THE FABULOUS
SUMMER READING LIST!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM
THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY
Summer 2015

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.
If you read anything especially awesome, let us know!
E-mail the librarians at ls.library@saintannsny.org.
We’ll miss you over the summer, so we’d be thrilled to hear from you!

Love,
Rebecca, Nan, and Amy

The Lower School Library is open all summer on the web!

Go to www.saintannsny.org and visit the Lower School Library page
(We can be found under Library in Parents, Students, or Departments.)
Learn cool facts from World Book Kids (username: stanns password: stanns)
Also, be sure to visit our online Community at lslib.saintannsny.org; we will be updating during the
summer with additional book recommendations, fun links, and more.
Stupendous Picture Books

The Book with No Pictures by B. J. Novak
   A lower school-wide hit; our 2 copies are almost always out!
Not All Princesses Dress in Pink by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple
The Grasshopper and the Ants and other fable retellings by Jerry Pinkney
Roasted Peanuts and others by Tim Egan
   Stephanie loved reading this book during reading marathon.
Lottie Paris and the Best Place by Angela Johnson
Dog Days of School and others by Kelly DiPucchio
Red Knit Cap Girl and others by Naoko Stoop
Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales
My Pet Book and others by Bob Staake
Amazing Grace series by Mary Hoffman
This is a Moose by Richard Morris
This is Our House by Hyewon Yum
Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
Anna Hibiscus’ Song by Atinuke
Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won
The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin
If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson
Red: A Crayon’s Story by Michael Hall
Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez
Big Red Lollipop and others by Rukhsana Khan
Oh No, Georgel and Little Owl Lost by Chris Haughton
Sophie’s Squash by Pat Zietlow Miller & Anne Wilsdorf
   This is one of Nan’s very favorite picture books!
Pomelo Begins to Grow and others by Ramona Badescu
Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match (bilingual) by Monica Brown
Old Mikamba Had a Farm and other folktale retellings by Rachel Isadora
Gajapati Kulapati by Ashok Rajagopalan
   Susie recommended these great books from India, which can be purchased
directly from the publisher at www.tulikabooks.com.
We Voted!

In March the first and second graders listened to, discussed, and reviewed the four semi-finalists for the 2015 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:

Blizzard by John Rocco
Shh! We Have a Plan by Chris Haughton
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen (the winner!)
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox and Brian Floca

"Is that a true story?"

All of the Cook Prize books are true books, and two of the Irma Black nominees, Blizzard and Elizabeth, are based on true stories.
Here are more amazing true picture books to enjoy:

Herbert: the True Story of a Brave Sea Dog by Robyn Belton
A Baby Elephant in the Wild by Caitlin O'Connell
Here Comes the Garbage Barge by Jonah Winter
The Storyteller's Candle by Lucia Gonzalez
The Tree Lady by H. Joseph Hopkins
Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue
Me...Jane by Patrick McDonnell
Lucky Ducklings by Eva Moore
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
The Hallelujah Flight by Phil Bildner
Subway Story by Julia Sarcone-Roach
A Boy and a Jaguar by Alan Rabinowitz
Kate and Pippin by Martin Springett
Heroes of the Surf by Elisa Carbone
Tomás and the Library Lady by Pat Mora
Planting the Trees of Kenya by Claire A. Nivola
Suryia & Roscoe and Suryia Swims by Bhagavan Antle & Thea Feldman
Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir's First Crusade by Barbara Krasner
Excellent I-Can-Read Books
* indicates great books for beginning readers

*Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems
*See Otto series by David Milgrim
*Ah Hal and Look! by Jeff Mack
*Pete the Cat series by James Dean
*Gossie and Gossie & Gertie by Olivier Dunrea
*First the Egg and others by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
*Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others by Jim Pipe
Hooray for Fly Guy! and others by Tedd Arnold
Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood
What Will Fat Cat Sit On? 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
Frog and Fly and others by Jeff Mack
Goose and Duck by Jean Craighead George
George and Martha series by George Marshall
Dogerella and Sleeping Bootsie by Maribeth Boelts
You Are (Not) Small by Anna Kang (*2015 Geisel Award winner*)
Tippy and the Night Parade and other Toons titles by various authors
Benny and Penny series by Geoffrey Hayes
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series by Erica Silverman
Welcome to the World, Zooborns! and others by Andrew Bleiman
Dinosaur Pets and other American Museum of Natural History readers
Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and more by Cynthia Rylant
Urgency Emergency! series by Dosh Archer
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
Ling & Ting series by Grace Lin
Dodsworth series by Tim Egan
Boo's Dinosaur by Betsy Byars
Grin and Bear It by Leo Landry
Murilla Gorilla series by Jennifer Lloyd
Johnny Boo series by James Kochalka
Bramble and Maggie series by Jessie Haas
Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover by Cece Bell
Katie Woo and Friends series by Fran Manushkin
Zelda and Ivy series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky
Tales for Very Picky Eaters by Josh Schneider
Aggie and Ben series by Lori Ries
Little Red Riding Wolf and other Seriously Silly Stories by Laurence Anholt
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee
Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Black Beauty series by Susan Hill
Inspired by the classic story by Anna Sewell.
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!

