THE FABULOUS
SUMMER READING LIST!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM
THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY
Summer 2023

It’s been another fantastic year of reading!
This list includes some of our favorite books from this year
and lots of other fabulous ones for you to explore!

And as always, if you read anything especially awesome, let us know!
E-mail the librarians at ls.library@saintannsny.org.
We would be thrilled to hear from you!

Love,
Rebecca and Nan
Stupendous Picture Books

The Most Haunted House in America by Jarrett Dapier
Ancient Night by David Álvarez with David Bowles
Mariana and her Familia by Mónica Mancillas
Nour’s Secret Library by Wafa’ Tarnowska
This Book is Not for You! by Shannon Hale
Hey Otter! Hey Beaver! by Brian Pinkney
Oona and the Shark by Kelly DiPucchio
Julián at the Wedding by Jessica Love
Kapaemahu by Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu
Knight Owl by Christopher Denise
Very Good Hats by Emma Straub
Pride Puppy by Robin Stevenson
Berry Song by Michaela Goade
Kat Hats by Daniel Pinkwater
Camp Tiger by Susan Choi
Quackers by Liz Wong
Gibberish by Young Vo
The Field by Baptiste Paul
A Library by Nikki Giovanni
Kick Push by Frank Morrison
Sugar in Milk by Thrity Umrigar
The Turtle Ship by Helena Ku Rhee
If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson
Home is in Between by Mitali Perkins
Monsters in the Fog by Ali Bahrampour
A Walk in the Words by Hudson Talbott
The Thing about Bees by Shabazz Larkin
Love in the Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall
Manolo & the Unicorn by Jackie Azúa Kramer
Sometimes it’s Nice to be Alone by Amy Hest
The Coquíes Still Sing by Karina Nicole González
La Princesa and the Pea by Susan Middleton Elya
¡Vamos! Let’s Go Eat and others by Raúl the Third
Hot Dog by Doug Salati (*2023 Caldecott winner*)
Fantastic Picture Book Authors

Philip Stead: Amos McGee Misses the Bus, The Sun is Late and so is the Farmer
Joseph and James Bruchac: Rabbit’s Snow Dance, The Powwow Thief
Faith Ringgold: Tar Beach, Cassie’s Word Quilt, We Came to America
Chitra Soundar: You’re Strong with Me, Pattan’s Pumpkin, Holi Hai!
Grace Lin: A Big Mooncake for Little Star, Once Upon a Book
Chris Haughton: Don’t Worry, Little Crab; Oh No, George!
Brendan Wenzel: A Stone Sat Still, They All Saw a Cat
Michael Hall: Red: A Crayon’s Story, Frankencrayon
Minh Lê: Drawn Together, The Blur
Julie Flett: Birdsong, Wild Berries
Oge Mora: Saturday, Thank You, Omu!
Christian Robinson: You Matter, Another
Kevin Henkes: Summer Song, Little Houses
Jerdine Nolen: Raising Dragons, Thunder Rose
Bob Staake: The Book of Gold, The Donut Chef
Eva Chen: Roxy, the Last Unisaurus Rex; I am Golden
Kyle Lukoff: Call Me Max, Explosion at the Poem Factory
Helen Wu: Tofu Takes Time, Long Goes to Dragon School
Laura Vaccaro Seeger: Green, Dog and Bear, One Boy
Jason Chin: Grand Canyon, Island, Redwoods, Gravity
Angela Dominguez: Sing, Don’t Cry; Santiago Stays
Daniel Haack: Prince & Knight, Maiden & Princess
Jerry Pinkney: John Henry, The Little Mermaid
John Rocco: Hurricane, Blackout, Wolf! Wolf!
Andrea Beaty: Iggy Peck, Architect; Ada Twist, Scientist
Rukhsana Khan: Big Red Lollipop, Silly Chicken, King for a Day
The Fan Brothers: Ocean Meets Sky, The Barnabus Project
Ruth Sanderson: Castle Full of Cats, Snow Princess, Papa Gatto
Monica Brown: Marisol McDonald, Waiting for the Biblioburro
Jessie Sima: Weather Together, Harriet Gets Carried Away
Tara Lazar: 7 Ate 9, Normal Norman, Little Red Gliding Hood
Yuyi Morales: Dreamers, Bright Star, Niño Wrestles the World
Derrick Barnes: Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut; I Am Every Good Thing
Matt de la Peña: Carmela, Full of Wishes; Love; Milo Imagines the World
We Voted!

This spring the first and second graders listened to and reviewed the four semifinalists for the 2023 Irma Black award for an outstanding read-aloud picture book, and were proud to have their votes counted in the national tally. The nominees were:

- Bathe the Cat by Alice B. McGinty (the winner!)
- The Best Kind of Mooncake by Pearl Auyeung
- John’s Turn by Mac Barnett
- The World Belonged to Us by Jacqueline Woodson

Voters might enjoy watching the authors’ and illustrators’ acceptance speeches! 
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More Irma Black Award Fun!

Enjoy these nominees and winners from previous years!

2022:
- It Fell from the Sky by the Fan Brothers (the winner!)
- The 1619 Project: Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson
- When My Cousins Come to Town by Angela Shanté
- From the Tops of the Trees by Kao Kalia Yang

2021:
- Cat Dog Dog by Nelly Buchet (the winner!)
- Nana Akua Goes to School by Tricia Elam Walker
- Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
- Bread for Words: a Frederick Douglass story by Shana Keller

2020:
- The Crayon Man by Natascha Biebow (the winner!)
- The Most Terrible of All by Muon Thi Van
- Rocket Says Look Up! by Nathan Bryon
- Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry
Looking for More Stories Like the Irma Black Books?

