THE FABULOUS
SUMMER READING LIST!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM
THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY
Summer 2012

Listed below are some well-loved books that may interest you for summer reading. These are just a sample of the amazing titles and authors available, and we have tried to avoid suggesting books with which everyone is already completely familiar. There are, of course, many, many more choices at public libraries and in bookstores.

Happy reading!

Love,

The Lower School Library is on the web!

Learn about the library! Review last year’s fabulous summer reading list!
Peruse another list Amy and Rebecca contribute to, Best Children’s Books of the Year!
Let your kids explore World Book Kids (username: stanns password: stanns)
Visit www.saintannsny.org, and click on library.
The link to the Lower School Library is in the upper right.
Some Stupendous Picture Books

*Guess Again*! and others by Mac Barnett
*The Trial of Cardigan Jones* and others by Tim Egan
*Chester* and *Chester's Masterpiece* by Melanie Watt
  These flew off the shelves in David and Elizabeth's class!
*The Sniffles for Bear* and others by Bonnie Becker
*Subway Sparrow* by Leyla Torres
  A beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.
*The Queen of France* by Tim Wadham
*Herbert: the True Story of a Brave Sea Dog* by Robyn Belton
*A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka
  The wordless winner of the 2012 Caldecott Medal.
*Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham
*Monsters Eat Whiny Children* by Bruce Eric Kaplan
*Stop Snoring, Bernard!* by Zachariah O'Hora
*Sergio Saves the Game* by Edel Rodriguez
*Chicken Big* by Keith Graves
*Farm* by Elisha Cooper
*Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse* by Marilyn Singer
*What the Ladybug Heard* by Julia Donaldson
*The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown
  Read this, then go to the High Line—like Savannah and Howard's class!
*Clink* by Kelly DiPucchio
Tell Me a Scary Story...But Not TOO Scary!
Our Halloween section is popular year round. Some great spooky stories are:

- What Was I Scared of? by Dr. Seuss
- Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich by Adam Rex
- The Haunted Hamburger and Other Ghostly Stories by David LaRochelle
- Boo! by Robert Munsch
- Zen Ghosts by Jon Muth
- Spookier than a Ghost by Karen Gray Ruelle
- Precious and the Boo Hag by Patricia McKissack
- Los Gatos Black on Halloween by Marisa Montes
- Behind the Mask by Yangsook Choi
- Scary Godmother by Jill Thompson
- Only a Witch Can Fly by Alison McGhee

And, of course, the book that gave its title to this section:
Tell Me a Scary Story...But Not TOO Scary! by Carl Reiner

*Special Feature: Irma Black Award for Outstanding Picture Books*
This spring the first and second graders listened to, discussed, and reviewed the four semi-finalists for the 2012 award, and were proud to have their votes counted in the national tally. The nominees were:

- What Animals Really Like by Fiona Robinson (national award winner)
- You Will Be My Friend by Peter Brown
- All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino
Some Excellent I-Can-Read Books

* indicates great books for beginning readers

*Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems
*Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli
*See Otto series by David Milgrim
*What If? and others by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
*Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others by Jim Pipe
Fly High, Fly Guy! and others by Tedd Arnold
Hippo and Rabbit in Three Short Tales by Jeff Mack
Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood
Rhyming Dust Bunnies and others by Jan Thomas
  So funny even the grown-up third graders grab them!
Dot by Patricia Intriago
A Dog is a Dog by Stephen Shaskan
Penny and her Song by Kevin Henkes
  A sequel, Penny and her Doll, will be out in August.
Squirrelly Gray by James Kochalka
George and Martha series by George Marshall
Doggie Dreams and other Balloon Toons titles by various authors
Benny and Penny series by Geoffrey Hayes
Amazing Gorillas!, Amazing Sharks! and others
  by Sarah L. Thomson and the Wildlife Conservation Society
Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and other series
  by Cynthia Rylant
Commander Toad series by Jane Yolen
Houndsley and Catina series by James Howe
Some Super I-Can-Read Challenges

