Block Play in the Library!

7 Stages of Block Play
1. Carrying blocks
2. Stacking – both vertical and horizontal
3. Bridging
4. Enclosures
5. Patterns and Symmetry
6. Early Representational
7. Later Representational

Children move through these stages in this order. But once each stage is mastered, they will move backward and forward through them.

Potential Contributions of Blocks for Early Childhood Curriculum

Adapted from Charlotte and Milton Brody, The Block Book. Published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
Picture Books for Block Storytimes

- Homestead in Many Cultures by Heather Adamson
- A Day at the Market by Sara Anderson
- The Magic Toolbox by Mie Araki
- Building a House by Byron Barton
- My Car by Byron Barton
- The Three Bears by Byron Barton
- Bear About Town by Stella Blackstone
- Ship Shapes by Stella Blackstone
- Freight Train by Donald Crews
- The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds
- Color Farm by Lois Ehlert
- Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
- Shape Capers by Cathryn Falwell
- Easy Street by Rita Gray
- Perfect Square by Michael Hall
- Amazing Buildings by Kate Hayden
- La Granja/The Farm by B. A. Hoena
- Changes, Changes by Pat Hutchins
- Say Hello by Rachel Isadora
- Chugga-Chugga Choo Choo by Kevin Lewis
- Froggy Builds a Tree House by Jonathan London
- I'm a Truck Driver by Jonathan London
- Building a House by Joann Early Macken
- Too Tall Houses by Gianna Marino
- City Patterns by Nathan Olson
- I Must Have Bobo by Eileen Rosenthal
- Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop by Lisa Shulman
- Block City by Robert Louis Stevenson
- I Love Trains by Philemon Sturges
- Raise the Roof by Anastasia Suen
- Round is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong
- Albert's Alphabet by Leslie Tryon
- Backseat A-B-See by Maria van Lieshout
- Truck Driver Tom by Monica Wellington
- Fireman Small by Wong Herbert Yee

Block Play Resources


Website Resources:

- Blocks as a Tool for Learning: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- Early Math Skills: Building Blocks for the Future