Want to laugh the way you did to Bathe the Cat? Try:

**We Don’t Eat Our Classmates and sequels** by Ryan T. Higgins  
**Chickens to the Rescue and others** by John Himmelman  
**The Bear Ate Your Sandwich** by Julia Sarcone-Roach  
**The Scrambled States of America** by Laurie Keller  
**Ragweed’s Farm Dog Handbook** by Anne Kennedy  
**11 Experiments that Failed** by Jenny Offill  
**Even Robots Aren’t Perfect!** by Jan Thomas  
**Shh! We Have a Plan** by Chris Haughton  
**Chapter Two is Missing!** by Josh Lieb  
**Room for Everyone** by Naaz Khan  
**You Loves Ewe** by Cece Bell  
**7 Ate 9** by Tara Lazar

We were captivated by the ballet illustrations in John’s Turn. Read more about dance in:

**I Got the Rhythm** by Connie Schofield-Morrison  
**Flora and the Flamingo and others** by Molly Idle  
**A Dance like Starlight** by Kristy Dempsey  
**Finding My Dance** by Ria Thundercloud  
**Drum Dream Girl** by Margarita Engle  
**Firebird** by Misty Copeland  
**Powwow Day** by Traci Sorell  
**Lola’s Fandango** by Anna Witte  
**This is It** by Daria Peoples-Riley  
**Giant Dance Party** by Betsy Bird  
**Dancing in the Wings** by Debbie Allen  
**When Langston Dances** by Kaija Langley
The Best Kind of Mooncake took us to Hong Kong. Visit other cities around the world in:

- **Maybe Something Beautiful** by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
- **I See the Sun in Afghanistan and others** by Dedie King
- **I Know Here and From There to Here** by Laurel Croza
- **My Papi Has a Motorcycle** by Isabel Quintero
- **Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas** by Lynne Cox
- **Shapes, Lines, and Light** by Katie Yamasaki
- **Digging for Words** by Angela Burke Kunkel
- **The Sound of Silence** by Katrina Goldsaito
- **Letters to Ammi** by Aftab Yusuf Shaikh
- **From My Window** by Otávio Júnior
- **Emma in Paris** by Claire Frossard
- **Rome Antics** by David Macaulay
- **My Beijing** by Nie Jun

Our own city of New York starred in The World Belonged to Us. Explore more in these books:

- **Bodega Cat** by Louie Chin
- **On My Block** by Zetta Elliott
- **Harlem Grown** by Tony Hillery
- **Sky Dancers** by Connie Ann Kirk
- **Chicken and Cat** by Sara Varon
- **Planting Stories** by Anika Denise
- **Coquí in the City** by Nomar Perez
- **Where is Our Library?** by Josh Funk
- **Keeping the City Going** by Brian Floca
- **The Other Side of Town** by Jon Agee
- **Cyclops of Central Park** by Madelyn Rosenberg
- **Me and Momma and Big John** by Mara Rockliff
- **On This Spot: An Expedition Back Through Time** by Susan Goodman
Excellent I-Can-Read Books

* indicates great books for beginning readers

*Hi, Jack! and other Jack books by Mac Barnett and Greg Pizzoli
*Ty's Travels series by Kelly Starling Lyons
*Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems
*Fox the Tiger series by Corey Tabor
*It's Shoe Time! by Bryan Collier
*Elena Rides by Juana Medina
*Andy & Sandy series by Tomie dePaola
*Big Dog and Little Dog series by Dav Pilkey
*Gossie and Gertie and others by Olivier Dunrea
*Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others by Jim Pipe
Nothing Fits a Dinosaur and others by Jonathan Fenske
Follow That Map, The Garden, The Protest
and others in the Confetti Kids series by various authors

Meet the Super Duper Seven by Tim Hamilton
Duck, Duck, Porcupine series by Salina Yoon
Fly Guy and Fly Girl series by Tedd Arnold
Bobo and Pup-Pup series by Vikram Madan
Croc and Ally series by Derek Anderson
Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood
Noodleheads series by Tedd Arnold
Buzz Beaker series by Cari Meister
Clark the Shark series by Bruce Hale
Snail and Worm series by Tina Kügler
Urgency Emergency! series by Dosh Archer
Get a Hit, Mo! and others by David A. Adler
Racing Ace series by Larry Dane Brimner
El Toro and Friends series by Raúl the Third
Spark and others in the Tiny Tales series by Kallie George
Baseball Buzz and other Sports Illustrated Kids Starting Line Readers
Thunder and Cluck and other Ready to Read Graphics by various authors
Dinosaur Pets and other American Museum of Natural History readers
A Trip to the Top of the Volcano with Mouse and other Toons titles by various authors
Super I-Can-Read Challenges

Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick and David Serlin
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny series by John Himmelman
Bradford Street Buddies series by Jerdine Nolen
Unicorn and Yeti series by Heather Ayris Burnell
Sydney and Taylor series by Jacqueline Davies
King and Kayla series by Dori Hillestad Butler
Houndsley and Catina series by James Howe
Arnold and Louweezie series by Erica Perl
Ana and Andrew series by Christine Platt
Geraldine Pu series by Maggie Chang
Mermaid Days series by Kyle Lukoff
Aggie and Ben series by Lori Ries
Dodsworth series by Tim Egan
Tashi series by Anna Fienberg
Boo’s Dinosaur by Betsy Byars
Ling & Ting series by Grace Lin
Rabbit & Robot series by Cece Bell
Gigi and Ojiji series by Melissa Iwai
Meet Yasmin series by Saadia Faruqi
Johnny Boo series by James Kochalka
Racing Ace series by Larry Dane Brimner
Bramble and Maggie series by Jessie Haas
Charlie and Mouse series by Laurel Snyder
Cece Loves Science series by Kimberly Derting
Doggo and Pupper series by Katherine Applegate
Katie Woo and Friends series by Fran Manushkin
The Princess in Black series by Shannon & Dean Hale
The High-Rise Private Eyes series by Cynthia Rylant
Scholastic True or False series by Melvin & Gilda Berger
Bink and Gollie series by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee
The Adventures of Allie and Amy series by Stephanie Calmenson and Joanna Cole
Intriguing Information Books