*Amelia Bedelia series* by Peggy and Herman Parish
*Mercy Watson series* by Kate DiCamillo
  All 3 kindergartens loved *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride.*
*Aggie and Ben series* by Lori Ries
*Dodsworth series* by Tim Egan
  Jesse and Emily’s class couldn’t get enough of these!
*Zelda and Ivy series* by Laura McGee Kvasnosky
*Shampoozel and other Seriously Silly Stories* by Laurence Anholt
*Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series* by Wong Herbert Yee
*Boo’s Dinosaur* by Betsy Byars
*Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* by Grace Lin
*Long Tail Kitty* by Lark Pien
  Rae W. especially loved drawing the kitty!
*Nate the Great series* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
*Black Beauty series* by Susan Hill
  Inspired by the classic story by Anna Sewell.
*Johnny Boo series* by James Kochalka
*Bramble and Maggie* by Jessie Haas
*Scholastic True or False series* by Melvin & Gilda Berger
  Some of our most popular non-fiction; your kids can test you!
Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine *series* by Sara Pennypacker
  Zaki A. loved reading these, both in library and at home!
Time Warp Trio *series* by Jon Scieszka
The Littles *series* by John Peterson
Puppy Place *series* by Ellen Miles
  This series has a devoted fan in Lila H.
Sheep and Goat by Marleen Westera
Dinosaur Cove *series* by Rex Stone
Beast Quest *series* by Adam Blade
Anna Hibiscus *series* by Atinuke
Bad Kitty *series* by Nick Bruel
Duck for a Day by Meg McKinlay
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart *series* by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
  Many thanks to William B., who supplemented our collection.
Ernie and Maud *series* by Frances Watts
  Superhero boy, sheep sidekick; what more need we say?
Daisy Dawson *series* by Steve Voake
  Daisy was a huge library story hit in David and Elizabeth’s class.
Sassy *series* and Clubhouse Mysteries *series* by Sharon Draper
Gooney Bird Greene *series* by Lois Lowry
  Kids in Jenny and Chris’s class will be asking for more of these!
Ivy and Bean *series* by Annie Barrows
  Abby D. and Olivia B. G. especially adore this series.
Magic Tree House *series* and Research Guides
  by Will & Mary P. Osborne
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat *and sequel* by Chris Riddell
Akimbo and the Lions *series* by Alexander McCall Smith
Journal of a Cardboard Genius *series* by Frank Asch
Araminta Spookie *series* by Angie Sage
Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst
Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

Iron Thunder, The Fighting Ground and others by Avi
Absorbing historical fiction.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
The gorgeous book was a huge 3rd grade favorite this year.

Into and Out of the Woods by Lyn Gardner

The Magic Half by Annie Barrows

Pie by Sarah Weeks

Only One Year and The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli
Sydney S.’s enthusiasm started a run on this book in verse

Hoot, Scat, and the latest, Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck

The Manny Files and sequel by Christian Burch

Alice-Miranda at School and sequel by Jacqueline Harvey

Seaglass Summer by Anjali Banerjee
Aspiring veterinarians like Claire S. shouldn’t miss this one.

The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester
Lucy T. recommended this adventure to many friends.

The School for the Insanely Gifted by Dan Elish
*Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu
*The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
*The Higher Power of Lucky and sequels by Susan Patron
*Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier
*Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest and sequel by Matt Haig
*A Tale Dark and Grimm by (Saint Ann’s own) Adam Gidwitz
*Knightley Academy and sequel by Violet Haberdasher
*A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban
*Love Among the Walnuts by Jean Ferris
*War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
*Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

All-of-a-Kind Family series by Sydney Taylor
    This wonderful New York series is an annual 2nd grade favorite.
How to Train Your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell
Just Grace series by Charise Harper
Agent Amelia series by Michael Broad
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi
Secrets of Dripping Fang by Dan Greenburg
The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley
The Secret Zoo series by Bryan Chick
NERDS series by Michael Buckley
Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage
Children of the Lamp series by Philip Kerr
Sluggers series by Loren Long and Phil Bildner
    Tessa W. devoured this fantasy baseball series.
The Name of this Book is Secret series by Pseudonymous Bosch
Myth-o-Mania series by Kate McMullan (Back in print--hooray!)
The Tales from the Five Kingdoms series by Vivian French
    Jessina N. and Walker S. recommend this spooky series.
Eragon and the rest of the Inheritance series by Christopher Paolini
Keepers of the School series by Andrew Clements
The Land of Elyon series by Patrick Carman
43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise
Royal Diaries series by various authors
    Lovers of history like Zoe B. and Emmanuel T. devour these books.
*The Mysterious Benedict Society series by Trenton Lee Stewart
*Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place series by Maryrose Wood
*Fablehaven series by Brandon Mull
*Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander
The 3rd graders adored **The Book of Three**, which we read in library story.

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**Some Classics Not to Be Missed**

The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them. ~Samuel Butler

**Ballet Shoes and others** by Noel Streatfeild

**The Twenty-One Balloons** by William Pene du Bois.

**B is for Betsy and others** by Carolyn Haywood

**Harriet the Spy and sequels** by Louise Fitzhugh

**Understood Betsy** by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

**Superfudge and others** by Judy Blume

**The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame

**The Melendy Quartet** by Elizabeth Enright

  **The Saturdays** was a wonderful read-aloud experience for Michael and Gena’s class.

**Betsy-Tacy series** by Maud Hart Lovelace

This lovely series, set in early 1900s Minnesota and based on the author’s life, is one of Rebecca’s all-time favorites.

