

THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY Summer 2010

Listed below are some well-loved books that may interest you for summer reading. These are just a sample 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 public libraries and in bookstores. Start your own list. Happy reading!

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Some Stupendous Picture Books

Guess Again! by Mac Barnett

Any class (in any grade) that heard this read aloud rolled on the floor laughing!

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! by Vicki Myron

A Penguin Story by Antoinette Portis

Tadpole Rex by Kurt Cyrus

Fortunately! by Remy Charlip

This year's unexpected hit in the first grade.

The Pink Refrigerator by Tim Egan

The Black Book of Colors by Menena Cottin

Enjoy this book with your fingers as well as your eyes.

A Visitor for Bear by Bonnie Becker

Aaaarrgghh, Spider! by Lydia Monks

Subway Sparrow by Leyla Torres

A beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.

Spoon by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Pickle-Chiffon Pie by Jolly Roger Bradfield

Big Wolf & Little Wolf by Nadine Brun-Cosme

Snip Snap! What's That? by Mara Bergman

Mission to Madagascar and other *Adventures of Riley*

by Amanda Lumry and Laura Hurwitz

Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

Jerry Pinkney (**The Lion & the Mouse, John Henry [ill.]**)

This amazing illustrator won the 2010 Caldecott award.

Gerald McDermott (**Coyote, Papagayo**)

One of the best retellers of trickster tales.

Emily Gravett (**The Odd Egg, Monkey and Me**)

Steve Jenkins (**Down Down Down: The Journey to the Bottom of the Sea**)

Visually captivating non-fiction.

Oliver Jeffers (**Lost and Found, The Great Paper Caper**)

Laurie Keller (**The Scrambled States of America**)

Yangsook Choi (**Behind the Mask, Peach Heaven**)

This Korean author is one of our favorites.

Mwenye Hadithi (**Greedy Zebra, Crafty Chameleon**)

Jon Agee (**Terrific, Z Goes Home**)

Tim Egan (**Roasted Peanuts, Metropolitan Cow**)

His humorous books were a hit with many classes.

Jackie French (**Diary of a Wombat, Too Many Pears**)

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

Roger Hargreaves (**Mr. Greedy, Little Miss Trouble**)

Some Excellent I-Can-Read Books

***Elephant and Piggie series** by Mo Willems

***Biscuit series** by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli

***See Otto series** by David Milgrim

***Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others** by Jim Pipe

This series of true beginning reader books is always a huge hit.

Fly Guy and Fly Girl and others by Tedd Arnold

These books "fly" off the shelves!

Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood

Rhyming Dust Bunnies and others by Jan Thomas

So good even the grown-up third graders grab them!

Robert the Rose Horse by Joan Heilbroner

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series by Erica Silverman

Squirrelly Gray by James Kochalka

The Wind in the Willows series adapted by Laura Driscoll

George and Martha series by George Marshall

Amazing Gorillas!, Amazing Dolphins! and others

by Sarah L. Thomson and the Wildlife Conservation Society

Rapunzel and other fairy tale readers

from Picture Window Books

Grapes of Math and others by Greg Tang

Mind-stretching math riddles.

Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and other series

by Cynthia Rylant

Commander Toad series by Jane Yolen

Houndsley and Catina series by James Howe

* indicates great books for beginning readers

Some Super I-Can-Read Challenges

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy and Herman Parish

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

Don't Go Near the Water! and other Easy-to-Read Spooky Tales

by Veronika Martenova Charles

Dodsworth in New York series by Tim Egan

Zelda and Ivy series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Ella Brown says this is a great series!

Runaway Radish by Jennie Haas

A great choice for all our horse lovers.

Shampoozel and other Seriously Silly Stories by Laurence Anholt

Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee

Cheerful stories in the mold of **Frog and Toad**.

Boo's Dinosaur by Betsy Byars

Stories of Fairies and others from Usborne Young Reading

Priya considers these her favorites in the library.

Super Storms, Amazing Aircraft and other See More Readers

by Seymour Simon, an excellent non-fiction writer.

Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine's antics were very popular with the first grade this year!

The Hodgeheg and others by Dick King-Smith

Vivian especially loves these funny animal tales.

Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka

Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-Up

by Melissa Thomson

Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows

Gabby D. likes this series because "it's about 2 best friends who like different things."

Beast Quest series by Adam Blade

These flew off the shelves this year!

Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel and sequel

by Nikki Grimes

Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles

Ruby Lu, Brave and True and sequel by Lenore Look

Dinosaur Cove series by Rex Stone

Toby raves, "It's like you can imagine you're in that time that's so far away."

Keeker and the Horse Show Show-off and others

by Hadley Higginson

My Dog the Dinosaur and others by Jackie French

The Haunted House and others in the Araminta Spookie

series by Angie Sage

Journal of a Cardboard Genius series by Frank Asch

Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

This 2010 Newbery Honor book is one of the most beautifully written *and* illustrated novels we've seen.

We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes by Patrick Jennings

Which Witch? *and others* by Eva Ibbotson

Snake and Lizard by Joy Cowley

The Hotel Cat *and others* by Esther Averill

The House of a Million Pets by Ann Hodgman

The Dunderheads by Paul Fleischman

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

Iron Thunder, The Fighting Ground *and others* by Avi

Excellent historical fiction.

The Name of This Book Is Secret *and sequels*

by Pseudonymous Bosch

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Laurie and Avi's class lined up for this one!

The Unfinished Angel *and others* by Sharon Creech

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

by Bette Bao Lord

The Penderwicks *and sequel* by Jeanne Birdsall

***When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead

The 2010 Newbery award winner.

The Neddiad *and sequel by Daniel Pinkwater

Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest *and sequel

by Matt Haig

***The Manny Files** by Christian Burch

***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**

by Candace Fleming

Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

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

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

Akimbo and the Lions series by Alexander McCall Smith

The World According to Humphrey series

by Betty Birney

Children of the Red King series by Jenny Nimmo

Lila, Zeeshan, and Uday adore the "Charlie Bone" books.

The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley

The Magic Thief series by Sarah Prineas

Laila recommends this "good, serious, long book."

The Melendy Quartet by Elizabeth Enright

Nicholas series by Rene Goscinny

Ingo and sequels by Helen Dunmore

"I'm falling in love with this series," gushed Ruby W.

Honus & Me and other Baseball Card Adventures

by Dan Gutman

***The Edge Chronicles** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

***Percy Jackson and the Olympians series** by Rick Riordan

***Fablehaven series** by Brandon Mull

***Chronicles of Prydain** by Lloyd Alexander

The 3rd graders adored **The Book of Three**, which we read in library story.

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

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and sequels by L. Frank Baum

Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis

B is for Betsy and others by Carolyn Haywood

A number of these classics have been reissued and are big favorites of Elise and Isabel.

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Harriet the Spy and sequels by Louise Fitzhugh

The Phoenix and the Carpet and others by E. Nesbit

The ultimate writer of classic fantasy.

***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.

***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

These amazing adventures are still fresh and exciting.

***A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeline L'Engle

***Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

Strong Girls, Super Reads

Gooney Bird Greene series by Lois Lowry

Moxie Maxwell series by Peggy Gifford

These were great favorites of Natalie and Selah.

Julia Gillian series by Alison McGhee

Hazel Green series by Odo Hirsch

Ellen Tebbits by Beverly Cleary

Amy and Rebecca loved this book when they were girls.

Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly

The Magic Half by Annie Barrows

Just Grace series by Charise Harper

Piper Reed series by Kimberly Willis Holt

Elise and Hayden devoured this series.

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and sequel by Chris Riddell

"It's really, really good and mysterious," says Shola.

Roxie and the Hooligans by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Up and Down the Scratchy Mountains by Laurel Snyder

***The Secret School** by Avi

Rebecca says, "14 year old Ida will do anything to finish school—even become the teacher!"

***A Crooked Kind of Perfect** by Linda Urban

***Tennyson** by Lesley Blume

Some Marvelous Mysteries

A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries series

by Ron Roy

Jack Russell, Dog Detective series by D. & S. Odgers

Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol

The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Warner

Trixie Belden series by Julie Campbell

Mysteries in our National Parks series

by Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson

The Mystery on Alaska's Iditarod Trail and others

by Carole Marsh

These two series are set in exciting real locations around the United States.

