

North Olmsted City School District

2011 Summer Reading List

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Any books by the following authors, or **any book recommended by a librarian:**

[Bishop, Nic](#)

[Cronin, Doreen](#)

[Emberley, Ed](#)

[Fleming, Denise](#)

[Henkes, Kevin](#)

[Jenkins, Steve](#)

[Martin, Bill](#)

[Willems, Mo](#)

Here are a few of our recommended reads to get you started:

Baker, Keith. [LMNO Peas](#). Beach Lane Books, 2010. Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist. P CONCEPTS

Cronin, Doreen. [Rescue Bunnies](#). Balzer + Bray, 2010. Newbie struggles to pass her field test to become a full-fledged Rescue Bunny. P

Dodd, Emma. [I Love Bugs!](#) Holiday House, 2010. Easy-to-read text celebrates the many kinds of bugs that can be found in a backyard. P

Emberley, Ed and Rebecca Emberley. [Chicken Little](#). Roaring Brook Press, 2009
A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey, to tell them the sky is falling. 398.2 Em13c

Fischer, Scott M. [Jump!](#) Simon & Schuster, 2010. From bugs and frogs to alligators and whales, frightened animals always move out of the way of a larger opponent. P

Fleming, Denise. [The Cow Who Clucked](#). Holt, 2006. When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it. P

French, Jackie. [Diary of a Baby Wombat](#). Clarion, 2010. Through a week of diary entries, a wombat describes his life of sleeping, playing, and helping his mother look for a bigger hole in which to make their home. P

Garcia, Emma. [Tap Tap Bang Bang](#). Boxer Books, 2010. Colorful illustrations and brief text show a variety of tools and what they can do. P

Gravett, Emily. [Dogs](#). Simon & Schuster, 2010. A surprising narrator reveals the characteristics and attributes of dogs he loves, including dogs that are big or small, striped or spotted, and good or bad. P

Hall, Michael. [My Heart Is Like a Zoo](#). Greenwillow, 2010. Rhyming text describes how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal. P

Harper, Charise Mericle. [Cupcake: A Journey to Special](#). Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Cupcake, feeling drab because he is only vanilla, and his friend, Candle, come up with a plan to make themselves stand out in the crowd. P

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Henkes, Kevin. [My Garden](#). Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls. P

Houblon, Marie. [A World of Colors: Seeing Colors in a New Way](#). National Geographic, 2009. Simple text and photographs explore the relationship between colors and objects with images from around the world, encouraging children to find both expected and surprising colored objects, such as green leaves and pink fish. P CONCEPTS

Isadora, Rachel. [Say Hello!](#) Putnam's, 2010. A little girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages. P

Khan, Rukhsana. [Big Red Lollipop](#). Viking, 2010. Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help. P

LaRochelle, David. [1+1=5: And Other Unlikely Additions](#). Sterling, 2010. Colorful illustrations and unusual calculations encourage children to think about numbers in a creative way. P

Lloyd, Sam. [Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers: Another Love Story](#). Atheneum, 2007. When Emily brings home a little kitten to be best friends with Mr. Pusskins, the older cat does not appreciate the gesture. P

London, Jonathan. [A Plane Goes Ka-zoom](#). Holt, 2010. Easy-to-read, rhyming text describes the sounds of, and uses for, different kinds of airplanes. P

Love, Maryann Cusimano. [You Are My Wish](#). Philomel, 2010. Illustrations and rhyming text describe how a grandparent and child complement each other. P

Lyon, George Ella. [Trucks Roll!](#) Atheneum, 2007. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal many different -- and sometimes silly -- items that trucks can haul. P

Macken, JoAnn Early. [Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move](#). Holiday House, 2008. Illustrations and simple text introduce children to how seeds travel from place to place and propagate new plants. 581.467 M196f

Martin, Bill, Jr. and John Archambault. [Chicka Chicka Boom Boom](#). Simon & Schuster, 1989. This alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. P

Mayo, Margaret. [Dig Dig Digging](#). Holt, 2001. Simple rhymes introduce various large vehicles, such as dump trucks, fire engines, and tractors, and describe the work that they do. 629.225 M454d

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McCarty, Peter. [Fabian Escapes](#). Holt, 2007. While Hondo the dog stays home and enjoys his usual pursuits, Fabian the cat escapes out the window and has many adventures. P

McKee, David. [Elmer's Special Day](#). Andersen Press, 2009. Once a year on Elmer's Day, all the elephants decorate themselves and have a parade, and this year Elmer comes up with a plan to include the other animals as well as the elephants. P

McNaughton, Colin. [Not Last Night But the Night Before](#). Candlewick, 2009. A child's quiet night is transformed into a rowdy party as different fairy tale creatures come knocking. P

Meadows, Michelle. [Hibernation Station](#). Simon & Schuster, 2010. Rhyming text and pictures introduce the reader to a variety of animals as they try to snuggle in to sleep. P

Meyers, Susan. [Bear in the Air](#). Abrams Books, 2010. A teddy bear begins an adventurous journey home after being lost by the child who loves him. P

Na, Il Sung. [The Thingamabob](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. An elephant finds a "thingamabob" and experiments until he discovers its real purpose. P

Nevius, Carol. [Baseball Hour](#). Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Using rhyming, rhythmic text and photorealistic artwork, a typical baseball practice is described in which the girls and boys in a multicultural group demonstrate teamwork. 796.357 N418b

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. [If You Give a Mouse a Cookie](#). Harper & Row, 1985. A young boy, having given a cookie to a bossy mouse, is run ragged by the energetic rodent's subsequent requests. P

Oppel, Kenneth. [The King's Taster](#). HarperCollins, 2009. The royal chef takes Max the dog, who is the royal taster, on several international journeys to find a dish for the land's pickiest king. P

Pelé. [For the Love of Soccer!](#) Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Pelé, the three-time World Cup soccer champion, shares his enthusiastic love of the sport and his rise to fame. B P362f

Perry, Andrea. [The Bicklebys' Bird bath](#). Atheneum, 2010. This cumulative rhyme, in the style of "The House That Jack Built," describes the antics that occur when a girl with a long leaky hose squirts a flock of curious crows. P

Prelutsky, Jack. [Me I Am!](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. This illustrated poem celebrates the individuality of three very different children, with a concluding scene that shows a gaggle of other ME I AMs. 811.54 P915me

Rathmann, Peggy. [Officer Buckle and Gloria](#). Putnam's, 1995.

