

# 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,

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### ***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](http://www.saintannsny.org), and click on **library**.  
The link to the **Lower School Library** is in the upper right.

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## 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'Hara

**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

## I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

### 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** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



\* indicates more challenging titles

## Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

**All-of-a-Kind Family series** by Sydney Taylor

This wonderful New York series is an annual 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Myserious 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.

### **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

**\*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

## 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 Urbigit

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

[http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2006/mar06\\_brenner.asp](http://archive.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2006/mar06_brenner.asp)

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...*