The 39 Clues series by various authors

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen and sequel

by Eric Berlin

***The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mac Barnett

Rebecca found this Hardy Boys take-off hilarious!

***Sammy Keyes series** by Wendelin Van Draanen

***Enola Holmes series** by Nancy Springer

Did you know that Sherlock Holmes had a sister?

***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

True and Terrific Tomes

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

A Child's Introduction to the World by Heather Alexander

Illustrated by St. Ann's parent Meredith Hamilton.

Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark by Lynn Curlee

The Most Fantastic Atlas of the Whole Wide World

by the Brainwaves

Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca

Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body Book by Richard Walker

Pick Me Up by David Roberts

***Knucklehead** by Jon Scieszka

This memoir had the 3rd graders in stitches!

***Who Was First?, Freedom Walkers and anything else**

by Russell Freedman

Especially Great Animal Stories

Butterflies and Moths and others by Nic Bishop

Amazing and captivating close-up photographs

Sparrows by Hans Post

Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World

by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Zarafa: The Giraffe who Walked to the King

by Judith St. George

Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog who Became Friends

By Carol Buckley

Finding Home and Animal Heroes by Sandra Markle

Two Bobbies by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

***The House of a Million Pets** by Ann Hodgman

Save the Earth, Plant a Tree, Read a Book!

The 2nd graders spent the spring learning about the environment and discovered some amazing books for all ages.

Mama Miti by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Planting the Trees of Kenya by Claire A. Nivola

Once I Was a Cardboard Box...

But Now I'm a Book about Polar Bears! by Anton Poitier

A Place for Birds by Melissa Stewart

What Planet Are You From, Clarice Bean? *and*

We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers by Lauren Child

John Muir: America's Naturalist *and*

Rachel Carson: Preserving a Sense of Wonder

by Thomas Locker

Here Comes the Garbage Barge! by Jonah Winter

The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle by Alison Inches

Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals by Steve Jenkins

The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge

by Joanna Cole

We Planted a Tree by Diane Muldrow

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel

EcoMazes by Roxie Munro

Just Grace Goes Green by Charise Harper

Watch Out, World: Rosy Cole is Going Green!

by Sheila Greenwald

365 Ways to Live Green for Kids by Sheri Amsel

The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth

Boy, Do They Love Wimpy Kid!

The 5th installment of Jeff Kinney's beloved series won't be out until November. Here are some titles to tide the kids over!

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and other Scary Things

and sequels by Lenore Look

Herbert's Wormhole by Peter Nelson

Ellie MacDoodle series by Ruth McNally Barshaw

Dying to Meet You and **Letters from Camp** by Kate Klise

And Try These Great Graphic Novels

Otto's Orange Day, Stinky, and other Toon Books

Great for the earlier readers.

Frankie Pickle series by Eric Wight

Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka

Don't miss the evil librarians in book #2!

Asterix the Gaul series by Rene Goscinny

Mouse Guard series by David Petersen

Mail Order Ninja series by Joshua Elder

The Big Adventures of Majoko series by Tomoma Mizuma

Ninja Baseball series by Shunshin Maeda

Japanese manga has come to lower school, and the kids love it!

Sardine in Outer Space series by Emmanuel Guibert

Graphic History and Graphic Biography series

Exciting history and biography in graphic novel format

Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi

And last, but not least...

Books For More than Just Reading

The Secret Knowledge of Grownups: Books 1 and 2

by David Wisniewski

Look-Alikes series by Joan Steiner

Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology

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

Encyclopedia Mythologica 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

Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books

Star Wars Visual Dictionaries by David West Reynolds

Star Wars Cookbooks I and II

Lego Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary by Simon Beecroft

The Lego Book by Daniel Lipkowitz

Guinness Book of World Records 2010

One Million Things by DK Publishing

Robot Dreams and Chicken and Cat by Sara Varon

The Adventures of Polo series by Regis Faller

Wonder Bear by Tao Nyeu

One of the most gorgeous wordless books we've ever seen!

Stories to Solve series by George Shannon

The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg

Have a great summer, and always remember...

If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all. – Oscar Wilde