

Top 10 Bear Book List:

***Most titles available at the Ottawa Public Library**

The Bear's Medicine by Clayton Gauthier—A beautiful book about love and connection.

The Bear's Garden by Marcie Colleen—A book about hope, filled with lovely pictures.

The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland (plus other in the series)—Loveable characters and laughable rhymes.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin & Eric Carle—A storytime classic!

There Are No Bears in This Bakery by Julie Sarcone-Roach –Full of beautiful, rich, descriptive language.

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman (plus other in the series)—Funny adventures with Bear and his friends. Also, by these two, **Big Bear Small Mouse**, a book about opposites.

Big Bear Little Bear by David Bedford & Jane Chapman—This little polar bear can't wait to grow up.

There's a Bear on My Chair by Ross Collins—Entertaining rhymes for adults and children... Mouse is not amused!

Old Bear and His Cub by Olivier Dunrea—A sweet story about taking care of each other.

The Curious Cares of Bears by Douglas Florian—Follow these bears for seasonal adventure. Whimsical text and images.

“We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” Extension Ideas

- Re-enact the story by crafting your own grass/mud/snow, etc. Use homemade puppets or small toys to go on a hunt.
- Invite the children to express their bear hunt ideas with paint and a variety of tools to create interesting textures and designs—forks, spatulas, brushes, sponges, fingers...
- Extend the fun to snack time with something “bear-y” good to eat—search Pinterest for ideas and inspiration!
- Learn about bears and hibernation.
- Create a sensory “Bear hunt” experience using bins, bottles, or bags.
- Use the photos to practice sequencing or to tell a new version of the story.
- Turn your bear hunt into a sound activity using household items to represent the various elements: broom on the floor, water splashing, pots and pans, dried beans, etc.



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