THE FABULOUS
SUMMER READING LIST!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM
THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY
Summer 2013

Summer is a great time for discovering new books and re-reading old favorites, so be sure to visit public libraries and bookstores wherever your vacation takes you. And if you read anything especially awesome, let us know! E-mail the librarians at lslibrary@saintannsny.org. We’ll miss you over the summer, so we’d be thrilled to hear from you!

Happy reading!

Love,
Amy and Rebecca

Don’t forget: 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.
Stupendous Picture Books

The Dark by Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen
Roasted Peanuts and others by Tim Egan
Chester, Chester’s Back, and Chester’s Masterpiece by Melanie Watt
The Sniffles for Bear and others by Bonnie Becker
Subway Sparrow by Leyla Torres
A Home for Bird and Bear Has a Story to Tell by Philip and Erin Stead
Chopsticks and others by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Howard and Sarah’s class laughed hysterically at these!
The Other Side of Town and others by Jon Agee
Lucky Ducklings by Eva Moore
This was one of our favorite kindergarten read-alouds.
Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown
Boot and Shoe by Marla Frazee
My Snake Blake by Randy Siegel
Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez
The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman
What Do You Say, Dear? and What Do You Do, Dear? by Sesyle Joslin and Maurice Sendak
Herbert: the True Story of a Brave Sea Dog by Robyn Belton
Crichtor and others, finally back in print by Tomi Ungerer
Bread and Jam for Frances and others by Russell Hoban
This classic was a huge hit in David and Elizabeth’s class.
Follow Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems by Marilyn Singer
Tell Me a Scary Story...But Not TOO Scary!

Our Halloween section is popular year round. Some great spooky stories are:

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

We Voted!

This spring the first and second graders listened to, discussed, and reviewed the four semi-finalists for the 2013 Irma Black award for outstanding picture books, and were proud to have their votes counted in the national tally. The nominees were:

- Big Mean Mike by Michelle Knudsen (national award winner)
- The Duckling Gets a Cookie!? by Mo Willems
- Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems
- This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Excellent I-Can-Read Books
* indicates great books for beginning readers

*Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems
*Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
*See Otto series by David Milgrim
*Fish Had a Wish by Michael Garland
*Good News, Bad News by Jeff Mack
*Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others by Jim Pipe
Hi, Fly Guy! and others by Tedd Arnold
Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood
Pumpkin Trouble and others by Jan Thomas
A Pet Named Sneaker by Joan Heilbroner
A Dog is a Dog by Stephen Shaskan
Penny and Her Song series by Kevin Henkes
Squirrelly Gray by James Kochalka
Frog and Fly and others by Jeff Mack
George and Martha series by George Marshall
Adopt a Glurb! and other Balloon Toons titles by various authors
Benny and Penny series by Geoffrey Hayes
Pony Scouts series by Catherine Hapka
Welcome to the World, Zooborns! by Andrew Bleiman
Dinosaur Pets, Penguins are Cool!
    and other American Museum of Natural History readers
Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and other series
    by Cynthia Rylant
Commander Toad series by Jane Yolen
Houndsley and Catina series by James Howe
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 series by Tim Egan
Long Tail Kitty by Lark Pien
Zelda and Ivy series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky
Little Red Riding Wolf and other Seriously Silly Stories by Laurence Anholt
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee

These were a huge hit in David and Elizabeth's class.

Boo's Dinosaur by Betsy Byars
Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by Grace Lin
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 series by Jessie Haas
Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover by Cece Bell
Bink and Gollie series by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
The High-Rise Private Eyes series by Cynthia Rylant
Scholastic True or False series by Melvin & Gilda Berger

Some of our most popular non-fiction; your kids can test you!
Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker
Princess Posey series by Stephanie Greene
  First grader Posey is a great favorite with Becca H. and Kya N.
Roscoe Riley Rules series by Katherine Applegate
  Not surprisingly, Riley P. is a huge fan of his namesake!
Sheep and Goat by Marleen Westera
Dinosaur Cove series by Rex Stone
Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Wanda Coven
Beast Quest series by Adam Blade
Bad Kitty series by Nick Bruel
Captain Awesome series by Stan Kirby
Duck for a Day by Meg McKinlay
Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows
Zapato Power series by Jacqueline Jules
Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles
  Emma B. read every one in the library this year!
Lulu and the Duck in the Park and sequel by Hilary McKay
Anna Hibiscus series and The No. 1 Car Spotter series by Atinuke
  Savannah and Maria’s class loved the story of “No. 1,” his
  African village, and the “Cow-rola.”
Ernie and Maud series by Frances Watts
  Superhero boy, sheep sidekick; what more need we say?
Sassy series and Clubhouse Mysteries series by Sharon Draper
Three Green Rats: an Eco Tale by Linda Mason Hunter
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and sequel by Chris Riddell
Araminta Spookie series by Angie Sage
Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst
Akimbo and the Baboons series by Alexander McCall Smith
  Animal lovers Eitan F. and Will P. recommend this adventurous series.
Journal of a Cardboard Genius series by Frank Asch
**Wonderful Longer Chapter Books**