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The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches. P

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Reidy, Jean. [Too Pickley!](#) Bloomsbury, 2010. A child rejects a number of foods before settling on one that is just right. P

Ritz, Karen. [Windows with Birds](#). Boyds Mills, 2010. A cat adjusts to its new home in an apartment, high above the ground, after living in a house. P

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. [Bedtime for Mommy](#). Bloomsbury, 2010. In a reversal of the classic bedtime story, a child helps her mommy get ready for bed, enduring pleas for one more book, five more minutes of play time, and a glass of water before the lights go out. P

Schaefer, Lola. [Just One Bite: 11 Animals and Their Bites at Life Size!](#) Chronicle Books, 2010. The diets of eleven creatures are examined, focusing on the amount of food each one consumes in a single bite, and covering the sandgrain-sized bite of dirt eaten by an earthworm to the giant squid swallowed by a sperm whale. 591.53 Sch13j

Schertle, Alice. [Little Blue Truck Leads the Way](#). Harcourt, 2009. A country truck feels out of place in the speedy, noisy city until he comes to the rescue during a giant traffic jam. P

Schoenherr, Ian. [Don't Spill the Beans!](#) Greenwillow, 2010. A little bear just cannot keep a secret and shares it with all his friends. P

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. [What If?](#) Roaring Brook, 2010. The concept of sharing is explored using three different scenarios of what could happen after a boy throws a beach ball into the ocean. P Parenting

Shapiro, Zachary. [We're All in the Same Boat](#). Putnam's, 2009. After being on the ark for months and months, the ants get antsy, the bees bored, and the llamas livid, and Noah must find a way to make everyone get along. P

Siddals, Mary McKenna. [Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth](#). Tricycle Press, 2010. This rhyming recipe explains how to make the dark, crumbly, rich, earth-friendly food called compost. P

Spinelli, Jerry. [I Can Be Anything!](#) Little, Brown, 2010. A little boy ponders the many possible jobs in his future, from paper-plane folder and puppy-dog holder to mixing-bowl licker and tin-can kicker. P

Staines, Bill. [All God's Critters](#). Simon & Schuster, 2009. How all the animals in the world make their own music in their own way is celebrated, some singing low, some singing higher. 782.42 St15a

Stein, David Ezra. [Pouch!](#) Putnam's, 2009. A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder

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- Swinburne, Stephen R. [Whose Shoes? A Shoe for Every Job](#). Boyds Mills, 2010. Different occupations are explored through simple text and colorful photographs of shoes and the people who wear them. 331.702 Sw63w
- Teague, Mark. [Funny Farm](#). Orchard Books, 2009. Cousin Edward visits Aunt Judy and Uncle Earl on their farm and tries to help with all the chores. P
- Underwood, Deborah. [The Quiet Book](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2010. From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text and clever illustrations help the reader explore the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day. P
- Urbanovic, Jackie. [Sitting Duck](#). Harper, 2010. Max the duck volunteers to babysit for puppy Anabel, unaware of all the mischief a puppy can get into. P
- Van Camp, Katie. [Harry and Horsie](#). Balzer & Bray, 2009. Harry has an out-of-this-world adventure when he goes in search of his favorite stuffed animal, Horsie, after it is carried away by a bubble. P
- Voake, Steve. [Insect Detective](#). Candlewick, 2010. This illustrated story tells the reader where to look for different insects, including wasps, ants, bees, beetles, and others, and provides facts about each six-legged creature. 595.7 V851i
- Wheeler, Lisa. [Dino-baseball](#). Carolrhoda Books, 2010. Meat-eating dinosaurs face plant-eating dinosaurs in a baseball game. P
- Willems, Mo. [City Dog, Country Frog](#). Hyperion, 2010. When City Dog comes to the country he meets Country Frog for the first time, and every season afterward the two have a fun time playing together. P
- Willis, Jeanne. [Cottonball Colin](#). Eerdmans Books, 2008. Afraid that her smallest child, Colin, will be hurt if he goes outside or plays, a mother mouse insists that he sit quietly indoors until his grandmother suggests wrapping him in cotton wool, which proves to be effective but in a most unexpected way. P
- Wilson, Karma. [Don't Be Afraid, Little Pip](#). McElderry Books, 2009. Afraid to swim, Pip the penguin would much rather learn to fly. P

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Grade 1 and Grade 2

Any books by the following authors:

[Bishop, Nic](#)
[Brett, Jan](#)
[DePaola, Tomie](#)
[DiCamillo, Kate](#)
[Gibbons, Gail](#)
[Jenkins, Steve](#)
[Kimmel, Eric](#)
[Scieszka, Jon](#)
[Simon, Seymour](#)

Or any books from the following series:

Young Cam Jansen by Adler, David A.	FIRST READER
Mercy Watson by DiCamillo, Kate	FICTION
Frog & Toad by Lobel, Arnold	FIRST READER
Henry & Mudge by Rylant, Cynthia	FIRST READER
Nate the Great by Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman.	FIRST READER

Or any book recommended by a librarian.

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Adler, David A. [Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery](#). Viking, 2010. At her school's Green Fair, Cam and her friends are learning how to keep the earth green when a student's remote controlled car goes missing! Was it stolen? It is up to Cam and her amazing photographic memory to find it. Series FIRST READER

Applegate, Katherine. [Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin](#). HarperCollins, 2009. Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but he is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten. Series: Roscoe Riley rules; #7. FICTION

Arnold, Tedd. [The Twin Princes](#). Dial Books, 2007. Twin chicken princes take part in a contest to determine which one will inherit the throne. P

Barrows, Annie. [Ivy + Bean](#). Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. Series: Ivy & Bean FICTION

Becker, Bonny. [A Visitor for Bear](#). Candlewick, 2008. Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse. P

Bishop, Nic. [Nic Bishop Spiders](#). Scholastic, 2007. Includes foldout pages, photographs, and text providing basic information about various kinds of spiders. 595.44 B541n

Blume, Judy. [The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo](#). Yearling, 1981.