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MR. FERRIS AND HIS WHEEL

Davis Ford
Intriguing Information Books

Where on Earth? Geography as You've Never Seen It Before! (DK)
Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age by Cheryl Bardoe
The Worm and others in the Disgusting Critters series by Elise Gravel
We could never have predicted how popular this fun series would be!
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson
The Animal Book and anything else by Steve Jenkins
The Future Architect's Handbook by Barbara Beck
A Place for Birds and others by Melissa Stewart
How Many Jelly Beans? by Andrea Menotti
A Little Book of Sloth by Lucy Cooke
Marsupials and others by Nic Bishop
Zooborns series by Andrew Bleiman
Energy Island by Allan Drummond
Graphic Dinosaurs series by various authors
True or False? by Andrea Mills (DK Publishing)
Locomotive, Moonshot, and others by Brian Floca
Life-Size Aquarium and others by Teruyuki Komiya
Who Was/Is...? and What Is...? series by assorted authors

These great biographies and histories have been a huge hit this year.

Architecture According to Pigeons by "Speck Lee Tailfeather" (Stella Gurney)
Unlikely Friendships for Kids series by Jennifer S. Holland
Earmuffs for Everyone! by Meghan McCarthy
Dog Finds Lost Dolphins! and More True Stories of Amazing Animal Heroes
and others in the National Geographic Kids Chapters series

*The House of a Million Pets by Ann Hodgman
*The Tarantula in my Purse by Jean Craighead George
*Scientists in the Field series by various authors
*Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Stewart Ross
*Lincoln: A Photobiography, Freedom Walkers and anything else
by Russell Freedman
We voted, too!

The third graders joined children around the world and participated in the vote for the Cook Prize, which is given to an outstanding picture book on a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) topic. The nominees were:

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel by Kathryn Davis
Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle by Cheryl Bardoe
Galapagos George by Jean Craighead George (the winner!)
Mysterious Patterns by Sarah C. Campbell

Super Books of all Kinds about Superheroes

In picture books or in chapter books, superheroes are always fun to read about!

**Picture Books and Biographies**
The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man by Michael Chabon
Super Guinea Pig to the Rescue by Udo Weigelt
Superhero by Marc Tauss
Kapow! by George O’Connor
Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey
Superhero School by Aaron Reynolds
Bill the Boy Wonder: the Secret Co-Creator of Batman and
Boys of Steel: the Creators of Superman by Marc Tyler Nobleman

**Chapter Books**
The Princess in Black by Shannon & Dean Hale
Captain Awesome series by Stan Kirby
Zapato Power series by Jacqueline Jules
Melvin Beederman, Superhero series by Greg Trine
Adventures of Jo Schmo series by Greg Trine
Ernie and Maud series by Frances Watts
Joshua Dread series by Lee Bacon
Almost Super by Marion Jensen
The Gumazing Gum Girl by Rhode Montijo
Shredderman series by Wendelin Van Draanen
Super Chicken Nugget Boy series by Josh Lewis
Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker
The final book in the series, Completely Clementine, came out in March.

Digby O’Day in the Fast Lane by Shirley Hughes
Leroy Ninker Saddles Up by Kate DiCamillo
Moongobble and Me series by Bruce Coville
Princess Posey series by Stephanie Greene
Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbott
Space Taxi series by Wendy Mass
Dog Days by Karen English
Bad Kitty series by Nick Bruel
Duck for a Day by Meg McKinlay
Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Wanda Coven
Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles
Galaxy Zack series by Ray O’Ryan
Ellray Jakes series by Sally Warner
Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka
Beast Quest series by Adam Blade
This fantasy series has been a huge hit in Kate and Josh’s class.

