

# THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!!

## SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY Summer 2010

Listed below are some well-loved books that may interest you for summer reading. These are just a sample of the 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. Start your own list. Happy reading!

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## Some Stupendous Picture Books

**Guess Again!** by Mac Barnett

Any class (in any grade) that heard this read aloud rolled on the floor laughing!

**Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!** by Vicki Myron

**A Penguin Story** by Antoinette Portis

**Tadpole Rex** by Kurt Cyrus

**Fortunately!** by Remy Charlip

This year's unexpected hit in the first grade.

**The Pink Refrigerator** by Tim Egan

**The Black Book of Colors** by Menena Cottin

Enjoy this book with your fingers as well as your eyes.

**A Visitor for Bear** by Bonnie Becker

**Aaaarrgghh, Spider!** by Lydia Monks

**Subway Sparrow** by Leyla Torres

A beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.

**Spoon** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

**Pickle-Chiffon Pie** by Jolly Roger Bradfield

**Big Wolf & Little Wolf** by Nadine Brun-Cosme

**Snip Snap! What's That?** by Mara Bergman

**Mission to Madagascar** and other *Adventures of Riley*

by Amanda Lumry and Laura Hurwitz

## Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

Jerry Pinkney (**The Lion & the Mouse, John Henry [ill.]**)

This amazing illustrator won the 2010 Caldecott award.

Gerald McDermott (**Coyote, Papagayo**)

One of the best retellers of trickster tales.

Emily Gravett (**The Odd Egg, Monkey and Me**)

Steve Jenkins (**Down Down Down: The Journey to the Bottom of the Sea**)

Visually captivating non-fiction.

Oliver Jeffers (**Lost and Found, The Great Paper Caper**)

Laurie Keller (**The Scrambled States of America**)

Yangsook Choi (**Behind the Mask, Peach Heaven**)

This Korean author is one of our favorites.

Mwenye Hadithi (**Greedy Zebra, Crafty Chameleon**)

Jon Agee (**Terrific, Z Goes Home**)

Tim Egan (**Roasted Peanuts, Metropolitan Cow**)

His humorous books were a hit with many classes.

Jackie French (**Diary of a Wombat, Too Many Pears**)

Patricia Polacco (**Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Dam Creek Dam Affair**)

Roger Hargreaves (**Mr. Greedy, Little Miss Trouble**)

## Some Excellent I-Can-Read Books

\***Elephant and Piggie series** by Mo Willems

\***Biscuit series** by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli

\***See Otto series** by David Milgrim

\***Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others** by Jim Pipe

This series of true beginning reader books is always a huge hit.

**Fly Guy and Fly Girl and others** by Tedd Arnold

These books "fly" off the shelves!

**Pup and Hound series** by Susan Hood

**Rhyming Dust Bunnies and others** by Jan Thomas

So good even the grown-up third graders grab them!

**Robert the Rose Horse** by Joan Heilbroner

**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series** by Erica Silverman

**Squirrelly Gray** by James Kochalka

**The Wind in the Willows series** adapted by Laura Driscoll

**George and Martha series** by George Marshall

**Amazing Gorillas!, Amazing Dolphins! and others**

by Sarah L. Thomson and the Wildlife Conservation Society

**Rapunzel and other fairy tale readers**

from Picture Window Books

**Grapes of Math and others** by Greg Tang

Mind-stretching math riddles.

**Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and other series**

by Cynthia Rylant

**Commander Toad series** by Jane Yolen

**Houndsley and Catina series** by James Howe

\* indicates great books for beginning readers

## Some Super I-Can-Read Challenges

**Amelia Bedelia series** by Peggy and Herman Parish

**Mercy Watson series** by Kate DiCamillo

**Don't Go Near the Water! and other Easy-to-Read Spooky Tales**

by Veronika Martenova Charles

**Dodsworth in New York series** by Tim Egan

**Zelda and Ivy series** by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Ella Brown says this is a great series!

**Runaway Radish** by Jennie Haas

A great choice for all our horse lovers.

**Shampoozel and other Seriously Silly Stories** by Laurence Anholt

**Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series** by Wong Herbert Yee

Cheerful stories in the mold of **Frog and Toad**.

**Boo's Dinosaur** by Betsy Byars

**Stories of Fairies and others** from Usborne Young Reading

Priya considers these her favorites in the library.

**Super Storms, Amazing Aircraft and other See More Readers**

by Seymour Simon, an excellent non-fiction writer.

## Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

**Clementine series** by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine's antics were very popular with the first grade this year!

**The Hodgeheg and others** by Dick King-Smith

Vivian especially loves these funny animal tales.

**Time Warp Trio series** by Jon Scieszka

**Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-Up**

by Melissa Thomson

**Ivy and Bean series** by Annie Barrows

Gabby D. likes this series because "it's about 2 best friends who like different things."

