Numbers and Counting

The following list is a sample of books about the concepts of numbers and counting. These titles are shelved in the Picture Book section by the first three letters of the author’s last name unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Aker, Suzanne. **What Comes in 2's, 3's, & 4's?** (E AKE)
Introduces the numbers two, three, and four by enumerating the ways in which they occur in everyday life, from your two eyes and two arms to the four seasons of the year.

Baker, Keith. **1-2-3 Peas.** (E BAK)
Busy little peas engage in their favorite activities as they introduce the numbers from one to 100.

Balsley, Tilda. **Ten Hungry Turkeys.** (E BAL)
Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Byrd are planning a big lunch on Thursday, and they invite ten turkeys to come early. However, one by one the turkeys drop out, as they wonder what this is really about.

Barnett, Mac. **Count the Monkeys.** (E BAR)
The reader is invited to count the animals and people that have frightened the monkeys off the pages.

Berry, Cate. **Chicken Break!** (E BER)
Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text invite the reader to count chickens, from one standing guard to ten drooping and dragging their way back to the coop after breaking out for a night of fun.

Blackledge, Annabel. **Count to Five: a Little Book of Numbers.** (BB BLA)
An interactive book of numbers with shaped and layered pages, specially developed to encourage independent page turning and allow easy handling.

Boldt, Mike. **123 Versus ABC.** (E BOL)
Numbers think they’re the stars of this book, but Letters disagree!

Browne, Anthony. **One Gorilla: A Counting Book.** (E BRO)
Learn to count with a variety of primates—gorillas, gibbons, mandrills, and others.
Calliope, Glass. **Obi-1 2 3.** (E STA)

One, two, three, four counting with Star Wars is hardly a chore! From the chosen one to a transport of twenty this book is full of numbers aplenty!

Carle, Eric. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar.** (E CAR)

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep and wakes up a butterfly.

Christelow, Eileen. **Five Little Monkeys Play Hide & Seek.** (E CHR)

The five little monkeys try to avoid going to bed by playing hide and seek with the babysitter. See also: **Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree** (E CHR).

Cousins, Lucy. **Count With Maisy, Cheep, Cheep, Cheep!** (E COU)

In an interactive farmyard game of hide-and-seek, intrepid little mouse Maisy searches beneath lift-flaps to locate Mommy Hen's missing chicks.

Cyrus, Kurt. **Billions of Bricks.** (E CYR)

A counting book that leads readers through the day in the life of a construction worker building with bricks.

Dahl, Michael. **Downhill Fun: A Counting Book about Winter** (E DAH)

Introduces the numbers from one to twelve as skiers, sledders, and snowboarders whiz down a snowy slope. Readers are invited to find hidden numbers on an illustrated activity page. See also: **From the Garden : A Counting Book about Growing Food** (E513.2 DAH) and **One Big Building: A Counting Book about Construction** (E513.2 DAH).

Dean, James. **Five Little Ducks.** (E PET)

Sing along with Pete the Cat in his groovy adaptation of the classic children's song "Five Little Ducks."

Dek, Maria. **When I am Big.** (E DEK)

A child imagines many things to do when one is big, from one to twenty-five, including climbing a tree with fourteen branches to reach a tree house big enough for fifteen bears.
Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. *Race Car Count*. (E DOT)
Count to ten with fast and colorful race cars.

Doyle, Malachy. *One, Two, Three O'Leary*. (E DOY)
Rhythmic text based on traditional rhymes tells how their father and mother try to put the ten bouncy O'Leary children to bed.

Durango, Julia. *Cha-Cha Chimps*. (E DUR)
Counting and dancing go hand in hand at Mambo Jamba's, the place where hippos hokey-pokey and meerkats, macarena and ten little chimps do the cha-cha-cha, until Mama Chimp says, "Time for bed!"

Falwell, Cathryn. *Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond*. (E FAL)
As they are startled by the activities of other nearby creatures, the number of turtles on a log in a pond decreases from ten to one. Includes factual information about the animals mentioned in the story.

Fleming, Denise. *The Everything Book*. (E FLE)
A collection of simple works which introduce colors, shapes, numbers, animals, food, and nursery rhymes. See also: *5 Little Ducks* (E FLE).

Foster, Jane. *Jane Foster's 123*. (Board Books: BB FOS)
Introduce little ones to numbers in this bold and graphic style board book by illustrator and textile designer Jane Foster.

Fox, Mem. *Let's Count Goats!* (E FOX)
The reader is invited to count goats of many shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions.

Freymann, Saxton. *One Lonely Sea Horse*. (E FRE)
One lonely sea horse learns that she has a lot of friends--friends she can really "count" on.

In this story that introduces the numbers from one to ten, Billy Bully learns to be nice to his friends.
Gravett, Emily. **Bear & Hare, Where’s Bear?** (E GRA)
Friends Bear and Hare play a game of hide and seek, counting from one to ten each round.

Hart, Carolyn. **One Shoe Two Shoes.** (E HAR)
Introduces colors and the numbers one to ten as increasing numbers of mice explore a wide variety of shoes.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **The Looking Book.** (E HOB)
In this rhyming tale, Ned searches for his lost cat throughout the pages of the book from one to twenty-eight.