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Second-grader Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play. FICTION

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Brendler, Carol. [Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer, to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers. P

Brett, Jan. [The Three Little Dassies](#). Putnam's, 2010. In this adaptation of the traditional folktale, three little dassies (also called rock hyraxes) build their houses in the Namib Desert of Southern Africa, hoping for protection from the eagle that lives atop a nearby mountain. P

Browne, Anthony. [Little Beauty](#). Candlewick, 2008. This beautifully illustrated, simple story describes a gorilla with the ability to communicate in sign language who asks for a new friend and is not disappointed. P

Burleigh, Robert. [One Giant Leap](#). Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969. 629.454 B924o

Byars, Betsy. [Cat diaries : secret writings of the MEOW Society](#). Holt, 2010. On one night every year, cats in the MEOOW Society, which stands for "Memories Expressed In Our Writing," gather to read from their diaries, hearing stories of a gypsy cat, a Caribbean pirate cat, a library cat, and many others. FICTION

Chaconas, Dori. [Cork & Fuzz: Finders Keepers](#). Viking, 2009. Although Cork the muskrat is short and likes to find things and Fuzz the possum is tall and likes to keep things, the pair remain best friends even after Fuzz finds Cork's lost stone and decides to keep it. Series FIRST READER

Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. [Princess K.I.M. and the Lie That Grew](#). Whitman, 2009. In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen. P

Collins, Ross. [Dear Vampa](#). Katherine Tegen, 2009. A young vampire writes a letter to his grandfather bemoaning his new neighbors. FICTION

Cronin, Doreen. [Diary of a Fly](#). Joanna Cotler, 2007. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes. P

Davis, Jill. [Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer](#). Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters. 590.222 D294o

De Paola, Tomie. [26 Fairmount Avenue](#). Putnam's, 1999. Children's author and illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. Newbery Honor 2000. Series B D44tw

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Deans, Karen. [Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson](#). Holiday House, 2007. An illustrated biography of the life and achievements of African American tennis player Althea Gibson. 796.342092 D346p

DiCamillo, Kate. [Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig](#). Candlewick, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives and, frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. Series FICTION

DiPucchio, Kelly S. [Grace for President](#). Hyperion, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes. FICTION

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. [The Gingerbread Girl](#). Dutton, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie. P

Florian, Douglas. [Comets, stars, the Moon, and Mars : space poems and paintings](#). Harcourt, 2007. A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets. 811.54 F663c

Geras, Adele. [Little Ballet Star](#). Dial Books, 2007. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It is Tilly's birthday, and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience. P

Gibbons, Gail. [The Vegetables We Eat](#). Holiday House, 2007. A clear, informative introduction to eight groups of vegetables, categorized by the part of the plant that is eaten. 635 G352v

Grogan, John. [Bad Dog, Marley!](#) HarperCollins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy, causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household. P

Harper, Jessica. [Uh-Oh, Cleo](#). Putnam's, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house. Series FICTION

Hicks, Betty. [Goof-Off Goalie](#). Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off; but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. Series FICTION

Hoberman, Mary Ann. [You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together](#). Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices and designed especially for young children and adults to read together. Series FICTION

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Hort, Lenny. [Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved](#). Holt, 2006. While much is known about dinosaur anatomy, behavior, and habitat, the author points out the many mysteries that remain to be answered about these extinct creatures. 567.9 H788d

Howe, James. [Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk](#). Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. Series FIRST READER

Jeffers, Susan. [My Chincoteague Pony](#). Hyperion, 2008. Julie, having worked year round to save money to buy her first Chincoteague pony, realizes she does not have enough; but when Pony Penning Day arrives, strangers help her make her purchase. P

Katz, Alan. [Are You Quite Polite? Silly Dilly Manners Songs](#). McElderry Books, 2006. Presenting humorous lyrics to such familiar children's songs as "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and "Hey Diddle Diddle," Katz presents examples of behavior both good and bad. 782.42 K159a

Keller, Laurie. [Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners](#). Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you" and proceeds to explain what this means. P

Kennedy, Edward M. [My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C.](#) Scholastic, 2006. Illustrated by David Small and narrated by Splash, the Portuguese water dog, this is a clear and concise introduction to the American political process. 328.73092 K381m

Kimmel, Eric A. [Medio Pollito : a Spanish tale](#). Marshall Cavendish, 2010. In this version of the Spanish folktale, Medio Pollito, the half-chick, ventures from his safe barnyard home all the way to Madrid, aided by the friends that he helped along the way. 398.20946 K571m

Kimmel, Eric A. [Stormy's Hat: Just Right for a Railroad Man](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. As Stormy, a railroad engineer, searches for the perfect hat—one that will not blow off, get too hot, or shade his eyes too much--his wife, Ida, becomes increasingly annoyed that he will not let her help. Includes a historical note about the real Stormy and Ida Kromer. P

Krensky, Stephen. [Milo the Really Big Bunny](#). Simon & Schuster, 2006. A misfit bunny finds out that the characteristic that makes him different helps the Easter Bunny save the day. P

Labatt, Mary. [Sam Gets Lost](#). Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city. Series FIRST READER

LaMarche, Jim. [Lost and Found](#). Chronicle Books, 2009. A compilation of three short stories that indeed prove there is a powerful connection between dogs and children. P

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Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. [Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival](#). Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina. 636.0832 L329t

Lasky, Kathryn. [Poodle and Hound](#). Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. Series FICTION

Lechner, Jack. [Mary Had a Little Lamp](#). Bloomsbury, 2008. Mary takes her "bendy" gooseneck lamp wherever she goes, much to the dismay of her parents and classmates; but after leaving it at home during summer camp, Mary finds that she has outgrown her need for her odd companion. P

Leedy, Loreen. [Missing Math: A Number Mystery](#). Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear, bringing a halt to everyday activities. P

Lester, Helen. [Tacky Goes to Camp](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. Series P

Lies, Brian. [Bats at the Ballgame](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Two teams of bats enjoy a nighttime game of baseball. Cheering the home team are the bat fans enjoying the snacks of "mothdogs" and the like. P

Lin, Grace. [Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!](#) Little, Brown, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different. FIRST READER

Lobel, Arnold. [Frog and Toad Are Friends](#). First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. Series FIRST READER

MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. [Once I Ate a Pie](#). Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals. 811.54 M22o

Marshall, James. [Fox On the Job](#). Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. Series FIRST READER

McDermott, Gerald. [Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon](#). Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven. 398.209811 M143j