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

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon and companion* by Grace Lin  
*The Seven Tales of Trinket* by Shelley Moore Thomas  
Gabriel B-D. says this is one of the best books he’s ever read!

*The Dragon of Trelian* by Michelle Knudsen  
*Only One Year and The Year of the Book* by Andrea Cheng  
These books get much love from Katie E.

*The Dancing Pancake* by Eileen Spinelli  
Lucas F-S. loved this novel in verse.

*Hoot, Scat, and Chomp* by Carl Hiassen  
*The Tell-Tale Start* by Gordon McAlpine

*The Squirrel’s Birthday and other books of stories* by Toon Tellegen  
Neomie N. recommends these to all her friends.

*Alice-Miranda at School and sequel* by Jacqueline Harvey  
*Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff  
*The Book of Wonders* by Jasmine Richards

*Secrets at Sea* by Richard Peck  
*Cold Cereal and Unlucky Charms* by Adam Rex  
*Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage  
*Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
2013 Newbery medal winner  
*The Higher Power of Lucky and sequels* by Susan Patron  
*Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes* by Jonathan Auxier  
*The Vengekeep Prophecies* by Brian Farrey  
*A Tale Dark and Grimm and sequel* by Adam Gidwitz  
*Knightley Academy and sequel* by Violet Haberdasher  
*War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

* indicates more challenging titles
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
The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley
The Secret Zoo series by Bryan Chick
NERDS series by Michael Buckley
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon
  This hilarious British series, which flew off the shelves in Chandra’s and Laurie’s classes, can be tricky to find in the US.
  Try www.bookdepository.com, which offers free shipping!
Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage
Children of the Lamp series by Philip Kerr
Sluggers series by Loren Long and Phil Bildner
Myth-o-Mania series by Kate McMullan
  Maeve H. can’t get enough of these!
Eragon and the rest of the Inheritance series by Christopher Paolini
Keepers of the School series by Andrew Clements
43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise
Royal Diaries series by various authors
*City of Ember series by Jeanne DuPrau
*Guys Read series edited by Jon Scieszka
  Short stories written by a collection of phenomenal authors
*The Mysterious Benedict Society series by Trenton Lee Stewart
*The Last Dragon Chronicles by Chris D’Lacey
  Miles G. and Cole C. have devoured this series.
*The Candy Shop War series by Brandon Mull
*Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander
  The 3rd graders adored The Book of Three, which we read in library story.
**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  
  
  When Amy was young, she wanted to *be* Harriet the Spy!  
* Understood Betsy * by Dorothy Canfield Fisher  
* The Wind in the Willows * by Kenneth Grahame  
* The Melendi Quartet * by Elizabeth Enright  
* Freddy the Detective series * by Walter R. Brooks  
* 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  
  
  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. Luca L. loves it!  
* 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  
* A Wrinkle in Time * by Madeline L’Engle  
* Little Women * by Louisa May Alcott
Marvelous Mysteries

Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol
The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Warner
The Buddy Files series by Dora Hillestad Butler
The 39 Clues series by various authors
Agent Amelia series by Michael Broad
Animal Rescue Team series by Sue Stauffacher

These books were huge hits with animal lovers Reed D. and Lucy G.
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
Brixton Brothers series by Mac Barnett
The Code-Busters Club series by Penny Warner

Marco C. is a huge fan of this award-winning new series.
The Puzzling World of Winston Breen and sequel by Eric Berlin
Missing on Superstition Mountain and sequel by Elise Broach
Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos and sequels by R. L. LaFevers

*Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer series by John Grisham

Eli W. and Tate S. highly recommend these mysteries.
*Icefall by Matthew J. Kirby
*When You Reach Me and Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead
*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

*And Then There Were None and others by Agatha Christie
Great SUMMERTIME Reads

All these wonderful chapter books are set in the summertime!

