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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http://www.bankstreet.edu/bookcom/
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 Capucilli
*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 Dyamonde 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 2nd 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
“T’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 3rd 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 3rd 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 2nd 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 5th 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