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**

  by E. L. Konigsberg

**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and sequels** by L. Frank Baum

**Five Children and It and others** by E. Nesbit

  The ultimate writer of classic fantasy.

**A Little Princess** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

  Enjoyed Drew and Avi’s class play? Now read the book!

  You might also like the authorized sequel,

  **Wishing for Tomorrow** by Hilary McKay.

**The Great Brain series** by John D. Fitzgerald

  A smart and funny series, set in 1890s Utah, about a boy who outsmarts both kids and adults.

**A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver** by E. L. Konigsberg

  A medieval adventure based on the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine.

**Around the World in 80 Days and others** by Jules Verne
These amazing adventures are still fresh and exciting.

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L’Engle

*L’Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

Some Marvelous Mysteries

*Encyclopedia Brown series* by Donald J. Sobol

*The Boxcar Children series* by Gertrude Warner

*The Buddy Files series* by Dora Hillestad Butler

*Trixie Belden series* by Julie Campbell

*The 39 Clues series* by various authors

*Agent Amelia series* by Michael Broad

This new series from the UK was a breakout hit this year.

*The Gecko & Sticky series* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*A to Z Mysteries* and *Capital Mysteries series* by Ron Roy

*Maggie Brooklyn Mysteries* by Leslie Margolis

*The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* and *sequel* by Eric Berlin

*Missing on Superstition Mountain* by Elise Broach

This book was a runaway hit, but no one loved it more than Simon B.

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

2010 Newbery Award winner

*The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mac Barnett

*Sammy Keyes series* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*Enola Holmes series* by Nancy Springer

*The Sherlock Files series* by Tracy Barrett

Two intriguing series for lovers of Sherlock Holmes

*The Hall Family Chronicles* by Jane Langton

This excellent series is by a well-known mystery writer for adults.

*The Trolley to Yesterday* and *others* by John Bellairs

Lily O. is a great devotee of this author’s books.

*And Then There Were None* and *others* by Agatha Christie


**Coming Attractions!**

Watch for these exciting additions to popular series, due out this summer.

**June:**

- 6/5: **Beware the Ninja Weenies** by David Lubar
- 6/12: **Bink and Gollie, Two for One** by Kate DiCamillo
  - *Daisy Dawson on the Farm* by Steve Voake
- 6/26: **July Jitters** and **August Acrobat** by Ron Roy
  - *(Calendar Mysteries #7 & 8)*

**July:**

- 7/1: **Vedra and Kirimon the Twin Dragons** by Adam Blade
  - *(Beast Quest Special Edition)*
- 7/3: **Big Nate Fun Blaster** by Lincoln Peirce
  - **How to Steal a Dragon’s Sword** by Cressida Cowell
    - *(How to Train Your Dragon #9)*
  - **Abandoned: A Lion Called Kiki** by Wendy Orr
    - *(Rainbow Street Shelter #4)*
- 7/5: **Mysteries According to Humphrey** by Betty Birney
  - **The Second Spy** *(Books of Elsewhere #3)* by Jacqueline West
- 7/10: **Guys Read: The Sports Pages** ed. by Jon Scieszka
  - **Babymouse for President** by Jennifer and Matthew Holm
  - **Artemis Fowl #8: The Last Guardian** by Eoin Colfer
- 7/24: **A Perfect Time for Pandas** by Mary Pope Osborne
  - *(Magic Tree House #48)*
  - **Rocket Writes a Story** by Tad Hills

**August:**

- 8/7: **The Secret of the Fortune Wookie** by Tom Angleberger
  - *(Origami Yoda #3)*
- **The End of Infinity** *(Jack Blank #3)* by Matt Myklusch
- 8/14: **The Demigod Diaries** by Rick Riordan
  - *(Heroes of Olympus Special Edition)*
  - **Judy Moody and the Bad Luck Charm** by Megan McDonald
8/21: Big Nate: Here Goes Nothing and Big Nate Makes the Grade
**True and Terrific Tomes**

*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*
  written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

*Marsupials and others* by Nic Bishop
  Amazing and captivating close-up photographs

*Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark* by Lynn Curlee

*The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle* by Alison Inches

*Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11* by Brian Floca

*The Most Fantastic Atlas of the Whole Wide World*
  by the Brainwaves

*Energy Island* by Allan Drummond

*Life-Size Zoo and others* by Teruyuki Komiya

*A Place for Birds and others* by Melissa Stewart

*Scientists in the Field series* by various authors

*Dr. Frankenstein’s Human Body Book* by Richard Walker

*Into the Unknown* by Stewart Ross
  This amazing book about exploration has fabulous gatefolds and maps.

