

THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY Summer 2011

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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The lower school library has a website.

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Some Stupendous Picture Books

Guess Again! by Mac Barnett

Tadpole Rex by Kurt Cyrus

Burnt Toast on Davenport Street by Tim Egan

Mr. Pusskins by Sam Lloyd

No one can resist this grumpy puss.

Bedtime for Bear by Bonnie Becker

Subway Sparrow by Leyla Torres

A beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming

Herbert: the True Story of a Brave Sea Dog by Robyn Belton

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip and Erin Stead

The kindergarteners loved this book even before it won the 2011 Caldecott Award.

The Boss Baby by Marla Frazee

Monsters Eat Whiny Children by Bruce Eric Kaplan

Everything but the Horse by Holly Hobbie

The cover of this book makes Gabe smile.

Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez

Beloved by kindergarteners and 3rd graders alike.

Chicken Big by Keith Graves

Farm by Elisha Cooper

Here Comes the Garbage Barge! by Jonah Winter

You won't believe the illustrations; they're made of found objects!

Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer

Wonder Bear by Tao Nyeu

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

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

Gumption! by Elise Broach

Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

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

This amazing illustrator won the 2010 Caldecott award.

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

Visually captivating non-fiction.

Emily Gravett (**Dogs, The Rabbit Problem**)

Antoinette Portis (**A Penguin Story, Not a Box**)

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

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

Roger Hargreaves (**Mr. Nosey, Little Miss Scary**)

Tim Egan (**Pink Refrigerator, Metropolitan Cow**)

These books charmed Rebecca's dad Chris when he came to sub.

Oliver Jeffers (**Lost and Found, The Incredible Book Eating Boy**)

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

Paul Zelinsky (Caldecott winner **Rapunzel, Dust Devil [ill.]**)

Lynley Dodd (**Hairy Maclary and Slinky Malinki series**)

A very popular new addition to the library from New Zealand.

Special Feature: Irma Black Award for Outstanding Picture Books

This spring the first graders listened to, discussed, and reviewed the four semi-finalists for the 2011 award, and were proud to have their votes counted in the first-ever national tally. The nominees were:

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills (**national award winner**)

Dust Devil by Anne Isaacs, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

(**winner of the Saint Ann's vote**)

A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Michael Ian Black

Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown

Earlier in the year the third graders read and discussed the 2010 nominees:

Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by David Shannon (**winner**)

Billy Twitters and his Blue Whale Problem by Mac Barnett,

illustrated by Adam Rex

A Penguin Story by Antoinette Portis

Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez

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 beginning reader non-fiction is always a huge hit.

Hi, 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 good even the grown-up third graders grab them!

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series by Erica Silverman

Squirrelly Gray by James Kochalka

George and Martha series by George Marshall

Jack and the Box by Art Spiegelman

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

* 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

Aggie and Ben series by Lori Ries

Dodsworth in New York series by Tim Egan

Zelda and Ivy series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Shampoozel and other Seriously Silly Stories by Laurence Anholt

Zoe S. reads every one of these she can find!

Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee

Boo's Dinosaur by Betsy Byars

A huge read-aloud hit with David and Elizabeth's class.

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by Grace Lin

Long Tail Kitty by Lark Pien

This is one of Sean B.'s favorite books.

Johnny Boo series by James Kochalka

Olivia R. loves to share these with her brother Jonah.

Scholastic True or False series by Melvin & Gilda Berger

Kids in Jesse and Emily's class have been devouring these.

Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker

Everyone enjoys Clementine's antics!

Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka

Sheep and Goat by Marleen Westera

Dinosaur Cove series by Rex Stone

Beast Quest series by Adam Blade

Walker S. and Isabel Y. are both huge fans!

Anna Hibiscus series by Atinuke

Sarah and Jon's class enjoyed this happy look at life in Africa.

Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series by Elizabeth Singer Hunt

Bad Kitty series by Nick Bruel

Gabby D., Toby P., and Oscar L. are devotees of these!