**Beast Quest series** by Adam Blade

These flew off the shelves this year!

**Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel and sequel**

by Nikki Grimes

**Puppy Place series** by Ellen Miles

**Ruby Lu, Brave and True and sequel** by Lenore Look

**Dinosaur Cove series** by Rex Stone

Toby raves, "It's like you can imagine you're in that time that's so far away."

**Keeker and the Horse Show Show-off and others**

by Hadley Higginson

**My Dog the Dinosaur and others** by Jackie French

**The Haunted House and others in the Araminta Spookie**

*series* by Angie Sage

**Journal of a Cardboard Genius series** by Frank Asch

## Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin

This 2010 Newbery Honor book is one of the most beautifully written *and* illustrated novels we've seen.

**We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes** by Patrick Jennings

**Which Witch? *and others*** by Eva Ibbotson

**Snake and Lizard** by Joy Cowley

**The Hotel Cat *and others*** by Esther Averill

**The House of a Million Pets** by Ann Hodgman

**The Dunderheads** by Paul Fleischman

**Masterpiece** by Elise Broach

**Iron Thunder, The Fighting Ground *and others*** by Avi

Excellent historical fiction.

**The Name of This Book Is Secret *and sequels***

by Pseudonymous Bosch

**The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies

Laurie and Avi's class lined up for this one!

**The Unfinished Angel *and others*** by Sharon Creech

**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson**

by Bette Bao Lord

**The Penderwicks *and sequel*** by Jeanne Birdsall

**\*When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead

The 2010 Newbery award winner.

**\*The Neddiad *and sequel*** by Daniel Pinkwater

**\*Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest *and sequel***

by Matt Haig

**\*The Manny Files** by Christian Burch

**\*The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**

by Candace Fleming

## Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been devouring this wonderful New York series.

**Akimbo and the Lions series** by Alexander McCall Smith

**The World According to Humphrey series**

by Betty Birney

**Children of the Red King series** by Jenny Nimmo

Lila, Zeeshan, and Uday adore the "Charlie Bone" books.

**The Sisters Grimm series** by Michael Buckley

**The Magic Thief series** by Sarah Prineas

Laila recommends this "good, serious, long book."

**The Melendy Quartet** by Elizabeth Enright

**Nicholas series** by Rene Goscinny

**Ingo and sequels** by Helen Dunmore

"I'm falling in love with this series," gushed Ruby W.

**Honus & Me and other Baseball Card Adventures**

by Dan Gutman

**\*The Edge Chronicles** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

**\*Percy Jackson and the Olympians series** by Rick Riordan

**\*Fablehaven series** by Brandon Mull

**\*Chronicles of Prydain** by Lloyd Alexander

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders adored **The Book of Three**, which we read in library story.



## Some Classics Not to Be Missed

**Ballet Shoes and others** by Noel Streatfeild

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

**A Bear Called Paddington and sequels** by Michael Bond

**Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series** by Betty MacDonald

**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.

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

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

**Chronicles of Narnia** by C. S. Lewis

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

A number of these classics have been reissued and are big favorites of Elise and Isabel.

**A Little Princess** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

**Understood Betsy** by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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

**The Phoenix and the Carpet and others** by E. Nesbit

The ultimate writer of classic fantasy.

**\*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

## Strong Girls, Super Reads

**Gooney Bird Greene series** by Lois Lowry

**Moxie Maxwell series** by Peggy Gifford

These were great favorites of Natalie and Selah.

**Julia Gillian series** by Alison McGhee

**Hazel Green series** by Odo Hirsch

**Ellen Tebbits** by Beverly Cleary

Amy and Rebecca loved this book when they were girls.

**Lucy Rose series** by Katy Kelly

**The Magic Half** by Annie Barrows

**Just Grace series** by Charise Harper

**Piper Reed series** by Kimberly Willis Holt

Elise and Hayden devoured this series.

**Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and sequel** by Chris Riddell

"It's really, really good and mysterious," says Shola.

**Roxie and the Hooligans** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**Up and Down the Scratchy Mountains** by Laurel Snyder

**\*The Secret School** by Avi

Rebecca says, "14 year old Ida will do anything to finish school—even become the teacher!"

**\*A Crooked Kind of Perfect** by Linda Urban

**\*Tennyson** by Lesley Blume

## Some Marvelous Mysteries

**A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries series**

by Ron Roy

**Jack Russell, Dog Detective series** by D. & S. Odgers

**Encyclopedia Brown series** by Donald J. Sobol

**The Boxcar Children series** by Gertrude Warner

**Trixie Belden series** by Julie Campbell

**Mysteries in our National Parks series**

by Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson

**The Mystery on Alaska's Iditarod Trail and others**

by Carole Marsh

These two series are set in exciting real locations around the United States.

