

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 beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.

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

Cricter *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 Capuccilli

***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-rolla."

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 Hiaasen

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 Rumpelstilskin 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 Melendy 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 Urbigit

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!