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McDonald, Megan. [Daisy Jane, Best-Ever Flower-Girl!](#) Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities. FIRST READER

McDonald, Megan. [Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express](#). Candlewick, 2008. Stink Moody, his friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away one hundred and one guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to relinquish his favorite, Astro. Series FICTION

McElligott, Matthew. [The Lion's Share](#). Walker, 2009. Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but she is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself. P

McKissack, Patricia and Onawumi Jean Moss. [Precious and the Boo Hag](#). Atheneum, 2005. Home alone with a stomach ache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about. FICTION

McNulty, Faith. [If You Decide to Go to the Moon](#). Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and, most importantly, how to get back home. 629.454 M235i

Negron, Ray. [The Boy of Steel : A Baseball Dream Come True](#). Regan, c2006. A young boy stricken with cancer has his dream come true when he gets to be a Yankee batboy for a day. FICTION

Nevius, Carol. [Baseball Hour](#). Marshall Cavendish, 2008. All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends. 796.357 N418b

Numeroff, Laura and Nate Evans. [The Jellybeans and the Big Camp Kickoff](#). Abrams Books, 2011. When four friends with different talents and abilities go to summer camp together, they use their strengths to make camp fun for all. Series P

Parish, Herman. [Amelia Bedelia's First Day Apple Pie](#). Greenwillow, 2010. While visiting her grandparents, literal-minded Amelia Bedelia finally learns, despite some mishaps, how to bake an apple pie. Series P

Reynolds, Peter. [The Dot](#). Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success. P

Rylant, Cynthia. [Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday](#). Simon & Schuster, 2007. Annie and her bunny Snowball invite Henry and Mudge to a dress-up party. Series FIRST READER

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Rylant, Cynthia. [Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover](#). Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. Series FIRST READER

Rylant, Cynthia. [The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck](#). Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. Series FIRST READER

Sauer, Tammi. [Chicken Dance](#). Sterling, 2009. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious! P

Schachner, Judy. [Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice](#). Dutton, 2009. Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua dog, has an adventure on Mars. Series P

Schulman, Janet. [Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City, who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities as bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest which is built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building. 598.944 Sch81p

Scieszka, Jon. [Robot Zot!](#) Simon & Schuster, 2009. Big and bright robots advance and defeat their way through a wonderful yet familiar place. P

Scotton, Rob. [Splat the Cat](#). HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about. P

Shannon, David. [Too Many Toys](#). Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away; but he realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with. P

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. [Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club](#). Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. Series FIRST READER

Silverman, Erica. [Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies](#). Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. Series FIRST READER

Spinelli, Eileen. [The Best Story](#). Dial Books, 2008. When a contest at the local library offers a prize for the best story, a girl tries to write one using her family's suggestions, but her story does not seem right until she listens to her heart. P

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

Grade 1 and Grade 2

Steig, William. [Sylvester and Magic Pebble](#). First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! Caldecott Medal 1970 P

Talbott, Hudson. [United Tweets of America](#). Putnam's, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States. 598.2973 T142u

Tavares, Matt. [Mudball](#). Candlewick, 2005. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history. FICTION

Thomas, Shelley Moore. [A Cold Winter's Good Knight](#). Dutton, 2008. The Good Knight must remind three little dragons to mind their manners when they arrive at the castle on the night of a fancy ball. Series P

Van Leeuwen, Jean. [Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth](#). Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. Series FIRST READER

Willems, Mo. [Edwina, The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct](#). Hyperion, 2006. Edwina the friendly neighborhood dinosaur, friend to children and grown-ups alike, finds a foe in young Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie, who insists that she is extinct. P

Winter, Jonah. [Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates](#). Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland. B C591wr

Yolen, Jane. [Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry](#). Candlewick, 2007. A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and bedtime. 811.00809282 H421

Yee, Wong Herbert. [Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2009. When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find that compromising and sharing is the way to bird watch with a good friend. Series FICTION

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. [Where did dinosaurs come from?](#) HarperCollins, 2011. Presents information about the evolution of the dinosaurs, from the earliest four-limbed tetrapos of the Paleozoic age, to the meat-eating eoraptors of early Triassic, to the fully-developed dinosaurs of the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. 567.9 Z72w

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Grade 3 and Grade 4

Any books by the following authors:

[Cleary, Beverly](#)
[Clements, Andrew](#)
[Giovanni, Nikki](#)
[Gutman, Dan](#)
[Dahl, Roald](#)
[Hamilton, Virginia](#)
[McCully, Emily Arnold](#)
[Polacco, Patricia](#)
[Yee, Lisa](#)

Or any books from the following series:

[Clementine series](#) by Sara Pennypacker
[Oggie Cooder series](#) by Sarah Weeks

Or any book recommended by a librarian.

Here are a few of our recommended reads to get you started:

Aldrin, Buzz. [Look to the Stars](#). Putnam's, 2009. Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin traces the history of air and space exploration from Isaac Newton to the International Space Station and Mars using personal insights and conversational text. 629.409 AI24I

Barton, Chris. [The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors](#). Charlesbridge, 2009. Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors. 535.352 B285d

Beard, Darleen Bailey. [Annie Glover is Not a Tree Lover](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Fourth grader Annie is torn between supporting her "tree hugging" grandmother who is trying to save a historic tree and her desire for the new community swimming pool which would mean cutting down the tree. FICTION

Becker, Bonny. [The Magical Ms. Plum](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Each of the students in Ms. Plum's third grade classroom receives a visit from a magical creature that comes out of her supply closet just for them. FICTION

Bishop, Nic. [Forest Explorer: A Life-Size Field Guide](#). Scholastic, 2004. Enjoy up close views of the wildlife in a deciduous forest through breathtakingly beautiful photography and informative text. 591.73 B541f

Brown, Don. [A Wizard From the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2010. This picture book shows that young Thomas Edison was a hard worker who was curious about everything, read a lot of books, studied diligently for years, and was passionate about inventing. B Ed48b