Ernie and Maud series by Frances Watts

Superhero boy, sheep sidekick; what more need we say?

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel series by Nikki Grimes

Only One Year by Andrea Cheng

Ella Brown loves this book, and Rebecca does too.

Gooney Bird Greene series by Lois Lowry

Magic Tree House Research Guides by Will & Mary P. Osborne

Nicholas H. recommends these for kids who like to learn about true things.

The Littles series by John Peterson

This classic series is very popular again.

Araminta Spookie series by Angie Sage

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and sequel by Chris Riddell

Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst

Akimbo and the Lions series by Alexander McCall Smith

Journal of a Cardboard Genius series by Frank Asch

Victor K. wishes there were more than 3 of these!

Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

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
Absorbing historical fiction.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Snake and Lizard by Joy Cowley

The Boy who Climbed into the Moon by David Almond
Cairo L. gave us this excellent recommendation.

Girl's Best Friend by Leslie Margolis

Shayna K-Z. writes " I luv this book soooo much!"

Into and Out of the Woods by Lyn Gardner

The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli

The Adventures of Nanny Piggins by R. A. Spratt
Langston S. *loved* this book!

***On the Blue Comet** by Rosemary Wells

***Love Among the Walnuts** by Jean Ferris

Odd, funny, and enjoyed greatly by Amy and Rebecca

***War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo

***Knightley Academy** by Violet Haberdasher

***First Light** by Rebecca Stead

***A Tale Dark and Grimm** by (Saint Ann's own) Adam Gidwitz

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

***Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest and sequel**
by Matt Haig

***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School
and sequel** by Candace Fleming

***Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper

Emily D. cried when she finished this book because she didn't
want it to end.

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life." ~Helen Exley

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.

The World According to Humphrey series by Betty Birney

Moxie Maxwell series by Peggy Gifford

Julia Gillian series by Alison McGhee

Calvin Coconut series by Graham Salisbury

Just Grace series by Charise Harper

The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley

Phineas L. MacGuire series by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Animal Rescue Team series by Sue Stauffacher

Children of the Lamp series by Philip Kerr

43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise

Mac C. and Lucy S. both loved this unusual series.

Children of the Red King (Charlie Bone) series by Jenny Nimmo

Honus & Me and other Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman

The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall

The Neddiad series by Daniel Pinkwater

Highly recommended by Declan G. and Isadora K.

The Anybodies and sequels by N. E. Bode

***Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place series** by Maryrose Wood

***Fablehaven series** by Brandon Mull

Aaron B. and Viraj devoured this fantasy series.

***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

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 Wonderful Wizard of Oz and sequels by L. Frank Baum

B is for Betsy and others by Carolyn Haywood

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

Harriet the Spy and sequels by Louise Fitzhugh

Five Children and It and others by E. Nesbit

The ultimate writer of classic fantasy.

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

An excellent authorized sequel, **Wishing for Tomorrow** by Hilary McKay, was recently published.

***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

This was a favorite of Avi (third grade teacher) and Rebecca Young (the nurse) when they were young.

***Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

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

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

Jack Russell, Dog Detective series by Darrel & Sally Odgers

The Gecko & Sticky series by Wendelin Van Draanen

A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries series by Ron Roy

Tessa W. has read every single one of these!

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 Puzzling World of Winston Breen and sequel by Eric Berlin

***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

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

Need more ideas?

There are tons of great new books available!

Some just out...

Junonia by K. Henkes

Dodsworth in Rome by Tim Egan

The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens

Attack of the Vampire Weenies by David Lubar

Theodosia and the Last Pharaoh by R. L. LaFevers

Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator! by Mo Willems

The Penderwicks at Point Mouette by Jeanne Birdsall

Babymouse: Mad Scientist by Jennifer & Matthew Holm

Super Amoeba (*1st in a new series!*) by Jennifer & Matthew Holm

Nixa the Death Bringer (*Beast Quest #19*) by Adam Blade

The Throne of Fire (*sequel to The Red Pyramid*) by Rick Riordan

A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull

(The first book in a new series from the author of **Fablehaven**)

...and some coming soon!

