

Picture Books

My ultimate goal in selecting books for a kit is to stick to the theme, while covering as many bases as possible. The monster kit may have seven picture books about monsters, but they are not all about a monster under the bed who just wants to be friends.

The Feelings kit covers jealousy, fear, annoyance, as well as all the mushy-good feelings. I didn't want seven books that breeze over happy/sad, friendly/mad in rhyming couplets.

When I get stuck, I try to find an alphabet book on the theme I'm working with (there is an ABC picture book on almost every single subject you can think of).

Try searching for books that are related to your theme, even if they aren't a perfect match. A book about birds can go in the Tree kit because birds live in trees, and a little book of manners is perfect for the Potty Training kit.

Where to find picture books:

- Your donations: A number of our kits were built around picture books donated by our patrons.
- Your collection: If you have multiple titles on the floor, maybe one can be removed from circulation and added to a new kit.
- Used book stores/thrift stores
- <http://www.goodreads.com/genres/picture-books>
- <http://www.cbcbooks.org/>
- <http://www.amazon.com/Childrens-Books/>