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Grade 3 and Grade 4

- Bruel, Nick. [Happy Birthday Bad Kitty](#). Roaring Brook, 2009. Bad Kitty's birthday party seems to be going well until her presents begin to disappear. Is one of the guests stealing them? Series FICITION
- Buckley, Carol. [Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends](#). Putnam's, 2009. This book shares the true story of an elephant named Tarra who befriends a dog, Bella, at an elephant sanctuary. 599.676 B856tb
- Cheshire, Simon. [The Curse of the Ancient Mask: And Other Case Files](#). Roaring Brook, 2009. Become a detective and see if you can solve each mystery from the clues Saxby gives as he works three cases in this fast-paced chapter book. Series FICITION
- Cleary, Beverly. [Ribsy](#). First published 1964. When Ribsy gets lost from his family at the shopping center, he begins a series of humorous escapades and wanderings in his quest to find his family. Series FICITION
- Clements, Andrew. [No Talking](#). Simon & Schuster, 2007. The noisy fifth grade class of Laketon Elementary becomes suspiciously quiet when the boys challenge the girls to a "no talking" contest. FICITION
- Corey, Shana. [Mermaid Queen: The Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman](#), Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History! Scholastic, 2009. This brightly illustrated picture book biography of Annette Kellerman details how she overcame physical difficulties to become a world famous swimmer, water ballerina, and swimsuit innovator. 797.21092 C812m
- Coville, Bruce. [The Monster's Ring](#). Harcourt, 2002. Russell Crannaker's magic ring enables him to turn into a monster on Halloween and ward off the class bully once and for all. Series FICITION
- Cowley, Joy. [Snake and Lizard](#). Kane/Miller, 2008. Snake and Lizard's friendship grows as they learn more about each other in this humorous chapter book of likable desert characters. FICITION
- Creech, Sharon. [Hate That Cat](#). Joanna Cotler, 2008. Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous works and how they relate to his life. FICITION
- Dahl, Roald. [Matilda](#). Viking, 1988. Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore Miss Honey, her nice teacher, to financial security. FICITION
- Demi. [Marco Polo](#). Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Travel with the legendary explorer, Marco Polo, through colorful, exotic lands, experiencing the dangers and adapting to strange cultures over his 24-year, 3,000-mile journey through the Far East. B P766d
- Dennis, Brian. [Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle](#). Little, Brown, 2009. Heartwarming true tale of a United States Marine and his canine

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friend as they met and bonded in Iraq, and how Nubs came to America. 636.70929 D423n

Grade 3 and Grade 4

Franco, Betsy. [Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices](#). Candlewick, 2009. Find a partner and enjoy reading poems about life at school from this entertaining collection of poetry for two voices. 811 F848m

French, Jackie. [How to Scratch a Wombat: Where to Find It ... What to Feed It ... Why It Sleeps All Day](#). Clarion, 2009. This book tells you all you need to know about caring for and living with wombats -- how to scratch their backs, how to sing to them, and how to keep the "hairy brown rocks with legs" from breaking your door down -- based on the author's thirty years of experience in her Australian home. 599.24 F888h

Friedman, Laurie. [Red, White & True Blue Mallory](#). Carolrhoda Books, 2009. On a class trip to Washington, D.C., Mallory keeps a journal in which she writes about sites she visits, her bothersome loose tooth, the lack of attention from her best friend, Mary Ann, and getting lost in a museum. Series FICTION

Gardiner, John Reynolds. [Stone Fox](#). First published 1980. Willy hopes to win the purse in a dog sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm. FICTION

Gibbons, Gail. [Hurricanes!](#) Holiday House, 2009. Informative text and drawings present an overview of how hurricanes are formed, their categories, the destruction they can cause, and how they are forecasted and tracked. 551.552 G352h

Giovanni, Nikki. [The Grasshopper's Song: An Aesop's Fable Revisited](#). Candlewick, 2008. It is the alleged "frivolous" grasshopper's day in court as he tries to prove his case against the industrious ants who did not share their food with him through the long, cold winter. FICTION

Goldstone, Bruce. [Great Estimations](#). Holt, 2006. This book will show you how to train your eyes and your mind to make really great estimations using photographs and easy-to-follow text. 519.544 G578g

Greene, Stephanie. [Happy Birthday, Sophie Hartley](#). Clarion, 2010. Sophie, who is looking forward to her tenth birthday, has many ups and downs growing up in a family with five kids. FICTION

Grindley, Sally. [Dear Max](#). McElderry Books, 2006. Written in letter format between a nine-year-old boy and a published author, this book deals sensitively with loss within a family, disease, and bullying. FICTION

Gutman, Dan. [Nightmare at the Book Fair](#). Simon and Schuster, 2008. Fifthgrader Trip Dinkleman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a bookfair case and becomes a character in a series of different books including a horror story, an adventure, and a fantasy. FICTION

Hamilton, Virginia. [The Girl Who Spun Gold](#). Blue Sky Press, 2000. This beautifully illustrated folktale is a West Indian variant of the Rumpelstiltskin story. 398.2 H18g

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Grade 3 and Grade 4

Hansen, Rosanna. [Caring for Cheetahs: My African Adventure](#). Boyds Mills, 2007. Pounce into this colorful photo-essay about protecting endangered cheetahs at a nature reserve owned by the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, Africa. 599.759 H198c

Harley, Avis. [African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways](#). Candlewick, 2009. Entertaining acrostic poems about African animals provide readers information both about the animals as well as the various forms of acrostic poems. 811.6 H227a

Harper, Charise Mericle. [Just Grace Walks the Dog](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Grace hopes to prove to her parents that she can be dependable and responsible enough to have a real dog, not just the cardboard dog she has been pulling around. Series FICTION

Helman, Andrea. [Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts](#). Walker, 2008. This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat. 591.472 H367h

Hicks, Betty. [Track Attack](#). Roaring Brook, 2009. Superfast Jazz, a budding track star, is embarrassed by her overly enthusiastic father and his meddling at her track meets and practices. FICTION

Holt, Kimberly Willis. [Piper Reed Gets a Job](#). Holt, 2009. Piper starts a partyplanning business in order to earn enough money to buy a clubhouse for their Gypsy Club members, but she discovers the job is not nearly as easy as she had thought. Series FICTION

Hopkinson, Deborah. [Keep On!: The Story of Matthew Henson, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole](#). Peachtree, 2009. Well-researched text and striking drawings portray the courage and determination of explorer Matthew Henson as he traveled with Admiral Peary to the North Pole in 1909. 910.9113 H777k