Chi's Sweet Home #6 by Konami Kanata [June]

Bad Kitty Meets the Baby by Nick Bruel [June]

No Room for Dessert by Hallie Durand [June]

Missing on Superstition Mountain by Elise Broach [June]

1st book in a new series by an author who's now on this list 3 times!

Olympians: Hera by George O'Connor [July]

Equinus the Spirit Horse (*Beast Quest #20*) by Adam Blade [July]

Frankie Pickle & the Mathematical Menace by Eric Wight [July]

Emmy and the Rats in the Belfry by Lynne Jonell [July]

Bake Sale by Sara Varon (author of **Robot Dreams**) [August]

Big Nate on a Roll by Lincoln Peirce [August]

Dogs in the Dead of Night by Mary Pope Osborne [August]

(*Magic Tree House #46*)

Fly Guy vs. Flyswatter by Tedd Arnold [August]

True and Terrific Tomes

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)

by Barbara Kerley

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark by Lynn Curlee

The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle by Alison Inches

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

365 Ways to Live Green for Kids by Sheri Amsel

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

Frogs and others by Nic Bishop

Amazing and captivating close-up photographs

Little Pink Pup by Johanna Kerby

Dinosaurs! by Lila Prap

Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again

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

A School (or Library) Like Mine

The 2nd graders spent the spring discussing and hearing stories about schools and libraries around the world and the challenges that kids face to go to them. Here are some of the books they read and talked about:

Yasmin's Hammer by Ann Malaspina

Rain School by James Rumford

Listen to the Wind by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth

Nasreen's Secret School, The Librarian of Basra, and Biblioburro
by Jeanette Winter

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

Tomas and the Library Lady by Pat Mora

Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden

***Counting on Grace** by Elizabeth Winthrop

***The Secret School** by Avi

A School Like Mine and A Life Like Mine

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Teachers Like Yours

Your teachers loved these books when they were young, and they still do!

Laurie (third grade) : The Big Book of Tashi by Anna Fienberg

Anne (music): Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

Savannah (first grade): Orlando the Marmalade Cat by Kathleen Hale

Stephanie (art): The Kitchen Madonna by Rumer Godden

Georgia (third grade): any and all mysteries by John Bellairs

Rebecca Y. (nurse): The Wonder Clock by Howard Pyle

Michael (second grade): Dominic by William Steig

Melinda (second grade): Rootabaga Stories by Carl Sandburg

Emily (first grade): Momo by Michael Ende

I-Huei (third grade): The Dark is Rising series by Susan Cooper

Jesse (first grade): The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

Roberta: Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag

Gabe: The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton, The Railway Children by E. Nesbit

Try These Great Graphic Novels

Little Lulu series by John Stanley

Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi

Frankie Pickle series by Eric Wight

Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka

Stone Rabbit series by Erik Craddock

Asterix the Gaul series by Rene Goscinny

Chi's Sweet Home series by Konami Kanata

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 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://www.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

Exquisite pop-ups by an amazing artist.

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

Ed Emberley's Drawing Books

Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books

Show Me How by Derek Fagerstrom et al.

Guinness Book of World Records 2011

One Million Things series by DK Publishing

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

Stories to Solve series by George Shannon

Weird but True series by National Geographic Kids

Kids in I-Huei and Ani's class will be glad to know that
a 3rd volume of outrageous facts is due out in June!

Have a great summer, and always remember...

The stories of childhood leave an indelible impression, and their author always has a niche in the temple of memory from which the image is never cast out to be thrown on the rubbish heap of things that are outgrown and outlived. ~Howard Pyle

"I'm gonna miss here..."
-Sudan Chang