Holub, Joan. **Pumpkin Countdown.** (E HOL)
When Miss Blue's class visits Farmer Mixenmatch's Pumpkin Patch, the students find many ways to have fun, and a lot of thing to count.

Jay, Alison. **1 2 3: A Child’s First Counting Book.** (E JAY)
A little girl awakens to scenes from fairy tales in which she can count familiar characters or objects from one to ten and back again.

Jeffers, Oliver. **The Hueys in None the Number.** (E JEF)
One of the Hueys tries to explain the concept of "none" to another by finding different numbers of items, one through ten, then taking them all away.

Johnston, Tony. **Ten Fat Turkeys.** (E JOH)
The antics of ten fat turkeys on a fence illustrate counting from ten to one.

Lavis, Steve. **Cock-a-Doodle: A Farmyard Counting Book.** (E LAV)
A fun-filled counting book that takes youngsters on a mathematical journey through a farmyard filled with pigs, horses and cats.

Lazar, Tara. **7 Ate 9: the Untold Story.** (E LAZ)
When 7 is accused of eating 9, worried 6 hires a detective to investigate.
Lee, Mark. *20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street.* (E LEE)
Count the trucks getting stuck in a traffic jam.

Light, Steve. *Have You Seen My Dragon?* (E LIG)
In the heart of the city, among the taxis and towers, a small boy travels uptown and down, searching for his friend. Readers will certainly spot the glorious beast, plus an array of big-city icons they can count.

Lionni, Leo. *Colors, Numbers, Letters.* (Board Books: BB LIO)
Simple illustrations on board pages help children learn their numbers, letters, and colors.

Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons.* (E PET)
Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

Ljungkvist, Laura. *Follow the Line.* (E LJU)
Invites the reader to visit a wide variety of places and count different objects found in each, from fire hydrants in a big city in the morning, through starfish in the ocean during the day, to babies sleeping in a country village.

Mabbitt, Will. *I Can Only Draw Worms.* (E MAB)
Teaches the reader to count to ten using worms that have great adventures or everyday experiences, described but not illustrated due to the author/illustrator's inability to draw anything but worms.

Martin Jr., Bill. *Ten Little Caterpillars.* (E MAR)
Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

Martinez, Claudia. *Not a Bean.* (E MAR)
An introduction to the Mexican jumping bean explains how the seed pod acts as shelter and food for a caterpillar until it emerges as a moth, and encourages readers to count from one to ten and practice Spanish vocabulary as they follow its course.
McGrath, Barbara. **Teddy Bear Counting.** (E MCG)
Teddy bears introduce numbers from one to twelve, as well as colors and shapes.

Mockford, Caroline. **Cleo’s Counting Book.** (E MOC)
Count to ten and back again with Cleo the cat as she explores the outside world, spotting trees, fish, dogs, frogs and chicks.

Na, Il Sung. **Hide & Seek.** (E NA)
When the animals play hide and seek, Elephant finds everyone but Chameleon, who has hidden so well no one can find him.

Narita, Kate. **100 Bugs! A Counting Book.** (E NAR)
Two children find and count bugs in their backyard.

Pallotta, Jerry. **Butterfly Colors and Counting.** (Board Books: BB PAL)
Count the butterflies from one to ten. Learn their colors, then count again!

Paul, Miranda. **10 Little Ninjas.** (E PAU)
From ten little ninjas sneaking out of bed to one cuddlebug asleep on the spread, rhyming text provides a count-down to bedtime.

**Peppa Pig and the Lucky Ducks.** (E PEP)
Peppa and George would like to visit the ducks. They see one pond, but no ducks. Those lucky ducks must be on an adventure! Peppa and George go on an adventure too.

Root, Phyllis. **One Duck Stuck.** (E ROO)
In this counting book, increasingly larger groups of animals try to help a duck that is stuck in the sleepy, slimy marsh.

Seuss, Dr. **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.** (Easy Reader: ER SEU)
From the can-opening Zans to the boxing Gox to the winking Yink who drinks pink ink, the silly rhymes and colorful cast of characters create an entertaining approach to reading that will have every child giggling from morning to night.
Thomas, Jan. *Is That Wise, Pig?* (E THO)
Mouse is making a yummy pot of soup and Cow and Pig are helping add ingredients. Mouse adds four tomatoes, Cow adds five potatoes, and Pig adds...six galoshes?! Is that wise, Pig? Young readers will be so busy giggling at Pig’s antics, they won’t even realize they are counting, too. A twist ending and irresistible characters will make this a favorite read-aloud.

Tourville, Amanda Doering. *Hiding Hippos : Counting From 1 to 10.* (E513.2 TOU)
The concept of plus one is introduced while counting hippos from one to ten.

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Counts.* (E WIL)
As friends Bear and Mouse share a day together, Bear counts various objects, from one to five, and the reader is invited to do the same.

Wolff, Ashley. *Baby Bear Counts One.* (E WOL)
Before curling up with his mother in their cozy den, Baby Bear counts other animals preparing for winter.