Hunt, Elizabeth Singer. [The Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur: USA](#). Weinstein, 2007. Nine-year-old Jack Stalwart works for the GPF, the Global Protection Force, and travels to New York City in search of a genetically mutated flesheating dinosaur. Series FICTION

Jenkins, Steve. [Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Incredible cut paper illustrations highlight eighteen creatures whose weapons of teeth, claws, spines, and venom make them dangerous to humans, while the captivating text explains what you should never do if you encounter one of these animals. 591.65 J418n

Klimo, Kate. [The Dragon in the Driveway](#). Random House, 2009. Cousins, Jesse and Daisy, along with their pet dragon, continue their battle against the evil scientist who has plans to destroy the forest in order to find the magical golden pickax that is buried there. Series FICTION

Klise, Kate. [Stand Straight, Ella Kate: The True Story of a Real Giant](#). Dial Books, 2010. The life of Ella Kate Ewing, an eight foot tall giant born in 1872,

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is presented in this illustrated fictionalized biography. FICTION

Grade 3 and Grade 4

Krosoczka, Jarrett. [Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. In this graphic novel, the Lunch Lady and her sidekick, Betty, secretly fight forces of evil when they uncover a plot hatched by a villainous teacher to overrun the school with cyborg substitutes. Series GRAPHIC NOVEL

Krull, Kathleen. [The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. As a young boy in the early 1900's, Philo Farnsworth's curiosity about how things work eventually led him to develop the idea of how television could work. B F237k

La Fevers, R. L. [Flight of the Phoenix](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Ten-year-old Nate is sent to live with a family cousin, the world's last beastologist, after his parents are declared lost at sea, but danger mounts when he is brought on an expedition to the Arabian desert, gets lost, and must protect a newly hatched phoenix egg and rescue his guardian. Series FICTION

Lane, Kathleen. [Nana Cracks the Case!](#) Chronicle Books, 2009. Not your ordinary grandma, Nana is aided by her grandchildren Eufala and Bog in nabbing a candy thief for the Crispy County Police Department. FICTION

Lin, Grace. [The Year of the Dog: A Novel](#). Little, Brown, 2006. Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog to her own life. Series FICTION

Low, Alice. [The Fastest Game on Two Feet and Other Poems About How Sports Began](#). Holiday House, 2009. This book contains funny poems about various sports as well as a brief paragraph about the sport's origin. 811.54 L95f

Lowry, Lois. [The Birthday Ball](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Princess Patricia Priscilla is not looking forward to her birthday when she has to choose a suitor, so she switches places with her chambermaid so she can attend school with the commoners. FICTION

MacDonald, Betty. [Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle](#). First published 1947. Loved by children and their parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle always knows just the right way to solve any problem. Series FICTION

MacLachlan, Patricia. [Sarah, Plain and Tall](#). First published 1985. This sweet prairie tale of a family's experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. Series FICTION

Markle, Sandra. [Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories](#). Millbrook, 2009. Nine riveting tales share examples of animals saving humans, along with photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior. 636.0887 M341a

McCully, Emily Arnold. [Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse](#). Holt, 2010. Bill "Doc" Key, who was a former slave, trains his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and perform around the country, ultimately teaching others to treat animals humanely. FICTION

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Grade 3 and Grade 4

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [Shiloh](#). Atheneum, 1991. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Honor Book 1992. Series FICTION

Nivola, Claire [A. Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. This beautifully illustrated biography tells how Wangari Maathai encouraged the people of Kenya to plant trees in an effort to restore their depleted land. 333.72092 N649p

O'Malley, Kevin. [Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude](#). Walker, 2005. Cooperatively writing a fairytale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold. FICTION

Pennypacker, Sara. [Clementine's Letter](#). Hyperion, 2008. After learning that her favorite teacher will be leaving for a trip to Egypt and will be absent for the remainder of the year, Clementine devises a plan to get rid of the substitute and get Mr. D'Matz to stay. Series FICTION

Petersen, P. J. [Wild River](#). Delacorte, 2009. When their kayak hits a log and his older brother is seriously hurt, Ryan must overcome his fears and go for help. FICTION

Polacco, Patricia. [The Keeping Quilt](#). First published 1988. Follow the author's family's quilt through several generations, from its creation by the first generation immigrant family all the way to the present generation. P

Rappaport, Doreen. [Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt](#). Disney-Hyperion, 2009. Well-researched and powerfully presented, this biography of Eleanor Roosevelt chronicles her life from a quiet, reserved child to an outspoken champion for the rights of all individuals. B R677r

Root, Phyllis. [Paula Bunyan](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Paula Bunyan is a rough, tough lady with a singing voice that cracks windows, a live bear for a foot warmer, and a heart for the environment in this fun folk tale set in the North Woods. FICTION

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. [The Wonder Book](#). Harper, 2010. Silly poems, puns, and jokes are illustrated with happy line drawings in this humorous book full of word play. 811.54 R727w

Ryder, Joanne. [Panda Kindergarten](#). Collins, 2009. Simple text and enticing color photographs follow sixteen giant panda cubs as they eat, play, and nap during the day at the Wolong Nature Preserve in China. 599.789 R975p

Scieszka, Jon. [Spaceheadz](#). Simon & Schuster, 2010. Michael moves to a new school and learns that some of his friends are really aliens who have come to Earth in order to convince millions of kids to be Space Heads. Series FICTION

