Picture Books)  Shelved by the first 3 letters of the author’s last name
JREADER Early Reader  Shelved by author’s last name

Exploring Feelings:

The Feelings Book  Todd Parr  JE PAR

Children express different moods, including "I feel very mad," "I feel like reading books all day," and "I feel like wearing funny underwear."

Happy Hippo, Angry Duck  Sandra Boynton  JBOARD B

Animals exemplify a wide range of emotions in this story about different feelings.

How Do Dinosaurs Say I’m Mad  Jane Yolen  JE YOL

Young kids learn how to handle their own negative feelings when they explore how dinosaurs might deal with anger.

Llama Llama Mad at Mama  Anna Dewdney  JE DEW

A young llama wants to play but must go shopping with his mother instead, and so he gets angry and makes a mess at the store.

My Many Colored Days  Dr. Seuss  JE SEU

Playful rhyming concept book about colors and the emotions often associated with them.

The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too!  Mo Willems  JE WIL

How does it feel to be a Pigeon? Well, the bus driver is trying to get him to act happy, but as we all know, this is one bird that is not going to be told what to do!
When I Feel Sad

Cornelia Spelman

JE SPE

A young guinea pig describes situations that make him sad, how it feels to be sad, and how he can feel better.

When Sophie Gets…Angry

Molly Bang

JE BANG

A young girl is upset and doesn't know how to manage her anger but takes the time to cool off and regain her composure.

Fears:

Bear Feels Scared

Karma Wilson

JE WIL

Bear's animal friends come to his rescue when he becomes lost and frightened in the woods.

Can’t You Sleep Little Bear

Martin Waddell

JE WAD

When bedtime comes Little Bear is afraid of the dark, until Big Bear brings him lights and love.

Go Away, Big Green Monster

Ed Emberley

JE EMB

A monster appears and disappears in a series of die-cut designs.

I Used to Be Afraid

Laura Seeger

JE SEE

Explores the many forms fear can take and the importance of overcoming it.

Little Old Lady… Anything

Linda Williams

JE WIL

A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.

Peep + Egg: I’m Not Hatching

Laura Gehl

JE GEH

Peep can't wait for Egg to hatch so they can have fun together, but Egg isn't quite ready yet.
Stormy Night  Salina Yoon  JE YOO
When thunder shakes his house and rain pounds the windows, Bear is frightened. But comforting his Mama, Papa, and Floppy helps make the storm seem not so scary.

Friendship:

Blocks  Irene Dickson  JE DIC
Ruby has red blocks and Benji has blue blocks. They both build with their blocks, until Benji takes one of Ruby’s red blocks and then all the blocks CRASH to the floor. How will they learn to play together?

Can I Play Too?  Mo Willems  JREADER WIL
Elephant and Piggie learn to play catch with their new friend Snake.

Gossie & Gertie  Olivier Dunrea  JE DUN, JBOARD D
Gossie and Gertie are best friends and everywhere Gossie goes, Gertie goes too—except when she doesn’t, and sometimes that’s even better.

How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends  Jane Yolen  JE YOL
A young dinosaur shows how to stay friends even after having a terrible fight with his very best friend.

Little Blue + Little Yellow  Leo Lionni  JBOARD L
The friendship of two children illustrates how colors blend.

Llama Llama and the Bully Goat  Anna Dewdney  JE DEW
When Gilroy Goat starts teasing, Llama Llama has to remember his teacher's anti-bullying lessons.

Llama Llama Time to Share  Anna Dewdney  JE DEW
When Nelly Gnu moves next door, Llama Llama has to learn to share his toys with the new kid.
The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

**Self-Control:**

**Dinosaurs Vs Bedtime**
Bob Shea

As little Dinosaur takes on everything around him, from a pile of leaves to his evening bowl of spaghetti, he is sure to win the challenge, but when it comes to bedtime, little Dinosaur is no match.

**Hands are not for Hitting**
Martine Agassi

Demonstrates that "hands are not for hitting" by suggesting many positive uses for them, such as saying hello, playing, creating, and helping.

**No Biting, Louise**
Margie Palatini

Louise has a problem. She has the tendency to . . . Bite. . . everything and everybody. She promises Mother that she won't do it again, but sometimes Louise just can't help herself.

**No, David!**
David Shannon

A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.

**No Hitting: A Lift the Flap Book**
Karen Katz

Young readers lift the flaps to see how they can channel their anger away from hitting people.

**Please, Baby, Please**
Spike & Tonya Lewis Lee

A toddler's antics keep his mother busy as she tries to feed him, watch him on the playground, give him a bath, and put him to bed.

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