Violet Mackerel’s Brilliant Plot and sequels by Anna Branford
A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries series by Ron Roy
Lulu and the Duck in the Park and sequels by Hilary McKay
Anna Hibiscus series and The No. 1 Car Spotter series by Atinuke
Sassy series and Clubhouse Mysteries series by Sharon Draper
Magic in the Park and other magical stories by Ruth Chew
Lulu and the Brontosaurus series by Judith Viorst
Akimbo and the Baboons series by Alexander McCall Smith
Journal of a Cardboard Genius series by Frank Asch
Star Wars: Jedi Academy series by Jeffrey Brown
The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Don’t leave your books in the sun
Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

Iron Thunder, The Fighting Ground and others by Avi
Summer at Forsaken Lake by Michael Beil
A Plague of Unicorns by Jane Yolen
Vanished by Sheela Chari
May B. by Caroline Starr Rose
Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck
Seaglass Summer by Anjali Banerjee
The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli
Hoot, Scat, and Chomp by Carl Hiassen
Flora & Ulysses and others by Kate DiCamillo
Bo at Ballard Creek and sequel by Kirkpatrick Hill
The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett and Jory John
The Magic Half and Magic in the Mix by Annie Barrows
The Wizard of Dark Street and sequel by Shawn Thomas Odysse
Mr. and Mrs. Bunny—Detectives Extraordinarel by Polly Horvath
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy
*The Mighty Miss Malone and others by Christopher Paul Curtis
*Capture the Flag and sequels by Kate Messner
*My Friend the Enemy by Dan Smith
*Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes
*Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
*Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff
*War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
*The Candymakers by Wendy Mass
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*The Higher Power of Lucky and sequels by Susan Patron
*Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier

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Fabulous Chapter Book Series

All-of-a-Kind Family series by Sydney Taylor
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Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie and sequels by Julie Sternberg
Only One Year and The Year of the Book series by Andrea Cheng
Frank Einstein and the Anti-Matter Motor series by Jon Scieszka
Alice-Miranda at School series by Jacqueline Harvey
How to Train Your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell
Just Grace series by Charise Mericle Harper
The Year of the Dog series by Grace Lin
NERDS series by Michael Buckley
Pegasus series by Kate O’Hearn
The Secret Zoo series by Bryan Chick
Myth-o-Mania series by Kate McMullan
The Lemonade War series by Jacqueline Davies
Sluggers series by Loren Long and Phil Bildner
43 Old Cemetery Road series by Kate Klise
Penelope Crumb series by Shawn Stout
Missing on Superstition Mountain series by Elise Broach
The Genius Files series by Dan Gutman
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The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place series by Maryrose Wood
*City of Ember series by Jeanne DuPrau
*The Vengekeep Prophecies by Brian Farrey
*Cold Cereal series by Adam Rex
*Guys Read series edited by Jon Scieszka
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*The Mysterious Benedict Society series by Trenton Lee Stewart
*Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander
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The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pène du Bois
B is for Betsy and others by Carolyn Haywood
Harriet the Spy and sequels by Louise Fitzhugh
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
The Melendy Quartet and others by Elizabeth Enright
Half Magic, Time Garden, and others by Edward Eager
Freddy the Detective series by Walter R. Brooks
Five Children and It and others by E. Nesbit
The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
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
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
A Little Princess and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler and others
   by E. L. Konigsberg
*The Great Brain series by John D. Fitzgerald
*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

Need even more to read? Visit the Saint Ann’s Digital Library!
Accessible through the school’s website, 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”).
For a user ID and password, e-mail us at ls.library@saintannsnyny.org.
What to read if you loved...

When you finish a series you love, it can be hard to know where to turn next. Here are some of our top "read-alikes" for well-loved books and series.