*Lincoln: A Photobiography, Freedom Walkers and anything else*
  by Russell Freedman

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**Especially Great Animal Stories**

*Suryia & Roscoe: the Story of an Unlikely Friendship* by Bhagavan Antle

*Chee-Lin: A Giraffe’s Journey* by James Rumford

*Leo the Snow Leopard: the True Story of an Amazing Rescue*
  by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

*Panda Kindergarten* by Joanne Ryder

*The Guardian Team* by Cat Urbigkit

*Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby

*ZooBorns!* by Andrew Bleiman

*Two Bobbies* by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

*Finding Home and Animal Heroes* by Sandra Markle

*The House of a Million Pets* by Ann Hodgman
*The Tarantula in my Purse* by Jean Craighead George
“Based on a True Story…”

The 2nd graders examined some fascinating picture books that were based (more or less loosely, depending on the book) on true stories. Below is a list of the books we chose from. There were so many choices that no class read them all, so many remain for summer enjoyment!

**Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea** by Tony Johnston
**Waiting for the Biblioburro** by Monica Brown
**Wonder Horse** by Emily Arnold McCully
**Heroes of the Surf** by Elisa Carbone
Mama Miti by Donna Jo Napoli
Sky Boys by Deborah Hopkinson
Little Dog Lost by Monica Carnesi
Balloons over Broadway by Melissa Sweet
Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot by Margot Theis Raven
Belle, the Last Mule at Gee’s Bend by Calvin Alexander Ramsey
The Camping Trip that Changed America by Barb Rosenstock
The Honeybee Man by Lela Nargi and Kyrsten Brooker
Here Comes the Garbage Barge! by Jonah Winter
Elizabeth Leads the Way by Tanya Lee Stone
Subway Story by Julia Sarcone-Roach
Super Grandpa by David M. Schwartz
Looking At Lincoln by Maira Kalman
Stand Straight, Ella Kate by Kate Klise
Mary and Her Little Lamb by Will Moses
George Washington’s Birthday by Margaret McNamara
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
Try These Great Graphic Novels

Bone series by Jeff Smith
Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi
Little Lulu series by John Stanley
Frankie Pickle series by Eric Wight
Stone Rabbit series by Erik Craddock
Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka
Asterix the Gaul series by Rene Goscinny
Chi’s Sweet Home series by Konami Kanata
Amelia Rules series by Jimmy Gownley
Beanworld series by Larry Marder
Dragonbreath series by Ursula Vernon
Ninja Baseball series by Shunshin Maeda
My Neighbor Totoro series by Hayao Miyazaki
Fashion Kitty series by Cherise Mericle Harper
Guinea Pig Pet Shop Private Eye series by Colleen Venable
Sardine in Outer Space series by Emmanuel Guibert
The Big Adventures of Majoko series by Tomoma Mizuma
Robot Dreams and Chicken and Cat by Sara Varon
*Yotsuba&! series by Kiyohiko Azuma
*The Secret Science Alliance & the Copycat Crook by Eleanor Davis
*The Babysitters Club series and Smile by Raina Telgemeier
*Mouse Guard series by David Petersen
*Hereville by Barry Deutsch

**Want more reliable comic recommendations? We like this site:
http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids

**Not sure how you feel about graphic novels? Wondering why we don’t just call them comic books any more? Visit this Graphic Novels FAQ from The Horn Book:
And last, but not least...

Books For More than Just Reading

The Secret Knowledge of Grownups: Books 1 and 2  
   by David Wisniewski
Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology
Encyclopedia Mythologica and others by Robert Sabuda
Treasure Hunt Mazes and others by Roger Moreau
Best Ever Paper Airplanes by Norman Schmidt
The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg
Look-Alikes series by Joan Steiner
Monsters!, Heroes!, Robots! by Jay Stephens
Ed Emberley’s Drawing Books
Ralph Masiello’s Drawing Books
Show Me How by Derek Fagerstrom et al.
Guinness Book of World Records 2012
One Million Things series by DK Publishing
Life Size Zoo series by Teruyuki Komiya
Star Wars Cookbooks I and II
Star Wars Visual Dictionaries by David West Reynolds
Lego Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary by Simon Beecroft
Big Nate Boredom Buster by Lincoln Peirce
The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book by Jeff Kinney
You Choose Interactive History Adventures series
   Choose-Your-Own-Adventure books of all kinds were hugely popular.
Stories to Solve series by George Shannon
Weird but True series by National Geographic Kids

Have a great summer, and always remember...