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Grade 3 and Grade 4

- Scott, Elaine. [When is a Planet Not a Planet?: The Story of Pluto](#). Clarion, 2007. This book takes the downgrading of Pluto from planet to dwarf planet as a teachable moment for discussing questions such as how the number of planets has changed through the centuries, what can be called a planet, and how scientists come to conclusions—and occasionally change their minds. 523.482 Sco83w
- Service, Pamela F. [Alien Expedition](#). Carolrhoda Books, 2009. Alien agent Zack is on a mission to help rescue alien dinosaurs from another planet who have been taken hostage in Mongolia by the Kiapa Kapa Syndicate. Series FICTION
- Shefelman, Janice. [J. Vivaldi](#). Eerdmans Books, 2008. This picture book biography describes how Vivaldi grew to be a famous musician, despite his mother's vow for him to become a priest. 780.92 Sh38i
- Sidman, Joyce. [Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Poems about pond life throughout the year and factual annotations are contained in this beautifully illustrated book. 811.54 Si13s
- Sidman, Joyce. [Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2010. In fourteen poems, this picture book blends poetry, science, and art in celebrating the earth's most resilient and long-lived species. 811.54 Si13u
- Sylver, Adrienne. [Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog](#). Dutton, 2010. The history of the hot dog and how it came to America is discussed in this eye-catching picture book. 641.36 Sy57h
- Tavares, Matt. [Henry Aaron's Dream](#). Candlewick, 2010. In this beautiful picture book biography of Henry "Hank" Aaron, Henry overcomes many obstacles to realize his childhood dream of becoming a major league baseball player. 796.357092 T197h
- Taylor, Sarah Stewart. [Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean](#). Disney-Hyperion, 2010. In graphic novel format, Amelia Earhart's life is described with a focus on the successful Atlantic crossing in 1928. GRAPHIC NOVEL
- Tolan, Stephanie S. [Wishworks, Inc.](#) Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Third-grader Max copes with his parents' divorce by retreating into an imaginary world complete with an imaginary dog to protect him from the bullies at school until he realizes that one must be careful what one wishes for even at his imaginary Wishworks, Inc. FICTION
- Tunnell, Michael O. [Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's Chocolate Pilot](#). Charlesbridge, 2010. This is the story of pilot Gail Halvorsen who, after meeting some of the children living in post World War II West Berlin, started dropping candy from his plane when he flew over. 943.1550874 T835c
- Vail, Rachel. [Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters](#). Feiwel and Friends, 2010. Written in diary form, Justin writes honestly about his worries and observations of life in the 3rd grade. FICTION
- Wallace, Rich. [Kickers, book 1 : The Ball Hogs](#). Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. In this beginning chapter book, Mark and Ben, both highly competitive, refuse to pass the soccer ball, but

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eventually realize that their best chance of winning is working together. Series FICTION

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Weeks, Sarah. [Oggie Cooder](#). Scholastic, 2008. Oggie, an outcast to his classmates, garners friends and fame by sharing his unique talent of "charving," chewing and carving processed cheese into the shape of states, on a television talent show. Series FICTION

Wilson, Karma. [What's the Weather Inside?](#) McElderry, 2009. This clever collection of original poetry is mostly light, humorous verse about family, friends, and school. 811.6 W694w

Winter, Jonah. [Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx](#). Atheneum, 2009. Written in both English and Spanish, the life of Sonia Sotomayor is described from her childhood in poverty to how she worked her way up to the top of the United States judicial system. B So783w

Winter, Jonah. [You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!](#) Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Learn about Sandy Koufax, a powerful left-handed pitcher for the New York Dodgers, a practicing Jew who would not play baseball on High Holy days, and a mystery man who quit baseball after the best season of his career. 796.357092 W734y

Yee, Lisa. [Bobby vs. Girls \(Accidentally\)](#). Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Two long-time best friends' disagreement escalates into a war between the girls and boys of their fourth-grade classroom. FICTION

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Grade 5

Any Juvenile FICTION or NON-FICTION books by the following authors:

[Appelt, Kathi](#)

[Avi](#)

[Cleary, Beverly](#)

[Clements, Andrew](#)

[Creech, Sharon](#)

[DiCamillo, Kate](#)

[Kadonata, Cynthia](#)

[Lowry, Lois](#)

[Peck, Richard](#)

[Riordan, Rick](#)

[Springer, Nancy](#)

[Stead, Rebecca](#)

Or any book recommended by a librarian.

Here are a few of our recommended reads to get you started:

Appelt, Kathi. [The Underneath](#). Atheneum, 2008. An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. Newbery Honor 2009. National Book Award Finalist 2008

FICTION

Appelt, Kathi. [Keeper](#). Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010
On the night of the blue moon when mermaids are said to gather on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico, ten-year-old Keeper sets out in a small boat, with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain, determined to find her mother, a mermaid, as Keeper has always believed, who left long ago to return to the sea.

FANTASY FICTION

Bolden, Tonya. [George Washington Carver](#). Abrams Books, 2008. Born a slave during the Civil War and raised by his mother's owners, George Washington Carver, also known as the "Peanut Man," became an important African American conservationist, scientist, researcher, and teacher.

B C256b

Broach, Elise. [Masterpiece](#). Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2008. Marvin, a beetle, and his family live in the home of eleven-year-old James and his family. When James' birthday party fails miserably, Marvin surprises James with an elaborately intricate pen and ink drawing Marvin has created. Trouble begins when the drawing is mistaken for James' work, which sets off action that leads to a fastpaced mystery featuring an unlikely friendship, the discovery of art forgery, and thievery.

FICTION

Choldenko, Gennifer. [Al Capone Shines My Shoes](#). Dial Books, 2009. Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose. Sequel

FICTION

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Grade 5

Colfer, Eoin. [The Atlantis Complex](#). Disney-Hyperion, 2010. When an army of fairy space probes programmed to destroy Atlantis return to Earth, Artemis Fowl attempts to stop the destruction of the city while dealing with his delusional and obsessive-compulsive disorders. Series FICTION

Creech, Sharon. [Heartbeat](#). Joanna Cotler, 2004. Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant. FICTION

Delano, Marfe Ferguson. [Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher](#). National Geographic, 2008. Annie Sullivan grew up in extreme poverty with her own eye problems. Her first and only job was teaching Helen Keller how to "see" despite the fact that she was blind, deaf, and mute. B Su532dh

DiCamillo, Kate. [The Magician's Elephant](#). Candlewick, 2009. Orphan Peter Augustus Duchene sees a fortune teller that leads him on an adventurous journey involving an elephant and a magician in order to find his long lost younger sister Adele. FICTION

DiTerlizzi, Tony. [The Search For WondLa](#). Simon & Schuster, 2010. Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features "augmented reality" pages in which readers can access additional information online about Eva Nine's world. FICTION

Flanagan, John. [Halt's Peril](#). Philomel, 2010. Tennyson, the false prophet of the Outsider cult, has escaped and Halt is determined to stop him before he crosses the border into Araluen, but Genovesan assassins put Will and Halt's extraordinary archery skills to the test. Teen Series: Ranger's apprentice ; bk. 9 TEEN FANTASY FICTION

Forester, Victoria. [The Girl Who Could Fly](#). Feiwel and Friends, 2008. "Piper decided to jump off the roof. It wasn't a rash decision on her part." And so we meet a strong-willed, generous girl with extraordinary talents. TEEN FICTION

Gutman, Dan. [Satch and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure](#). HarperCollins, 2006. With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever. Series FICTION

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. [Just Ella](#). Simon & Schuster, 1999. Fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in such a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette that she plots her escape. TEEN PBK

Hale, Shannon. [Rapunzel's Revenge](#). Bloomsbury, 2008. In this graphic novel, Rapunzel, having grown up in a lovely castle with the woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts her to climb the castle wall and look at the ruin of the world beyond her home. She is able to escape and, with the help of Jack,

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embarks on a plan to free the land and find her true mother.

