

THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL
LIBRARY
Summer 2007

Listed below are some well-loved books that may interest you for summer reading. These are just a sample of some of the titles and authors available, and we have tried to avoid suggesting books with which everyone is already completely familiar. There are, of course, many, many more choices at the Public Library and in bookstores. Start your own list. Happy reading!

Love, Amy, Rebecca, and Stephanie

The lower school library has a website.

Learn about the library! View some library projects by the kids! Read some book reviews! Review last year's fabulous summer reading list!.

Visit the site at **www.saintannsny.org**, and click on **departments**.

Don't forget to visit **www.factsforlearning.com** over the summer.
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Some Stupendous Picture Books

Sky Boys by Deborah Hopkinson and James Ransome

This gorgeous book about the construction of the Empire State Building commemorates the building's 75th anniversary.

Arnie the Doughnut by Laurie Keller

Caroline C. says this is "really, really funny!"

Lost in the Woods by Carl Sams

Beautiful nature photographs taken by the author help tell this sweet animal story.

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka

Last year's Caldecott medal winner...

Flotsam by David Wiesner

...and this year's Caldecott medal winner!

Prince Silencio by Anne Herbauts

Luck by Jean Craighead George

A beautiful choice for bird lovers.

Adele & Simon by Barbara McClintock

Set in Paris—what more do you need?

Ten-Gallon Bart by Susan Stevens Crummel

Napi Goes to the Mountain by Antonio Ramirez

The Rabbits' Wedding by Garth Williams

Controversial when it first came out in 1958—and you won't believe why!

Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French

This is always the hit of the year in the first grade!

Fast Food *and others* by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

Wolf! Wolf! by John Rocco

A new take on "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," beautifully set in Japan by a Brooklyn native.

Dog and Bear by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

David and Elizabeth's class loved these sweet stories.

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra

Because we are!

Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

(These folks wrote tons of great books. We've only listed samples)

David Wisniewski (The Warrior and the Wise Man)

This author is also one of the most amazing illustrators we know.
Jan Brett (The Umbrella, Fritz and the Beautiful Horses)

Yangsook Choi (Behind the Mask, Peach Heaven)

This Korean author is one of our new favorites.

Bill Peet (Cowardly Clyde, Capyboppy)

Eric A. Kimmel (The Hero Beowulf, Don Quixote and the Windmills)

In addition to excellent trickster stories, this author does
wonderful adaptations of adult classics.

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

Julius Lester (John Henry, Sam and the Tigers)

Demi (One Grain of Rice, The Empty Pot)

Mo Willems (Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!, Knuffle Bunny)

A beloved Brooklyn author, he has a new book coming this summer.

Steve Jenkins (Actual Size, The Top of the World)

Visually captivating non-fiction.

Amy and Rebecca's Top 5 New Picture Books

Some Dog! by Mary Casanova

Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen

Love and Roast Chicken by Barbara Knutson

A funny South American trickster story.

The Magic Horse of Han Gan by Jiang Hong Chen

The Flying Bed by Nancy Willard

A modern fairy tale set in Florence, Italy, with some of
the most exquisite illustrations we've ever seen.

Some Excellent I -Can-Read Books

*Biscuit *series* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

*See Otto *series* by David Milgrim

*Tiny the Snow Dog *series* by Cari Meister

*Snail Saves the Day *and others* by John Stadler
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa *series* by Erica Silverman

There's a third one coming out in July!

Minnie and Moo *series* by Denys Cazet

A Fish Out of Water by Helen Palmer

Phineas thought this book was really well written.

Iris and Walter *series* by Elissa Haden Guest

The Teacher of the Black Lagoon *and sequels* by Mike Thaler

The Bookstore Burglar *and others* by Barbara Maitland

Super Fly Guy *and others* by Tedd Arnold

Even third graders will stand in line for this one.

Pup and Hound *series* by Susan Hood

Danny and the Dinosaur *and others* by Syd Hoff

Annie and Snowball by Cynthia Rylant

This prolific author is beginning another great series.

Pearl and Wagner *series* by Kate McMullan

Miffy the Ghost *and others* by Dick Bruna

* indicates great books for beginning readers

Some Fabulous *Non-Fiction* I -Can-Read Books

Amazing Sharks!, Tigers, *and others* by Sarah L. Thompson

These excellent books are from the Wildlife Conservation Society.