Fairy Tale Favorites for fans of *A Tale Dark and Grimm*

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff
Tales of the Wide-Awake Princess *series* by E. D. Baker
The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom *series* by Christopher Healy
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon *and sequel* by Grace Lin
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee
The Sisters Grimm *series* by Michael Buckley
The Book of Wonders by Jasmine Richards
Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman
Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu
Icefall by Matthew Kirby
Samuel Blink *series* by Matt Haig
The Land of Stories *series* by Chris Colfer
The Thirteenth Princess *and others* by Diane Zahler
The Princess Tales, Ella Enchanted *and others* by Gail Carson Levine
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland *series* by Catherynne Valente

Fabulous Fantasy for *Harry Potter* fans

The Blackwell Pages *series* by K. L. Armstrong and M. A. Marr
Knightley Academy *and sequel* by Violet Haberdasher
The Familiars *series* by Adam Jay Epstein
Children of the Lamp *series* by Philip Kerr
Inkheart *series* by Cornelia Funke
The Magic Thief *series* by Sarah Prineas
Gregor the Overlander *series* by Suzanne Collins
The Secret of Platform 13 *and others* by Eva Ibbotson
Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos *series* by R. L. LaFevers
Not-at-all-Wimpy Stories for Diary of a Wimpy Kid fans

Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon
Stick Dog series by Tom Watson
Clueless McGee series by Jeff Mack
Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis
Ellie McDoodle series by Ruth M. Barshaw
My Life as a Book series by Janet Tashjian
The Dunderheads and sequel by Paul Fleischman
Aldo Zelnick comic novel series by Karla Oceanak
Cartboy and the Time Capsule series by L. A. Campbell

Realistic Drama for fans of Wonder by R. J. Palacio

The Other Half of My Heart by Sundee Frazier
A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Loser by Jerry Spinelli
Penny Dreadful by Laurel Snyder
Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
El Deafo (a graphic memoir) by Cece Bell
Hound Dog True and others by Linda Urban
Joey Pigza Loses Control series by Jack Gantos
Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker
When You Reach Me and others by Rebecca Stead
My Mixed-Up, Berry Blue Summer by Jennifer Gennari
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda series by Tom Angleberger
Another Day as Emily and other novels in verse by Eileen Spinelli
Try These Great Graphic Novels!

Little Lulu series by John Stanley
Magic Pickle series by Scott Morse
Stone Rabbit series by Erik Craddock
Dragonbreath series by Ursula Vernon
Amelia Rules series by Jimmy Gownley
Missile Mouse series by Jake Parker
Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi
Bone series by Jeff Smith

A full-color edition of Out from Boneville is now available.

Salt Water Taffy series by Matthew Loux
The Three Thieves series by Scott Chantler
Guinea Pig Pet Shop Private Eye series by Colleen Venable
Chi’s Sweet Home series by Konami Kanata
Sardine in Outer Space series by Emmanuel Guibert
Zita the Spacegirl series by Ben Hatke
Cleopatra in Space series by Mike Maihack
Mouse Guard series by David Petersen
Super Dinosaur series by Robert Kirkman
Princessless series by Jeremy Whitley

The Baby-Sitters Club series by Raina Telgemeier

A full-color edition of Kristy’s Great Idea has just come out!

*Big Bad Ironclad! and other Hazardous Tales by Nathan Hale
*Yotsuba&! series by Kiyohiko Azuma
*Smile, Drama, Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

Superhero Comics!

Superman Family Adventures series by Art Baltazar
Fashion Kitty series by Charise M. Harper
Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka
Magic Pickle series by Scott Morse
Panda Man series by Sho Makura
Sidekicks by Dan Santat
Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman by Ralph Cosentino
Books For More than Just Reading

Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology, etc.
Encyclopedia Mythologica series by Matthew Reinhardt & Robert Sabuda
The Little Mermaid and other fairy tale pop-ups by Robert Sabuda
Optical Illusions and Color Illusions by DK Publishing
Inside and Out: New York by Josh Cochran
Animalium by Katie Scott and Jenny Broom
Battle Bunny by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett

Alex takes the book "Birthday Bunny" and makes it his own, and so can you!
After you read this hilarious story, go to mybirthdaybunny.com and try it out.

Monsters!, Heroes!, Robots! drawing books by Jay Stephens
Adventures in Cartooning series by James Sturm
Ed Emberley's Drawing Books
Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books
Treasure Hunt Mazes and others by Roger Moreau
One Million Things series by DK Publishing
Guinness Book of World Records 2015
Weird but True series by National Geographic Kids
Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes by Molly Katzen
Kids Cook French by Claudine and Jacques Pepin
Star Wars Cookbooks I and II
Star Wars Visual Dictionaries by David West Reynolds
The Lego Ideas Book by Daniel Lipkowitz
Cool Castles and other Lego building books by Sean Kenney
You Choose Interactive History Adventures series
Choose Your Own Adventure 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
Happy Reading! Happy Summer!