Julian’s Glorious Summer by Ann Cameron
Captain Awesome Takes a Dive by Stan Kirby
Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash by Jacqueline Jules
The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall
Summer at Forsaken Lake by Michael Beil
My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian
Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise
Seaglass Summer by Anjali Banerjee
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
The Dragon of Lonely Island by Rebecca Rupp
Cheesie Mack is Cool in a Duel by Stephen Cotler
Thimble Summer and Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Ten Good and Bad Things about My Life So Far by Ann M. Martin
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford
The Summer of Moonlight Secrets by Danette Haworth
*Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker
*Any Which Wall by Laurel Snyder
*Over Sea, Under Stone series by Suzanne Collins

BONUS! Activity Books for some Favorite Series

Big Nate Boredom Buster by Lincoln Peirce
The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book by Jeff Kinney
The Judy Moody Mood Journal by Megan McDonald
Art2-D2’s Guide to Folding and Doodling: An Origami Yoda Activity Book by Tom Angleberger
Write This Book: A Do-It-Yourself Mystery by Pseudonymous Bosch (Secrets series)
Mr. Benedict’s Book of Perplexing Puzzles, Elusive Enigmas, and Curious Conundrums by Trenton Lee Stewart (Mysterious Benedict Society series)
**Terrific True Tomes**

*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*  
written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson  
*Marsupials and others* by Nic Bishop  
*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  
*A Place for Birds and others* by Melissa Stewart  
*Where on Earth? Geography as You’ve Never Seen It Before!* (DK)  
*Energy Island* by Allan Drummond  
*Life-Size Zoo and others* by Teruyuki Komiya  
*Graphic Dinosaurs* series by various authors  
*How Many Jelly Beans?* by Andrea Menotti  
  
  The kids love the page showing one million jelly beans!  
*Scientists in the Field* series by various authors  
*Into the Unknown* by Stewart Ross  
*Lincoln: A Photobiography, Freedom Walkers and anything else*  
by Russell Freedman

**True Animal Stories Everyone Will Love**

*Junior Buddy, Lola and Tiva, and others* by Juliana and Craig Hatkoff  
*Suryia & Roscoe and Suryia Swims!* by Bhagavan Antle  
*Leopard and Silkie* by Brenda Peterson  
*Panda Kindergarten* by Joanne Ryder  
*Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby  
*The Guardian Team* by Cat Urbigkit  
*ZooBorns!* series by Andrew Bleiman  
  
  There’s a waiting list for these in Laura and Jacob’s class!  
*Finding Home* and *Animal Heroes* by Sandra Markle  
*Unlikely Friendships for Kids* by Jennifer S. Holland  
*The House of a Million Pets* by Ann Hodgman  
*The Tarantula in my Purse* by Jean Craighead George
Based on a True Story...

These are all fascinating picture books that are based (more or less loosely, depending on the book) on true stories.

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
Henry’s Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
Stand Straight, Ella Kate by Kate Klise
Mary and Her Little Lamb by Will Moses
All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino
The Price of Freedom by Judith and Dennis Fradin
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
Missile Mouse* series by Jake Parker
Salt Water Taffy* series by Matthew Loux
Chickenhare* series by Chris Grine
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
The Three Thieves* series by Scott Chantler
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
*Smile, Drama, and The Babysitters Club* series by Raina Telgemeier
*Mouse Guard* series by David Petersen
*Hereville* series by Barry Deutsch
*The Phantom of the Opera* by Bronwyn Chochinov

Written by a Lower School Library alumna (now a rising 6th grader!), it’s available through Etsy.

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

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

Around the World with Mouk by Marc Boutavant

Look-Alikes *series* by Joan Steiner

Monsters!, Heroes!, Robots! *drawing books* by Jay Stephens

Adventures in Cartooning by James Sturm

There's also an activity book!

Ed Emberley's Drawing Books

Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books

Show Me How by Derek Fagerstrom et al.

Guinness Book of World Records 2013

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

You Choose Interactive History Adventures *series*

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure books of all kinds are hugely popular.

Stories to Solve *series* by George Shannon

Weird but True *series* by National Geographic Kids

Book 5 is due out on June 11—a perfect beginning-of-summer treat!