Velociraptor and others in the Graphic Dinosaurs series by various authors
Pluto! Not a Planet? Not a Problem! and others in the Our Universe series
   by Stacy McAnulty
The Atlas Obscura Explorer’s Guide for The World’s Most Adventurous Kid
   by Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco
A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcan Word Painters by Duncan Tonatiuh
Katya’s Book of Mushrooms: Fungi, Fauna, Facts, & Folklore by Katya Arnold
Rhino Rescue and others in the National Geographic Kids Chapters series
Manhattan: Mapping the Story of an Island by Jennifer Thermes
Buzzkill: A Wild Wander through the Weird and Threatened World of Bugs
   by Brenna Maloney
The Rock and Gem Book (Our World in Pictures) by Dan Green
Blue: A History of the Color by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond
Mercado: The Heart of the Barrio by Judy Goldman
Tails from the Animal Shelter by Stephanie Shaw
Redwoods, Coral Reefs, and others by Jason Chin
Action: How Movies Began by Meghan McCarthy
Navajo Code Talkers by J. Patrick Lewis
Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke
Boardwalk Babies by Marissa Moss
Art Year by Year by Alice Bowden
We Are Still Here by Traci Sorell
The 50 States by Gabrielle Balkan
*Hardcourt by Fred Bowen
*Basher Science series by Dan Green
*History Smashers series by Kate Messner
*The House of a Million Pets by Ann Hodgman
*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
   written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson
*Crossing on Time and anything else by David Macaulay
*Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery and anything else by Russell Freedman
*Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Stewart Ross
   * indicates longer and more challenging titles
We voted, too!
The third graders joined children across the country and participated in the vote for the 2023 Cook Prize, which is given to an outstanding picture book on a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) topic. The nominees were:

Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep by Elaine M. Alexander (the winner!)
Infinity: Figuring Out Forever by Sarah C. Campbell
The Mystery of the Monarchs by Barb Rosenstock

Third graders might enjoy watching the Cook Prize authors’ and illustrators’ acceptance speeches:

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Explore STEM with the Cook Prize
Try some of the other books that have been nominated for this award!

2022:
Cougar Crossing by Meeg Pincus (the winner!)
The Great Stink by Colleen Paeff
Nano by Dr. Jess Wade
Butterfly for a King by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore

2021:
Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin (the winner!)
If You Take Away the Otter by Susannah Buhrman-Deever
Perkin’s Perfect Purple by Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann

2020:
Mario and the Hole in the Sky by Elizabeth Rusch (the winner!)
Hedy Lamarr’s Double Life by Laurie Wallmark
Secret Engineer by Rachel Dougherty
Flower Talk by Sara Levine
What Can I Read That’s Like the Cook Prize Nominees?

Did you like learning about **Anglerfish** and their cool environment? Learn about other unusual animals in these great books:

- **125 True Stories of Amazing Animals** from National Geographic Kids
- **A Horse in the House and other Strange But True Animal Stories** by Gail Ablow
- **Hidden Animal Colors** by Jane Park
- **I See Sea Food** by Jenna Grodzicki
- **Except Antarctica!** by Todd Sturgell
- **A Little Book of Sloth** by Lucy Cooke
- **Make Way for Animals!** by Meeg Pincus
- **Animals Nobody Loves** by Seymour Simon
- **How to Scratch a Wombat** by Jackie French
- **The Superpower Field Guides** by Rachel Poliquin
- **Curious Critters and others** by David FitzSimmons
- **Giant Squid** by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann
- **The Moose of Ewenki** by Gerelchimeg Blackcrane
- **Animals that Make Me Say Wow!** and **Animals that Make Me Say Ouch!** by Dawn Cusick
- **Obsessive about Octopuses and others** by Owen Davey
- **The Truth about Hawks and others** by Maxwell Eaton III
- **The Happiest Animals Ever and others** by Nancy Dickmann
- **The Great Bear Rescue: Saving the Gobi Bears** by Sandra Markle
- **Saving Yasha: The Incredible True Story of an Adopted Moon Bear** by Lia Kvatum
- **Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear** by Trang Nguyen and Jeet Zdung
- **My Life at the Bottom: the Story of a Lonesome Axolotl** by Linda Bondestam
- **Lions & Cheetahs & Rhinos, Oh My!** by John Platt and Mora Rose Donohue, animal artwork by children in Sub-Saharan Africa
If you were captivated by **Infinity**, explore other mathematical concepts in these books:

- **Mammoth Math** by David Macaulay
- **Cheetah Math** by Ann Whitehead Nagda
- **On Beyond a Million** by David M. Schwartz
- **Fractions in Disguise** by Edward Einhorn
- **What’s Your Angle, Pythagoras?** by Julie Ellis
- **Infinity and Me** by Kate Hosford
- **Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature** by Sarah C. Campbell
- **Edgar Allan Poe’s Pie: Math Puzzlers in Classic Poems** by J. Patrick Lewis