See More Readers *series* by Seymour Simon

Polar Bear Cub *and others* by Jacqueline Moody-Luther

Math-terpieces *and others* by Greg Tang

This book combines fun problem-solving with an introduction to art history.

Some Super I -Can-Read Challenges

First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers
by George Shea

Spooky America: Four Real Ghost Stories by Lori Haskins

Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy S. Levinson

Hopscotch Hill School *series* by Valerie Tripp

Mercy Watson *series* by Kate DiCamillo

Katie M. loved these "really funny" books.

Boo's Dinosaur by Betsy Byars

This book makes adult readers laugh too.

Runaway Radish by Jennie Haas

A great choice for all our horse lovers.

Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine and The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Amy and Rebecca's favorite new additions!

The Secrets of Droon *series* by Tony Abbott

Time Warp Trio *series* by Jon Scieszka

Keep an eye out for his new graphic novels as well.

Bunnicula *and sequels* by James Howe

Pony Pals *series* by Jeanne Betancourt

Antonia C. loves this series that has "a lot of tension."

Keeker and the Sneaky Pony *series* by Hadley Higginson

A new find for the horse-loving crowd.

Ivy and Bean *series* by Annie Barrows

A 3rd book in this popular new series will be out in July.

Franny K. Stein *series* by Jim Benton

Judy Moody *series* by Megan McDonald

Jake Drake *series* by Andrew Clements

Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore Look

Ghostville Elementary *series* by Marcia T. Jones

Marvin Redpost *series* by Louis Sachar

Dragon Slayer's Academy *series* by Kate McMullan

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry

Tales from the Odyssey *series* by Mary Pope Osborne

My Weird School *series* by Dan Gutman

Nicky V., Dean M., and Charlie K. have gobbled up this hilarious series.

Rainbow Fairies and Weather Fairies *series* by Daisy Meadows

We can't keep these on the shelves!

Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

B is for Betsy *and others* by Carolyn Haywood

David and Elizabeth's class loved the first of these charming, newly reissued books.

PeeWee and Plush *and others* by Johanna Hurwitz

The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin

Dear Max and Bravo, Max! by D. J. Lucas, aka Sally Grindley

Oscar P. enjoyed these clever books of letters between Max and his favorite author.

The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles by Julie Edwards

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle

Twig by Elizabeth Orton Jones

Sylvia W. recommends this story of a little elf who performs magic.

The Backward Bird Dog *and others* by Bill Wallace

Emma and Jacob B. have read *all* of his dog books this year.

I, Freddy *and 4 sequels* by Dietlof Reiche

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

There are also 2 excellent sequels written by Jane L. Conly.

Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson

A Barrel of Laughs, A Vale of Tears by Jules Feiffer

*Harriet the Spy *and sequels* by Louise Fitzhugh

*Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters
by Lesley M.M. Blume

*Inkheart and The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Zach B. described Inkheart as "really scary and exciting, and you don't know what will happen next!"

*The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

Ry W. and Eliza P. call this "a book you want to read over and over again!"

*The Manny Files by Christian Burch

Some Classics Not to Be Missed

Ballet Shoes *and others* by Noel Streatfeild

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

A Bear Called Paddington *and sequels* by Michael Bond

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle *series* by Betty MacDonald

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 Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Winnie-the-Pooh *series* by A. A. Milne

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Sofiy I. says this book is similar to some others, but is really "a story of itself".

*Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

*Around the World in 80 Days *and others* by Jules Verne

These amazing adventures are still fresh and exciting.

*A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

*Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

**Want even more suggestions? Check out the list put out by the
Bank Street Children's Book Committee
(which includes Amy and Rebecca),
The Best Children's Books of the Year, 2007 edition,
for sale online at www.bankstreetbooks.com or in the Lower School Library in the fall.**

Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

All-of-a-Kind Family *series* by Sydney Taylor

The 2nd graders have been devouring this lovely New York series.

Santa Paws *series* by Nicholas Edwards

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi

Nicholas *series* by Rene Goscinny

This classic French school series has finally been translated into English!

Geronimo Stilton *series* by Geronimo Stilton

Hank Zipzer *series* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

*Myth-o-Mania *series* by Kate McMullan

Many 3rd graders love this series of wacky, mixed-up myths.