**The 39 Clues series** by various authors

**The Puzzling World of Winston Breen and sequel**

by Eric Berlin

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

Rebecca found this Hardy Boys take-off hilarious!

**\*Sammy Keyes series** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**\*Enola Holmes series** by Nancy Springer

Did you know that Sherlock Holmes had a sister?

**\*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

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

## True and Terrific Tomes

**We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball**

written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

**Henry's Freedom Box** by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

**A Child's Introduction to the World** by Heather Alexander

Illustrated by St. Ann's parent Meredith Hamilton.

**Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark** by Lynn Curlee

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

by the Brainwaves

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

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

**Pick Me Up** by David Roberts

**\*Knucklehead** by Jon Scieszka

This memoir had the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in stitches!

**\*Who Was First?, Freedom Walkers and anything else**

by Russell Freedman

## Especially Great Animal Stories

**Butterflies and Moths and others** by Nic Bishop

Amazing and captivating close-up photographs

**Sparrows** by Hans Post

**Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World**

by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

**Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins

**Zarafa: The Giraffe who Walked to the King**

by Judith St. George

**Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog who Became Friends**

By Carol Buckley

**Finding Home and Animal Heroes** by Sandra Markle

**Two Bobbies** by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

**\*The House of a Million Pets** by Ann Hodgman

## **Save the Earth, Plant a Tree, Read a Book!**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders spent the spring learning about the environment and discovered some amazing books for all ages.

**Mama Miti** by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

**Planting the Trees of Kenya** by Claire A. Nivola

**Once I Was a Cardboard Box...**

**But Now I'm a Book about Polar Bears!** by Anton Poitier

**A Place for Birds** by Melissa Stewart

**What Planet Are You From, Clarice Bean?** *and*

**We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers** by Lauren Child

**John Muir: America's Naturalist** *and*

**Rachel Carson: Preserving a Sense of Wonder**

by Thomas Locker

**Here Comes the Garbage Barge!** by Jonah Winter

**The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle** by Alison Inches

**Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals** by Steve Jenkins

**The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge**

by Joanna Cole

**We Planted a Tree** by Diane Muldrow

**The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown

**Michael Recycle** by Ellie Bethel

**EcoMazes** by Roxie Munro

**Just Grace Goes Green** by Charise Harper

**Watch Out, World: Rosy Cole is Going Green!**

by Sheila Greenwald

**365 Ways to Live Green for Kids** by Sheri Amsel

**The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth**

## **Boy, Do They Love Wimpy Kid!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> installment of Jeff Kinney's beloved series won't be out until November. Here are some titles to tide the kids over!

**Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and other Scary Things**

*and sequels* by Lenore Look

**Herbert's Wormhole** by Peter Nelson

**Ellie MacDoodle series** by Ruth McNally Barshaw

**Dying to Meet You and Letters from Camp** by Kate Klise

## **And Try These Great Graphic Novels**

**Otto's Orange Day, Stinky, and other Toon Books**

Great for the earlier readers.

**Frankie Pickle series** by Eric Wight

**Lunch Lady series** by Jarrett Krosoczka

Don't miss the evil librarians in book #2!

**Asterix the Gaul series** by Rene Goscinny

**Mouse Guard series** by David Petersen

**Mail Order Ninja series** by Joshua Elder

**The Big Adventures of Majoko series** by Tomoma Mizuma

**Ninja Baseball series** by Shunshin Maeda

Japanese manga has come to lower school, and the kids love it!

**Sardine in Outer Space series** by Emmanuel Guibert

**Graphic History and Graphic Biography series**

Exciting history and biography in graphic novel format

**Amulet series** by Kazu Kibuishi

And last, but not least...

## **Books For More than Just Reading**

**The Secret Knowledge of Grownups: Books 1 and 2**

by David Wisniewski

**Look-Alikes series** by Joan Steiner

**Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology**

We can't keep these gorgeous books on the shelf!

**Encyclopedia Mythologica and others** by Robert Sabuda

Exquisite pop-ups by an amazing artist.

**Treasure Hunt Mazes** and others by Roger Moreau

**Best Ever Paper Airplanes** by Norman Schmidt

**Ed Emberley's Drawing Books**

**Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books**

**Star Wars Visual Dictionaries** by David West Reynolds

**Star Wars Cookbooks I and II**

**Lego Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary** by Simon Beecroft

**The Lego Book** by Daniel Lipkowitz

**Guinness Book of World Records 2010**

**One Million Things** by DK Publishing

**Robot Dreams and Chicken and Cat** by Sara Varon

**The Adventures of Polo series** by Regis Faller

**Wonder Bear** by Tao Nyeu

One of the most gorgeous wordless books we've ever seen!

**Stories to Solve series** by George Shannon

**The Jolly Postman** by Allan Ahlberg

**Have a great summer, and always remember...**

*If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all.* – Oscar Wilde