The **Mystery of the Monarchs** took us on a migration journey. Follow other animals on their migrations in these books:

- **The Journey** by Cynthia Rylant
- **Is This Panama?** by Jan Thornhill
- **Warbler Wave** by April Pulley Sayre
- **Bird, Butterfly, Eel** by James Prosek
- **Great Migrations** by Elizabeth Carney
- **Numenia and the Hurricane** by Fiona Halliday
- **Sea Lions in the Parking Lot** by Lenora Todaro
- **Feathers Together** by Caron Levis and Charles Santoso
- **Follow those Zebras! Solving a Migration Mystery** by Sandra Markle
- **North: the Amazing Story of Arctic Migration** by Nick Dowson
- **The Long, Long Journey: the Godwit’s Amazing Migration** by Sandra Markle
Cool Biographies

Picture Books

Forest Fighter: The Story of Chico Mendes by Anita Ganeri
The Freedom Ship of Robert Smalls by Louise Meriwether
What the Artist Saw series by Amy Guglielmo and others
Virginia Was a Spy by Catherine Urdahl & Gary Kelley
Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn’t Sit Still by Karlin Gray
Fauja Singh Keeps Going by Simran Jeet Singh
The Astronaut with a Song for the Stars: the Story of Dr. Ellen Ochoa
and others by Julia Finley Mosca
Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
by Margot Lee Shetterly with Winifred Conkling
Classified: the Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer
by Traci Sorrell
How to Hear the Universe: Gaby González and the Search for Einstein’s Ripples
in Space-Time by Patricia Valdez
Miloo’s Mind: The Story of Maryam Faruqi, Trailblazer for Women’s Education
by Reem Faruqi
One Wish: Fatima al-Fihri and the World’s Oldest University by M. O. Yuksel
It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way by Kyo Maclear
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion by Shannon Stocker
Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built by Angela Burke Kunkel
Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez by Anika Aldamuy Denise

Longer Books and Collections

Women in Science, Women in Art, and Women in Sports by Rachel Ignotofsky
First Generation: 36 Trailblazing Immigrants and Refugees Who Make America Great
by Sandra Neil Wallace
Who Was/Is…? and What Is…? series by assorted authors
Kid Artists, Kid Authors, and others by David Stabler
She Persisted chapter book series by various authors
Muslim Girls Rise by Saira Mir
Who Did It First series edited by Alex Hart
Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories by Amanda Li
Kind like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders by Sarah Prager
Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country by Kelly Yang
Stories for Kids who Want to Save the World by Carola Benedetto and Luciana Ciliento
Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Zapato Power series and Sofia Martinez series by Jacqueline Jules
Anna Hibiscus series and The No. 1 Car Spotter series by Atinuke
Sassy series and Clubhouse Mysteries series by Sharon Draper
Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome series by Sarai Gonzalez
Lucy’s Lab series by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Elizabeth Zechel
Lulu and the Duck in the Park and sequels by Hilary McKay
Sadiq and the Desert Star and others by Siman Nuurali
Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel series by Nikki Grimes
Definitely Dominguita series by Terry Catasús Jennings
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series by Andres Miedoso
My Furry Foster Family by Debbi Michiko Florence
Little Animal Rescue series by Rachel Delahaye
Anisa’s International Day by Reem Faruqi
Astrid and Apollo series by V.T. Bidania
Bee and Flea series by Anna Humphrey
Rica Baptista by Janet Costa Bates
Lola Levine series by Monica Brown
Diary of a Pug series by Kyla May
Data Set series by Ada Hopper
Mindy Kim series by Lyla Lee
City Kids series by Zetta Elliott
Mia Mayhem series by Kara West
Jo Jo Makoons series by Dawn Quigley
Violet Mackerel series by Anna Branford
Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami
My Happy Life series by Rose Lagercrantz
Our Friend Hedgehog series by Lauren Castillo
Ruby Lu, Brave and True series by Lenore Look
Frankie Sparks series by Megan Frazer Blakemore
Lulu and the Brontosaurus series by Judith Viorst
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle series by J. Dillard
Witches of Benevento series by John Bemelmans Marciano
Jada Jones series and Miles Lewis series by Kelly Starling Lyons
Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

Ana Maria Reyes Does NOT Live in a Castle by Hilda Eunice Burgos
Wednesday Wilson Gets Down to Business by Bree Galbraith
The Witch of Woodland and others by Laurel Snyder
Ghost Squad and Witchlings by Claribel A. Ortega
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by Lamar Giles
Summer at Forsaken Lake by Michael Beil
Seaglass Summer by Anjali Banerjee
Once Upon a Tim by Stuart Gibbs
Out of Range by Heidi Lang
Root Magic by Eden Royce
A Boy Called Bat and sequel by Elana K. Arnold
The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson
Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia Leitich Smith
Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey by Erin Entrada Kelly
Violet and Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Rae Perkins
My Mixed-Up, Berry Blue Summer by Jennifer Gennari
Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami
The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle and sequel by Christina Uss
Julieta and the Diamond Enigma by Luisana Duarte Armendáriz
*The List of Things That Will Not Change and others by Rebecca Stead
*The Garden of My Imaan and Child of Spring by Farhana Zia
*The Mighty Miss Malone and others by Christopher Paul Curtis
*A Clatter of Jars and Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff
*Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
*Dactyl Hill Squad and sequel by Daniel José Older
*The Other Side of My Heart by Sundee Frazier
*The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo
*Don’t Check Out This Book! by Kate Klise
*Three Strike Summer by Skyler Schremp
*Roll With It by Jamie Sumner
*Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
*Melissa and Rick by Alex Gino