*The Great Brain *series* by John D. Fitzgerald

This smart and funny series, about a boy who outsmarts both kids and adults, is one of Amy's favorites.

*The Edge Chronicles by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

*The Hamlet Chronicles by Gregory Maguire

This clever series by the author of Wicked begins with Seven Spiders Spinning.

*Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander

The 3rd graders adored The Book of Three, which we read in library story, and many of them have gone on to read other books in the series.

*Guardians of Ga'Hoole *series* by Kathryn Lasky

*Warriors *series* by Erin Hunter

Gideon M. and Seamus W. chose this as one of their favorite series this year.

Some Marvelous Chapter Book Authors

(They wrote many great books. We've listed a sample for each.)

Elizabeth Enright (The Melendy Quartet, Gone-Away Lake)

Margaret Y. and Ry W. loved reading her books this year.

Eva Ibbotson (The Secret of Platform 13)

Dan Gutman (The Kid who Ran for President)

William S. says "it has just the right amount of reality but it was really funny!"

Esther Averill (Hotel Cat, Jenny and the Cat Club)

Rebeca is so excited that these favorites are finally back in print!

Avi (The End of the Beginning, Poppy, The Fighting Ground)

Casey adores The End of the Beginning where "they imagine an invisible magician who went to all this trouble just for them."

Edward Eager (Seven-Day Magic, Knight's Castle)

His 7 magical adventures are a perennial hit in the 3rd grade.

E. Nesbit (The Phoenix and the Carpet)

The ultimate writer of classic fantasy, she is praised by Edward Eager as his own inspiration.

Andrew Clements (The School Story, Frindle)

A great choice for those who enjoy realistic fiction.

Alexander McCall Smith (Akimbo and the Lions, The 5 Lost Aunts of Harriet Bean)

Dick King-Smith (Cuckoo Child, The Invisible Dog)

Jenny and Aimee's class loves Lady Lollipop, the story of a smart pig.

Lloyd Alexander (Time Cat, Chronicles of Prydain)

One of our very favorite authors, who, sadly, died in May. Honor him by looking up his books at your local library—they're all wonderful!

Authors All Your Kids Can Share

These authors have written many fabulous books at different reading and interest levels. Some of them you may recognize from earlier sections of this list.

Andrew Clements: Picture Books (Big Al)
I Can Read (Brave Norman, a True Story)
Shorter Chapter Books (*Jake Drake series*)
Longer Chapter Books (The Landry News)

Cynthia Rylant: Picture Books (The Whales)
I Can Read (Henry and Mudge, Poppleton)
Shorter Chapter Books (Cobblehill Cousins)
Longer Chapter Books (Missing May)

David A. Adler: Picture Books (Mama Played Baseball)
I Can Read (My Dog and the Birthday Mystery)
Biographies (A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln, etc.)
Shorter Chapter Books (Cam Jansen mysteries)
Longer Chapter Books (*Andy Russell series*)

Jean Craighead George: Picture Books (Nutik, the Wolf Pup)
Longer Chapter Books (My Side of the Mountain)
Non-Fiction (The Moon of the Bears)

Jon Scieszka: Picture Books (Math Curse)
Fairy Tales (The Frog Prince, Continued)
Shorter Chapter Books (Marco? Polo !)
Website : www.guysread.com

Some Marvelous Mysteries

At the I-Can-Read level:

Nate the Great *series* by Marjorie Sharmat

High Rise Private Eyes *series* by Cynthia Rylant

Invisible Inc. *series* by Elizabeth Levy

At the Blue-Green level (shorter chapter books)

A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries *series* by Ron Roy

Isabelle S. likes these mysteries because "they make you think."

Third Grade Detectives *series* by George Stanley

Jigsaw Jones *series* by James Preller

At the Blue level (longer chapter books)

Encyclopedia Brown *series* by Donald J. Sobol

The Boxcar Children *series* by Gertrude Warner

Dog Watch *series* by Mary Casanova

A clever new series about a group of detective dogs.

Chet Gecko Mysteries *series* by Bruce Hale

*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

*The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

A Newbery award winner

Some Super Sports Books

Picture books:

Girl Wonder by Deborah Hopkinson

Satchel Paige by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Ballpark by Lynn Curlee

Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy and The Shot Heard 'Round the World
by Phil Bildner

Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball
by Sally Cook and James Charlton

Chapter books:

The Team *series* by David Bedford

A robot, a mad scientist, and a soccer team—what could go wrong?