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL

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Grade 5

Holm, Jennifer L. [Turtle in Paradise](#). Random House, 2010. A girl named Turtle moves to the Florida Keys, where she meets her extended family and makes new friends. FICTION

Kadohata, Cynthia. [A Million Shades of Gray](#). Atheneum, 2010. In 1975 after American troops pull out of Vietnam, a thirteen-year-old boy and his beloved elephant escape into the jungle when the Viet Cong attack his village.

FICTION

Kerley, Barbara. [Walt Whitman: Words for America](#). Scholastic, 2004. A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation's grief after Lincoln's assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse. B W5962kw

Klise, Kate. [Dying to Meet You](#). Harcourt, 2009. A cranky, burned-out children's mystery writer moves into a dilapidated, old Victorian house, searching for peace and quiet to help him get over writer's block; unbeknownst to him, the house is already occupied by a boy, his cat, and the ghost of the house's original owner. Series FICTION

Lasky, Kathryn. [The Man Who Made Time Travel](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. The need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea led to the efforts of John Harrison, an eighteenth-century man who spent his life refining instruments to enable them to do this. 526.6209 L333m

Leal, Ann. [Also Known as Harper](#). Holt, 2009. Harper Lee Morgan's family is struggling, but she holds close to her passion for writing poetry and this provides her with an opportunity to express her feelings, even as she must skip school to take care of her younger brother Hemingway. FICTION

Lin, Grace. [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#). Little, Brown, 2009. A magical story of a young girl who wishes for fortune and happiness for her village and leaves her family to find the mysterious Old Man of the Moon. Newbery Honor 2010 TEEN FICTION

Lowry, Lois. [The Willoughbys](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2008. The four Willoughby children devise a plan to become orphans, unaware that their despicable parents are trying to lose them. The humorous glossary and annotated reading list of classic children's literature are not to be missed. FICTION

Lutes, Jason. [Houdini: The Handcuff King](#). Hyperion, 2007. In bold graphics, author and artist formulate a living picture of this amazing escape artist and show how time and morals shaped him and his art. 793.8092 L976h

Malone, Marianne. [The Sixty-Eight Rooms](#). Random House, 2010. An adventure about the Thorne Rooms, sixty-eight miniature rooms made by Mrs. James Ward Thorne in the 1930s, and a magic key that allows a person to shrink down small enough to explore the rooms' secrets. FICTION

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Grade 5

Marino, Nan. [Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me](#). Roaring Brook, 2009. Set in 1969, Tammy has a difficult summer when her best friend suddenly moves away and a new, know-it-all boy moves into the neighborhood. FICTION

Mass, Wendy. [11 Birthdays](#). Scholastic, 2009. Best friends since their mothers met at the hospital when they were born, Amanda and Leo always celebrate their birthdays together. However, now that they are turning 11, they are no longer speaking to each other and everything is not as normal as it may appear. This is one birthday that does not seem to end! FICTION

Montgomery, Sy. [Quest for the Tree Kangaroo](#). Houghton Mifflin, 2006. Wonderful color photographs and an excellent text provide details of the search for the tree kangaroo in Papua New Guinea's cloud forest. 599.22 M767q

Morpurgo, Michael. [Beowulf](#). Candlewick, 2006. An illustrated retelling of the oldest English epic, Beowulf, in which a Norse hero saves Denmark's royal house from monsters, and then his own house from dragons. 829.3 M829b

Napoli, Donna Jo. [The King of Mulberry Street](#). Wendy Lamb, 2005. When nine year-old Beniamino, a Jewish boy from Naples, is smuggled onto a ship, he assumes his mother is also on the ship. When he ends up alone in New York, he has to deal with his fear and sadness on the one hand and figure out how to get food and shelter on the other as he makes his way in the New World. FICTION

Peck, Richard. [On the Wings of Heroes](#). Dial Books, 2007. Set in the time period of World War II, Davy Bowman has two heroes: his dad who fought in World War I and his brother who is currently in the Air Force. FICTION

Philbrick, Rodman. [The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg](#). Blue Sky Press, 2009. Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. Newbery Honor, 2010 FICTION

Riordan, Rick. [The Lost Hero](#). Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. Series TEEN FANTASY FICTION

Rutkoski, Marie. [The Cabinet of Wonders](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father, and is aided in her quest by a Roma boy and his sister. Series TEEN FICTION

Springer, Nancy. [The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery](#). Philomel, 2006. Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, escapes to London in disguise to find her missing mother. Along the way, she uses her considerable deductive skills to determine the whereabouts of

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a young Viscount. Series: Enola Holmes

FICTION

Grade 5

St. John, Lauren. [The White Giraffe](#). Dial Books, 2006. After losing her parents in a tragic fire, eleven-year-old Martine must live with a grandmother she has never met on a wildlife preserve in Africa, where she learns about a mystical white giraffe.

FICTION

Stead, Rebecca. [When You Reach Me](#). Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. Newbery Award, 2010

FICTION

Stewart, Trenton Lee. [The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey](#). Little, Brown, 2008. Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict. Series

FICTION

Stone, Jeff. [Dragon](#). Random House, 2010. Thirteen-year-old Long, a dragon-style kung fu master and the oldest of the five survivors of the destroyed Cangzhen, must get to the Forbidden City before Tonglong declares himself emperor. Series: Five Ancestors; #7

TEEN FICTION

Walker, Alice. [Langston Hughes, American Poet](#). HarperCollins, 2002. An illustrated biography of the Harlem poet whose works gave voice to the joy and pain of the black experience in America.

B H8745w2

Williams-Garcia, Rita. [One Crazy Summer](#). Amistad, 2010. In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

FICTION