* indicates more challenging titles
Fabulous Longer Chapter Book Series
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street series by Karina Yan Glaser
The Year of the Book (the Anna Wang series) by Andrea Cheng
The Willoughbys and The Willoughbys Return by Lois Lowry
Ruby and the Booker Boys series by Derrick Barnes
The Lemonade War series by Jacqueline Davies
The Year of the Dog and sequels by Grace Lin
Simon B. Rhymin’ series by Dwayne Reed
Dragons in a Bag series by Zetta Elliott
Mac B., Kid Spy series by Mac Barnett
Stella Díaz series by Angela Dominguez
Astro-Nuts series by Jon Scieszka
Sona Sharma series by Chitra Soundar
Juana and Lucas series by Juana Medina
Love, Sugar, Magic series by Anna Meriano
43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise
Real Pigeons series by Andrew McDonald
Cilla Lee-Jenkins series by Susan Tan
Winnie Zeng series by Katie Zhao
The Genius Files by Dan Gutman
Alvin Ho series by Lenore Look
Marya Khan series by Saadia Faruq
Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman
The Lost Rainforest series by Eliot Schrefer
Jasmine Green Rescues series by Helen Peters
The Gumazing Gum Girl series by Rhode Montijo
Missing on Superstition Mountain series by Elise Broach
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon and others by Grace Lin
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy
*The War that Saved My Life and sequel by Kimberly Bradley
*One Crazy Summer and sequels by Rita Williams-Garcia
*Guys Read series edited by Jon Scieszka
*The Lotterys series by Emma Donoghue
*Spy School series by Stuart Gibbs
What Can I Read That's Like...?

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
   Pie in the Sky and others by Remy Lai
   Olga series by Elise Gravel
   Bea Garcia by Deborah Zemke
   Frazzled series by Booki Vivat
   Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon
   Justin Case series by Rachel Vail
   Planet Omar series by Zanib Mian
   Clueless McGee series by Jeff Mack
   Kate the Great series by Suzy Becker
   Cheesie Mack series by Stephen Cotler
   Clara Humble series by Anna Humphrey
   The Best of Iggy series by Annie Barrows
   Max and the Midknights series by Lincoln Pierce
   Stick Dog and Stick Cat series by Tom Watson
   My Life as a Book series by Janet Tashjian

The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer
   Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu
   Story Thieves series by James Riley
   Mihi Ever After series by Tae Keller
   Worldquake series by Scarlett Thomas
   The Book of Fatal Errors by Dashka Slater
   A Tale Dark and Grimm series by Adam Gidwitz
   Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee
   The Wide-Awake Princess series by E.D. Baker
   The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
   The Thirteenth Princess and others by Diane Zahler
   Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest by Matt Haig
   Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin and others by Liesl Shurtliff
   The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom series by Christopher Healy
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe series by Carlos Hernandez
Aru Shah and the End of Time series by Roshani Chokshi
Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom by Sangu Mandanna
The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat
The Storm Runner series by J. C. Cervantes
Paola Santiago series by Tehlor Kay Mejia
Shinji Takahashi series by Julie Kagawa
Race to the Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse
Tristan Strong series by Kwame Mbalia
The Last Fallen Star by Graci Kim
Winnie Zeng series by Katie Zhao
Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee

Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling

Inkheart trilogy by Cornelia Funke
Wildwitch series by Lene Kaaberbol
The Magnificent 12 series by Michael Grant
The Emerald Atlas series by John Stephens
Enchanted Forest Chronicles by Patricia Wrede
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
The Blackwell Pages series by Kelley Armstrong
Knightley Academy and sequel by Violet Haberdasher
The Secret of Platform 13 and others by Eva Ibbotson
The Power of Poppy Pendle and others by Natasha Lowe
The Girl Who Could Fly and sequels by Victoria Forester
Upside-Down Magic series by S. Mlynowski, L. Myracle, and E. Jenkins
Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series by Sayantani DasGupta
The Girl who Circumnavigated Fairyland series by Catherynne Valente
Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat
Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy by Angie Thomas
Splendid Classic Novels That Stand the Test of Time

Magic in the Park and other magical stories by Ruth Chew
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and sequels by L. Frank Baum
The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
A Bear Called Paddington and sequels by Michael Bond
Ramona the Pest, Ribsy, and others by Beverly Cleary
The Melendy Quartet and others by Elizabeth Enright
Half Magic, Time Garden, and others by Edward Eager
The Trumpet of the Swan and others by E. B. White
The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pène du Bois
Harriet the Spy and sequels by Louise Fitzhugh
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series by Betty MacDonald
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
All-of-a-Kind Family series by Sydney Taylor
Five Children and It and others by E. Nesbit
Ballet Shoes and others by Noel Streatfeild
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
Winnie-the-Pooh and others by A.A. Milne
Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Hart Lovelace
The Birchbark House series by Louise Erdrich
A Little Princess and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler,
  *A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver
  and others by E. L. Konigsberg
*Around the World in 80 Days and others by Jules Verne
*The Great Brain series by John D. Fitzgerald
*A Wrinkle in Time series by Madeline L’Engle
*Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander
Suggestions from the 3rd grade!
In addition to illustrating this list, some of our third graders generously shared some of their favorite books with you.

Austen S. recommends Speak Up! by Rebecca Burgess because “I like that the main character is autistic.”

Evie B. loves “how the main character always cares” in The Last Bear by Hannah Gold. “The book really was great.”

Micah O. recommends Enid Blyton’s Adventure series because “there’s a lot of adventure and mysterious stuff going on.”