Baseball Fever by Johanna Hurwitz

Barnstormers *series* by Loren Long and Phil Bildner

Jackie and Me *and other Baseball Card Adventures*
by Dan Gutman

Dorling Kindersley Sports Readers *series*

*World Series *and others* by John Tunis

Two amazing chapter books about sports...and other things.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

An excellent book about playing and watching baseball, this is also a fascinating piece of historical fiction set in Brooklyn.

The Great Brain at the Academy by John D. Fitzgerald

Part of a fabulous and funny series about life in 1890s Utah, this book describes the invention and spread of basketball.

Biographies!

We read biographies aloud in the library to the 2nd and 3rd graders. The kids enjoy them and learn a lot, and the library's biography section suddenly becomes very popular!

The *second graders* listened to the A Picture Book of... series of biographies by David A. Adler. They learned about:

George Washington	Benjamin Franklin	Paul Revere
Lewis & Clark	Thomas Jefferson	Sacagawea
Harriet Tubman	Frederick Douglass	Abraham Lincoln
Helen Keller	Eleanor Roosevelt	Amelia Earhart
Thomas A. Edison	Florence Nightingale	Jesse Owens
Jackie Robinson	Thurgood Marshall	Rosa Parks
George Washington Carver	Martin Luther King, Jr.	

Other picture book biographies we recommend:

Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei *and others* by Peter Sis
Minty, a Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder
Now and Ben: Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin
by Gene Barretta
Sundiata, Lion King of Mali by David Wisniewski
Duke Ellington by Andrea Davis Pinkney
John, Paul, George & Ben by Lane Smith

The *third graders* listened to one of these two fabulous biographies:

The Story of Madame Curie by Alice Thorne
A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver by E. L. Konigsberg
(The life of Eleanor of Aquitaine)

In addition, we recommend these chapter books:

Bill Peet, an Autobiography by Bill Peet
Lincoln, a Photobiography *and others* by Russell Freedman
A Newbery medal-winning biographer for children.
Something Out of Nothing; Marie Curie and Radium
by Carla McClafferty

There are many good biography series written for children, both in picture book and chapter book format. Here are some recommendations at all different levels.

Picture Books:

A Picture Book of Florence Nightingale *and others*
by David A. Adler

Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers *and Artists*
series by Mike Venezia

I Can Read Books

Mark Twain at Work! *and others in the* Childhood of
Famous Americans: Ready to Read *series*

Amelia Earhart *and others in the* First Biographies *series*

Shorter Chapter Books

Harriet Tubman: a Woman of Courage *and others in the*
Time for Kids Biographies *series*

Franklin D. Roosevelt *and others in the* History Maker Bios *series*

Longer and More Challenging Chapter Books

Wilbur and Orville Wright, Boys with Wings *and others in the*
Childhood of Famous Americans *series*

Celia F. and Elena C. have read every one we have in the library!

Eleanor of Aquitaine: The Queen who Rode Off to Battle
and others in the National Geographic World History
Biographies *series*

Amy and Rebecca are excited by this excellent new series.

Abraham Lincoln *and others in the* DK Biography *series*

Hank Aaron *and others in the* Sports Heroes and Legends *series*

And last, but not least...

Books For More than Just Reading

The Secret Knowledge of Grownups: Books 1 and 2
by David Wisniewski

Can You Find it? *series* by Judith Cressy

These beautiful search-and-find books are published by the
Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Babymouse *series* by Jennifer and Matthew Holm

Look-Alikes *series* by Joan Steiner

The Adventures of Tintin *series* by Herge

Asterix the Gaul *series* by Rene Goscinny

Finn L-S. and Phineas A. love this series.

Graphic Library Books *series*

Exciting history and biography in graphic novel format.

Flanimals by Ricky Gervais

Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology

We can't keep these gorgeous books on the shelf!

Encyclopedia Prehistorica, Wizard of Oz *and others* by Robert Sabuda

Exquisite pop-ups by an amazing artist.

Treasure Hunt Mazes *and others* by Roger Moreau

Best Ever Paper Airplanes by Norman Schmidt

Ed Emberley's Drawing Books

Star Wars Visual Dictionaries by David West Reynolds

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