

Kids' Books to Encourage Active Transportation

Below is a list of fun and engaging books about active transportation that are suitable for kids. Download or print the list below and find them at your local library or bookstore!

A Crash Course for Molly

Eva Eriksson

Molly is finally big enough to ride a bike, and she couldn't be more excited! Unfortunately, Molly can't stop bumping into things and people on her bike. Luckily for her, she bumps into a driving instructor who offers her some bike-riding advice.

A Good Night Walk

Elisha Cooper

This book follows a parent and child as they go on a nighttime walk. It showcases scenes of residential neighbourhoods depicted in beautiful watercolours and magical shapes. The novel is magical and calming, perfect to read with kids before bedtime.

Adventures to School: Real-Life Journeys of Students from Around the World

Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul

This book follows the many ways that kids around the world get to school. Read on to learn about how students travel to school and the many cultures around the world.

Amelia Bedelia Hits the Trail

Herman Parish

Amelia Bedelia and her class go on a hike. This humorous book follows the many sights, sounds, and mishaps that Amelia and her classmates encounter during their hike.

Anne's Numbers: Inspired by Anne of Green Gables

Kelly Hill

In this book, inspired by Anne of Green Gables, the reader follows Anne as she goes on a nature walk. During this walk, she counts trees, flowers, clouds, and friends! This book is perfect for younger aged children as it is full of beautiful illustrations and simple text.

The Bike Lesson

Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain

This book follows Small Bear's journey on his very first bike. Before he is allowed to ride the bike, his dad teaches him everything he needs to learn about bike safety. This funny, uplifting book in the Berenstain Bears series is a must read!

The Car that Wanted to be a Bike

Lior Steinberg

This book follows Johnny, a friendly car that realizes how nice it would be to become a bicycle. Does Johnny become a bike? Can he find a new purpose in life? This book teaches children about the many benefits of bicycling.

City Streets are for People

Andrea Curtis

This illustration-filled book explores various modes of sustainable transportation, including electric vehicles, bicycles, and walking, while also inviting us to imagine a city where the streets are designed for all people.

Duck on a Bike

David Shannon

One day, Duck has a daring idea – he wants to ride a bike! Duck waddles over to where the boy parked his bike and begins to ride. Duck rides the bike past a cow, sheep, horse, and many other barnyard animals. They all wonder – Is that a duck on a bike? This book is a must read for kids – both fun and uplifting!

Flowers are Calling

Rita Gray and Kenard Pak

This poetic book showcases the connections between plants, animals, and insects in the forest. It also includes beautiful artwork by Kenard Pak.

Franklin Rides a Bike

Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark

Franklin is excited to ride his bike without his training wheels. However, he doesn't understand why it's so difficult for him, but easy for his friends. Follow Franklin on his journey to ride his bike!

Go Bikes Go

Addie Boswell

This book features beautiful illustrations of different types of bikes and the people who enjoy them. It is inspired by the growing bike culture in the Pacific Northwest.

Good to be Green: Let's Walk to School

Deborah Chancellor

This book follows a young boy who chooses to walk to school one day. As he walks to school, he realizes the benefits of walking for his health and the planet. This is one of six books in the 'Good to be Green' series that encourages environmental awareness for youth.

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter

Kenard Pak

This book follows a brother and sister duo as they go for a walk outside. They notice the setting sun, deer, and other signs that signal the end of autumn and the start of winter.

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

Kenard Pak

This book follows a young girl as she goes for a walk in the forest. She notices the flowers, gust of wind, and other signs that signal the end of summer and the start of autumn.

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

Kenard Pak

This book follows a young boy as he goes for a walk with his dog. He notices the chirping birds, melting brooks, and other signs that signal the end of winter and the start of spring.

The Hike

Allison Farrell

This book follows three young females as they set out on an adventure to explore their local forest. It features lyrical and fun language that captures the beauty in nature.

Hiking Day

Anne Rockwell

This book follows a young girl as she goes on her first ever hike up a mountain and notices the many plants, animals, and insects. The book uses simple, but lyrical language to create a beautiful story from start to finish.

It's a Mitig!

Bridget George

This book brings the reader through a forest while introducing many Ojibwe words about nature. It is written and illustrated by an Ojibwe author and inspires Indigenous and non-Indigenous children to learn about Indigenous cultures.

Let's go for a walk

Ranger Hamza

This unique book serves as a walking guide and encourages the reader to stop and look around during their next walk. Ranger Hamza has created several prompts of things to look out for: something blue, something short, something rough, and more!

The Listening Walk

Paul Showers

In this book, a little girl and her father take a quiet walk and identify the sounds around them. The girl discovers the extraordinary world of sound around her.

Mrs. Armitage on Wheels

Quentin Blake

This book follows the fun adventures of Mrs. Armitage, her bicycle, and her dog. Mrs. Armitage is constantly looking for ways to improve her bicycle and soon enough, is riding a very eye-catching contraption. Follow along with Mrs. Armitage's crazy adventures!

Ruby's School Walk

Kathryn White

Join Ruby on her journey to her first day of school. As she walks to school with her mom, she imagines beasts hiding at every corner. Read on to see how her mom helps her find courage on her first day of school!

Run Wild

David Covell

This book follows the story of a girl who sees a boy absorbed by his digital device and encourages him to leave the device and go on an outdoor adventure. Together, they explore the sights and sounds of the natural world around them.

Running the Road to ABC

Denise Lauture

This illustration book follows six Haitian children as they run over hills, through fields, and across the city square to get to school. It follows the unique travels through nature that children in Haiti often take to get to school.

The Street Beneath my Feet

Charlotte Guillain

This is an incredibly fun double-sided foldout book that takes the reader on a journey down the layers of the Earth. One side of the foldout shows the ground beneath the city while the other side shows the ground beneath the countryside. This book reminds us of the natural wonders of the world and shows us the difference between urban and country environments.

Super Grandpa

David M Schwartz

This inspiring book follows the true story of Gustaf Håkansson. Håkansson was 66 years old when he wanted to join the Tour of Sweden but was not allowed to due to his age. Instead, he participated unofficially, and finished first place! This book involves fun narration, and sound effects, captivating readers of all ages!

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Richard Bernard

This book brings to life the classic winter holiday song 'Winter Wonderland' with beautiful colours and illustrations. It features many of the sights and sounds of winter including snowmen, sleigh rides, smiles, laughter and more.

Walking in the City with Jane: A Story of Jane Jacobs

Susan Hughes

Susan Hughes details the life of Jane Jacobs, an incredibly well-known city thinker and activist, pushing for safer and happier cities and communities. This book features illustrations and is a great resource for kids to learn more about Jane Jacobs, and civic engagement.

The Water Walker

Joanne Robertson

This book follows an Ojibwe Grandmother and her love of water. It tells the story of the Ojibwe Grandmother's walks across the Great Lakes to protect our waters and raises awareness about the importance and beauty of water.

The Way to School

Rosemary McCarney

This book of beautiful photographs follows the many amazing, and sometimes dangerous ways that children around the world travel to and from school.

Yuki's Ride Home

Manya Tessler

It is late in the day, and Yuki has to head home after spending a day at her grandmother's place. Will Yuki be brave enough to bike home at night without anybody else's help? Follow Yuki's journey to find out!

50 Below Zero

Robert Munsch

This popular and hilarious book is a timeless classic. It follows Jason and his father, who is always sleepwalking everywhere and anywhere. Jason gets woken up to his dad in the strangest places, in the freezing cold woods, and even on top of the refrigerator!