Mia H. also likes Enid Blyton and says that her Malory Towers series provides “a good summer ‘cozy’ book.”

Zofia P. says that True Friends by Shannon Hale “is good because it’s dramatic and it’s a graphic novel.”

Clara B. recommends Double Fudge by Judy Blume because “it’s a funny realistic book about having an annoying sibling.”

Olivia C. recommends New Kid by Jerry Craft, saying “it’s about moving and a giant school! And it’s about Jordan.” She also recommends the sequels Class Act and School Trip.

Cairo M. recommends the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan because of the “mysteries and action.” Henry Su. agrees; “The books are funny and exciting.”

Charlie D. says to try The Kane Chronicles, also by Rick Riordan, if you want a series that’s “gory and has magic.”

Sio P. recommends Spy School by Stuart Gibbs if you’re looking for “mysteries, cliffhangers, and skiing.” Teddy S. agrees, adding “it’s very fun and adventurous.” Shirley T. points out that “it is very funny and it’s a chapter book, so if a grown-up says to you ‘Read a chapter book,’ then you can say ‘Okay!’ and read it! (ha-ha)”

Atha B. and Beryl B. agree that Spark by Kallie George is “a really cute book.”

Henry St. knows “that a lot of kids love action, adventure, and magic,” and thinks they should read Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke. “P.S. There is comedy!”

Bennett S. recommends Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney because “it’s funny, gross, and it is in a diary.”

Cassidy P. says that Pokemon Adventures by Hidenori Kusaka is “full of fun twists and amazing creatures!”

Sunny S. recommends Frazzled by Booki Vivat because “it is very funny and it teaches you a life lesson: Never judge a book by its cover.”

Dusty P. says that Holes by Louis Sachar is “a very entertaining book with lots of action.”
Danielle P. recommends *Dory Fantasmagory* because “it’s fun to read and really confusing in a good way.”

Eleanor P. recommends *Da Vinci’s Cat* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock because “I love its humor, and it’s a good story.”

Stella W. likes J. K. Rowling’s *Harry Potter series* “because of all the adventure and how everything clicks at the end.”

Lucy C. recommends *Miss Quinces* by Kat Fajardo because “it is very funny.”

Matilda G. recommends *Love Sugar Magic* by Anna Meriano because “it keeps your attention. You never want to put it down.” Iris P. adds, “it’s full of adventures, magic, and treats.”

Madeleine R. says that *Witchlings* by Claribel A. Ortega is “one of my favorite books on Earth. It’s filled with magic and adventure.”

Dylan B. recommends *The Name of this Book is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch because “I like it.” Desi adds, “It is good!!! Yeah!”

Dominic G. recommends *When the Stars are Scattered* by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson because “it is very descriptive and it teaches you how people live in refugee camps.”

William S. recommends *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien because “it’s heartbreaking and very funny.”

Sullivan L. “personally thinks” that *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston “is very adventurous and they bring fairy tale creatures to life.”

Sunny D. recommends *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly. “It’s about two people that meet and they realize even though they have many differences they’re meant to be friends.”

Louisa P. says that *Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland “is surprising and full of thrill. If you like gore this is the book for you. It is full of adventure.”

Otis S. recommends *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester. “It is a really funny book.”

Gabrielle J.-B. recommends the Agent Amelia series by Michael Broad. “It is fun!”

Mabel-Rose S. recommends *Another Kind* by Cait May and Trevor Bream. “It is exciting and entertaining and good!”

Alistair R. says to try the One Piece series by Eiichiro Oda “if you like manga adventures.”

Chase J. recommends *A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner because “it’s a fun book for kids who like basketball.”

Maya A. recommends *Keepers of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger, “a book about adventure and mystery.” Izzie C. agrees; “it is an amazing tale with twists and turns.” Emily C.-V. adds, “It shows how she grows up learning to save the world, like we do.” Louisa S. feels, “It is like Harry Potter but better. It has so much suspense and it’s so magical, everything is perfect.”

A big thank you to all of our illustrators and recommenders!
Books of all Kinds for Lovers of Myths and Mythical Creatures!

The Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures by Stephen Krensky
Myth Atlas: Maps and Monsters, Heroes and Gods by Thiago de Moraes
Treasury of Egyptian Mythology and others by Donna Jo Napoli
Brownstone’s Mythical Collection by Joe Todd Stanton
Olympians series by George O’Connor
Myth-o-Mania series by Kate McMullan
The Crons Chronicles by Anne Ursu
Goddess Girls, Thunder Girls, and Heroes in Training series by Joan Holub
Mermaids, Unicorns, Dragons and other Amazing Mysteries by Ashley Gish
The Unseen World of Poppy Malone series by Suzanne Harper
Wings of Fire series and Menagerie series by Tui Sutherland
Magical Animal Adoption Agency series by Kallie George
Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist series by R. L. LaFevers
The Unicorn Rescue Society series by Adam Gidwitz
The Jumbies series by Tracey Baptiste
Beast Quest series by Adam Blade
Zoey and Sassafras series by Asia Citro
The Mermaid Atlas by Anna Claybourne
Emily Windsnap series by Liz Kessler
Fish Girl by David Wiesner and Donna Jo Napoli
The Secret Lives of Mermaids by Professor Anuk Tola
The Secret Lives of Unicorns by Dr. Temisa Seraphini and Sophie Robin
The Magical Unicorn Society: Official Handbook by Selwyn Phipps
Unicorns of the Secret Stable series by Whitney Sanderson and others
The Unicorn Quest series by Kamilla Benko
Pegasus series by Kate O’Hearn
A Dragon’s Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans by Laurence Yep
Ivy’s Ever After and Ivy and the Meanstalk by Dawn Lairamore
Dragon World by Tamara MacFarlane
A Field Guide to Monsters by Johan Olander
The Atlas of Monsters by Sandra Lawrence and Stuart Hill
The Creature from My Closet series by Obert Skye
The Last Kids on Earth series by Max Brallier
We Found a Monster by Kirk Scroggs
Kid Beowulf series by Alexis Fajardo
Poetry to Savor

