

Back to School Books

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Parents and kids are preparing to go back to school in August. The Owasso Library has books for all your back-to-school needs!

Books about the First Day of School

- *Daddy's Back to School Shopping Adventure*, by Alan Sitomer

When Mommy and Daddy take Jake and Jenny back-to-school shopping, they are determined to stick to their list, but when Mommy steps away, requests for items not on the list abound, including one from Daddy.

- *Monkey Not Ready for Kindergarten*, by Marc Brown

Kindergarten is just a week away and Monkey is not ready, but with help and encouragement from family and friends, he begins to get excited.

- *Five Little Ducklings Go To School*, by Carol Roth

It's time for the five little ducklings to go to school. Four of the little ducklings are excited, but the fifth one is afraid to go to school because he will miss his mama.

- *Planet Kindergarten*, by Sue Gantz-Schmitt

Blast off into the adventure of a lifetime: kindergarten! A little astronaut sees school as a new planet to be explored.

- *You're Wearing That to School?!*, by Lynn Plourde

A cautious mouse named Tiny gives advice to his best friend, an exuberant hippopotamus named Penelope, on such things as what to wear and what to take for show-



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and-tell on the first day of school.

Lunch Box Recipe books

- *Happy Bento! Lunches On the Go*, by Anna Adden

Perfect for holidays, birthdays, or any day of the week, traditional Japanese bento boxes are trendier than ever, and they encourage kids of all ages to eat healthy foods by making them cute and colorful.

- *The Lunch Box*, by Kate McMillan

This shares creative ideas for using common ingredients to make boxed lunches with a variety of nutritious sandwiches and snacks children will enjoy.

- *The Best Homemade Kids' Lunches on the Planet: Make Lunches your Kids Will Love With More Than 200 Deliciously Nutritious Meal Ideas*, by Laura Fuentes

This book has recipes for every age and stage. The recipes are super-delicious, super-nutritious, and fun to make and eat. There are even entire lunchbox meals that are gluten-, soy-, and/or nut-free.

Fun Books for Mom

- *Parenting is Easy: You're Probably Just Doing*

It Wrong, by Sara Given

Advertisers who flood the web with stock photos of perfect parents and children want you to believe that parenting is a piece of cake. Sara Given started a Tumblr exploring the disconnect between these preposterous photos and what happens in real life and makes every reader laugh out loud.

- *Gummi Bears Should Not Be Organic, and Other Opinions I Can't Back Up with Facts*, by Stefanie Wilder-Taylor

Popular mommy blogger Stefanie Wilder-Taylor is officially fed up with the endless mommy fads, trends, studies, findings, and facts about how to raise children. In her latest book, the mother of three young girls has decided to find out how to be a mom all on her own.

- *Motherhood Smotherhood*, by J.J. Keith

What's the first thing a woman does when she thinks she might be pregnant? She Googles. And it goes downhill from there. JJ Keith interweaves discussions of what 'it takes a village' really means with laugh-out-loud observations about the many mistakes she made as a frantic new mother with too much access to high-speed internet and a lot of questions.

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