



BOOKS TO READ!

A House for Hermit Crab
by Eric Carle

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Lola by Loufane Gladys Rosa-Mendoza

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Good Night, Gorilla
by Peggy Rathmann

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy E. Shaw

Corduroy by Don Freeman

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
by Robin Page

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton

Jamberry by Bruce Degen

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Make Way for Ducklings
by Robert McCloskey

Pat the Bunny
by Dorothy Kunhardt

Guji Guji by Chih-Yuan Chen

The Poky Little Puppy
by Janette Sebring Lowrey

Yertle the Turtle by Dr. Seuss

Walter the Farting Dog by William Kotzwinkle and Glenn Murray

Find the Bird by Phil Roxbee Cox

Piggies by Audrey Wood and Don Wood

Never, Ever Shout in a Zoo by Karma Wilson and Douglas Cushman

Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys and Gulls by Lucy A. Nolan

At one time, many distinct groups of Native Americans lived in South Carolina with locations across the state still bearing those Indian place names. The Native Americans played an important role in the state's history and many tribes are still active today. The Federal government recognizes the Catawba Indian Nation, and the State of South Carolina recognizes the Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper SC, the Pee Dee Tribe of SC, the Santee Indian Organization, the Beaver Creek Indians, Waccamaw Indian People, Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People, Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC, Natchez Tribe of SC, Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians, Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek, and the Piedmont Indian Association. There are a total of 30 different tribal entities in the state. The South Carolina Commission on Minority Affairs is the official Indian Affairs Commission for the state and continues to have a Coordinator for Native American Affairs to serve the special needs of the Native groups.

Around the State!

Children's Book Week sponsored by the Children's Book Council

Spoletto Festival, Charleston (Charleston County)

Gullah Festival, Beaufort (Beaufort County)

Kidz Fest, Darlington (Darlington County)

Family Fest, Greer (Greenville County)

Railroad Festival, Central (Pickens County)

Strawberry Festival, Slater (Greenville County)

May: Animals

"I had quite an adventurous childhood growing up in South Carolina. I got trapped in a secret tunnel, was chased by counterfeiters and once I even found a haunted showboat in a deserted bayou. Oh, wait, that was Nancy Drew. But I felt like I was right there with her, shining my flashlight into moss-covered mansions and searching for clues in crumbling walls. Send your kids on the adventure of a lifetime. Open a book."

— Lucy A. Nolan, South Carolina author of *Mother Osprey* and the *Down Girl & Sit* chapter book series

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>National Egg Month</p>	<p>National Barbecue Month</p> 	<p>National Bike Month</p>	<p>Mother Goose Day</p> 	<p>World Turtle Day</p>	<p>Children's Book Week</p> 	<p>March and sing: <i>The Bear Went Over the Mountain</i> and <i>The Ants Go Marching!</i></p>
<p>Make an animal collage</p> <p>Cut out pictures of animals or draw some pictures and paste them on a big piece of paper.</p>	<p>Count the number of different animals you can find on packaging, clothing, or other things in your home.</p>	<p>Sing <i>This is the Way the Farmer Rides</i></p> <p>This is the way the farmer rides, the farmer rides, the farmer rides, This is the way the farmer rides, So early in the morning.</p>	<p>Play leap frog with your child. Talk about why it is called leap frog!</p>	<p>Write out the alphabet. Help your child think of an animal for each letter of the alphabet.</p>	<p>Do you know any animal rhymes? Think about monkeys, ducks and frogs and sing some together.</p>	<p>Get out your salt dough and make some animals or insects.</p>
<p>Help your child make a card for Mother's Day — you can include grandmothers or godmothers, or friends' mothers.</p>	<p>Sing <i>The Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> with your child. Do the hand motions. Talk about how spiders spin webs.</p> 	<p>Our state bird is the Carolina Wren and the state dog is a Boykin Spaniel. Draw a picture of what you think these look like.</p>	<p>Pretend to be big zoo animals and little zoo animals.</p> 	<p>Together, make a list of animals found in words like coward, catastrophe, or crabby.</p>	<p>Take a walk and see if you can see any butterflies. Can you tell a story about what you think they are doing?</p>	<p>Can you visit the library? Check out books and music about animals. Also look for books by Mo Willems.</p>
<p>Make a poster about insects and bugs. Don't forget to include colorful ones like ladybugs and butterflies.</p>	<p>Let's pretend. Start with E words: elephants, eagles, and eggs. Can you think of others?</p>	<p>Together, write a poem about your pet or what your favorite animal does all day.</p>	<p>Sing <i>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</i>. Sing as many animals as you can think of!</p>	<p>Make up a fingerplay to <i>The Quiet Mouse</i>. Once there lived a quiet mouse. He lived inside a quiet house. When all was quiet as could be OUT POPPED HE!</p>	<p>Practice the sounds that animals make. What's your favorite?</p> 	<p>Mother Goose Time!</p> <p>Dickery, dickery, dare, The pig flew up in the air: The man in brown, Soon brought him down, Dickery, dickery, dare. Make up some hand motions!</p>
<p>Draw a picture of a turtle and tell a story about it.</p> 	<p>Dance to songs with animals in the title like <i>Hound Dog</i> or <i>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</i>.</p>	<p>Take turns pretending to be different animals and guess which animal the other person is pretending to be!</p>	<p>The man who wrote <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> was born this month. Draw a picture of the lion!</p>	<p>What animal would you be and why?</p>	<p>Read some animal books...maybe <i>Head to Toe</i> or <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle.</p>	<p>Talk about how eggs come from chickens. Decorate an egg with markers. Don't forget to use it before it spoils!</p>
<p>Make thumb print animals!</p>	<p>Talk about the names of baby animals: kitten, puppy, lamb, colt, etc.</p>	<p>Enjoy some milk today and talk about cows!</p>	<p>What animals live in the jungle? Do you know what sounds they make?</p> 	<p>Use a paper bag to make a tank and then draw fish for your tank. Talk about how fish breathe in water.</p>	<p>Pretend to be dogs and cats with your child. What kind of sounds do these animals make?</p>	<p>Play <i>Which is Bigger?</i> using animals.</p>