Collections Shared by Asiya and Alisha

Small Poems Again by Valerie Worth (out of print, but the poems can be found in: All the Small Poems and Fourteen More by Valerie Worth)
The Pillow Book by Sei Shōnagon, translated by Ivan Morris
Orangutanka: A Story in Poems by Margarita Engle
Gold by Rumi, translated by Haleh Liza Gafori
Seeing into Tomorrow by Richard Wright
Urban Tumbleweed by Harryette Mullen

Other Entrancing Collections

Bravo! Poems about Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle
Thanks a Million and Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes
Bookjoy, Wordjoy by Pat Mora
I Am Loved by Nikki Giovanni
Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander
Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths by Marilyn Singer
Are You an Echo? The Lost Poetry of Misuzu Kaneko by David Jacobson
Voices of Justice: Poems about People Working for a Better World by G. E. Lyon

Novels in Verse

Grow by Juanita Havill
May B. by Caroline Rose Starr
Red Butterfly by A. L. Sonnichsen
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie by Julie Sternberg
Where I Live and The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli
Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart by Vera B. Williams
Love that Dog, Hate that Cat, and Moo by Sharon Creech
Little Cat’s Luck and Little Dog, Lost by Marion Dane Bauer
Prince Puggly of Spud and the Kingdom of Spiff and Zorgamazoo by Robert Paul Weston
Great Graphic Novels!

Shorter ones...

Tiny Titans series by Art Baltazar
Mega Princess by Kelly Thompson
Olympians series by George O'Connor
Princesses series by Jeremy Whitley
Bigby Bear series by Philippe Coudray
Nightlights series by Lorena Alvarez
Stone Rabbit series by Erik Craddock
City under the City by Dan Yaccarino
Oddly Normal series by Otis Frampton
Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka
Shark Princess series by Nidhi Chanani
Comics Squad series by various authors
Narwhal and Jelly series by Ben Clanton
Bird and Squirrel series by James Burks
Super Dinosaur series by Robert Kirkman
Scaredy Squirrel series by Melanie Watt
Chi's Sweet Home series by Konami Kanata
Princess Princess Ever After by Katie O'Neil
Monster Allergy series by Francesco Artibani
Adventures in Cartooning series by James Sturm
Superman Family Adventures series by Art Baltazar
Sardine in Outer Space series by Emmanuel Guibert
The Amazing Crafty Cat series by Charise M. Harper
Simon and Chester: Super Detectives! by Cale Atkinson
Lost in NYC by Nadja Spiegelman and other Toon Books
Secret Coders series by Gene Luen Yang & Mike Holmes
Solar System: Our Place in Space and other Science Comics
Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman by Ralph Cosentino
Team Taekwondo series by Master Taekwon Lee & Jeffrey Nodelman
Putuguq & Kublu series by Roselynn Akulukjuk and Danny Christopher
...and novel-length ones!

The Baby-Sitters Club series by Raina Telgemeier and others
Smile, Drama, Sisters, Guts by Raina Telgemeier
My Beijing by Nie Jun
Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
PAWS series by Nathan Fairbairn
Camp, Click, and others by Kayla Miller
Cleopatra in Space series by Mike Maihack
The Nameless City series by Faith Erin Hicks
The Three Thieves series by Scott Chantler
Lemon Bird Can Help! by Paulina Ganucheau
CatStronauts series by Drew Brockington
5 Worlds series by Mark Siegel
Lightfall series by Tim Probert
Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
Newsprints series by Ru Xu
Hilo series by Judd Winick
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Stargazing by Jen Wang
Yotsuba&! series by Kiyohiko Azuma
Hooky series by Miriam Bonastre Tur
Sanity and Tallulah series by Molly Brooks
The Witch Boy series by Molly Knox Ostertag
The Cardboard Kingdom series by Chad Sell
The Real Riley Mayes by Rachel Elliott
The Okay Witch series by Emma Steinkellner
Sueño Bay Adventures series by Mike and Nancy Deas
Zita the Spacegirl series and Mighty Jack series by Ben Hatke
Real Friends and Best Friends by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham
The Chronicles of Claudette by Jorge Aguirre and Rafael Rosado
Mapmakers and the Lost Magic by Cameron Chittock and Amanda Castillo
Fantastic Tales of Nothing series by Alejandra Green & Fanny Rodriguez
Dragonbreath series and Hamster Princess series by Ursula Vernon
Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper and Raúl the Third
Akissi: Tales of Mischief series by Marguerite Abouet
Lafayette! and other Hazardous Tales by Nathan Hale
Aster and the Accidental Magic series by Thom Pico
Katie the Catsitter series by Colleen AF Venable
Witches of Brooklyn series by Sophie Escabasse
Peter and Ernesto series by Graham Annable
Pilu of the Woods by Mai K. Nguyen
Max Meow series by John Gallagher
Otto: a Palindrama by Jon Agee
Batpig series by Rob Harrell
Twins by Varian Johnson
Pawcasso by Remy Lai
New Shoes by Sara Varon
El Toro and Friends by Raúl the Third
Investigators series by John Patrick Green
Leon the Extraordinary by Jamar Nicholas
Mr. Wolf’s Class series by Aron Nels Steinke
Animal Rescue Friends series by Meika Hashimoto
Once upon a Space-time series by Jeffrey Brown
Nat Enough and Forget Me Nat by Maria Scrivan
Breaking Cat News Adventures series by Georgia Dunn
Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
*Diana, Princess of the Amazons by Shannon and Dean Hale
*Doodles from the Boogie Down by Stephanie Rodriguez
*March series by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
*A First Time for Everything by Dan Santat
*Meesh the Bad Demon by Michelle Lam
*Maker Comics by various authors
*Miss Quinces by Kat Fajardo
*New Kid series by Jerry Craft
*This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews
*The Deep and Dark Blue by Niki Smith
The Lower School Library Online is still up and running!

Looking for a library story? Go to: https://sites.google.com/saintannsny.org/lowerschoollibraryonline/home
(Be sure you’re logged in with your school email address!)

There are also links there to other fun online resources! Enjoy!

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The Saint Ann’s Digital Library is always open!

It’s accessible through the school’s website or through this link: Saint Ann's Digital Library

The Digital Library is full of e-books you can download to a computer, phone, or reading device. Simple instructions can be found on the Saint Ann’s website (click on “Annie Bosworth Library”).

Having trouble? E-mail us at ls.library@saintannsny.org

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The wonderful people on the Bank Street Children’s Book Committee put together two of the best lists of recommended children’s books available.

Here are the links to their most recent lists:

Best Children's Books of the Year, 2023 edition

Best Children's Picture Books of the Year in Spanish, 2023 edition

Don’t forget about the Brooklyn Public Library!

The BPL website (https://www.bklynlibrary.org/) will allow you to request books and load up your e-reader from their digital collection. You can also access Tumblebooks with your library card!
Magazines: Always Fun to Find in the Mailbox!

For beginning readers

Ladybug
Click
Chirp
Okido
National Geographic Little Kids
Ranger Rick Jr.

For independent readers

National Geographic Kids
Zoobooks
Chickadee
Kazoo
Ask
Spider
Anorak
Ranger Rick
Sports Illustrated Kids

For advanced readers

Cricket
Cobblestone
Honest History
Faces: People, Places, and Cultures
Muse
OWL
Brain Space
Stone Soup
And Finally, Books for More than Just Reading!

Iggy Peck’s Big Project Book for Amazing Architects by Andrea Beaty
Ada Twist’s Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists by Andrea Beaty
Rosie Revere’s Big Project Book for Bold Engineers by Andrea Beaty
Aaron Slater’s Big Project Book for Astonishing Artists by Andrea Beaty

The Story Orchestra series of books with music

The 50 States Activity Book by Gabrielle Balkan
Inside and Out: New York by Josh Cochran
Color Illusions by DK Publishing
Let’s Play! and others by Hervé Tullet
Who Done It? by Olivier Tallec
Ralph Masiello’s Drawing Books
Ed Emberley’s Drawing Books
Picasso: An Animated Coloring Adventure by Claire Fay
How to Draw Cute Stuff and others by Angela Nguyen
Superhero Handbook by James Doyle and Jason Ford

Weird but True series by National Geographic Kids
Awesome 8 series from National Geographic Kids

Scholastic Year in Sports 2023
Guinness Book of World Records 2023
National Geographic Kids Almanac 2023
Arab Fairy Tale Feasts by Karim Alrawi
Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts by Paul Yee
United Tastes of America by Gabrielle Langholtz
Make it Easy, Cupcake! and others by Karen Tack
Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes by Mollie Katzen
Nadiya’s Bake Me a Story cookbooks by Nadiya Hussein
Fairy Tale Feasts and Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts by Jane Yolen

The LEGO Ideas Book by Daniel Lipkowitz
LEGO Amazing But True by Elizabeth Dowsett
How to Build LEGO Dinosaurs by Jessica Farrell
Epic LEGO Adventures with Bricks You Already Have by Sarah Dees
LEGO Harry Potter Build Your Own Adventure by Elizabeth Dowsett
You Choose Interactive History Adventures series
Draw-It-Yourself Adventures series by Andrew and Chris Judge
Choose Your Own Adventure series by R.A. Montgomery and others
Endlessly Ever After: Pick YOUR Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!
      by Laurel Snyder and Dan Santat
She Spoke: 14 Women Who Raised Their Voices and Changed the World
      by Kathy Macmillan & Manuela Bernardi, with audio clips
Who Is (Your Name Here)? The Story of My Life by Paula Manzanero
Share Your Smile: Raina’s Guide to Telling Your Own Story and
      My Smile Diary by Raina Telgemeier
Rainy Day Unicorn Fun by Dana Simpson
The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book by Jeff Kinney
Big Nate Boredom Buster and Doodlepalooza by Lincoln Peirce
What I Like: The Fill-In Book for Kids by Patrick Mueller
Escape this Book: Titanic and others by Bill Doyle and Sarah Sax
The Cursed Castle: an Escape Room in a Book by L. J. Tracosas
Destroy this Book in the Name of Science by Mike Barfield
Wreck this Journal and Wreck This Picture Book by Keri Smith
Origami Made Simple by Russell Wood
My First Origami Kit by Joel Stern
Pop-Up Design and Paper Mechanics by Duncan Birmingham
The Story Pirates Present… series by various authors
Mightier than the Sword series by Drew Callander and Alana Harrison
Odd One Out by Buster Books
Sleuth and Solve series by Ana Gallo and Victor Escandell
Hidden in Nature: Search, Find, and Count by Agnese Baruzzi

Have an amazing summer, everyone! We love you!