

THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!!

SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY Summer 2009

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 public libraries and in bookstores. Start your own list. Happy reading!

Love,

Amy & Rebecca

The lower school library has a website.

Learn about the library! Review last year's fabulous summer reading list!

Visit www.saintannsny.org, and click on **library**.

Don't forget to visit www.factsforlearning.com over the summer.

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Some Stupendous Picture Books

Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty

How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A.

by Marjorie Priceman

A Penguin Story by Antoinette Portis

Tadpole Rex by Kurt Cyrus

Psst! by Adam Rex

Have the animals at the zoo ever talked to *you*?

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

Beautiful and multi-lingual.

Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein

The artwork in this book is extraordinary.

Pickle-Chiffon Pie by Jolly Roger Bradfield

Listen to the Wind by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth

This book inspired the kids to contribute their pennies to "Pennies for Peace".

Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Willoughby & the Lion by Greg Foley

A wonderfully illustrated story of friendship.

Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

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

Gerald McDermott (**Coyote, Papagayo**)

One of the best retellers of trickster tales.

Emily Gravett (**Wolves, 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**)

Julius Lester (**John Henry, Sam and the Tigers**)

Eric A. Kimmel (**The Hero Beowulf, Zigazak!**)

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

This Korean author is one of our favorites.

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

Jon Agee (**Terrific, The Retired Kid**)

Mo Willems (**Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed, Knuffle Bunny**)

David and Elizabeth's class can't get enough of this hilarious Brooklyn author!

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

Jan Brett (**The Umbrella, Berlioz the Bear**)

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

Her newest title, **In Our Mothers' House**, celebrates an adoptive family with two mothers.

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

The Mr. Men and Little Miss books, called "The Little Library," have been a huge hit!

Some Excellent I-Can-Read Books

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

***Happy Honey series** by Laura Godwin

***See Otto series** by David Milgrim

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

This series of true beginning reader books has been a huge hit!

Super Fly Guy and others by Tedd Arnold

These books "fly" off the shelves!

Pup and Hound series by Susan Hood

Wiggle and Waggle by Caroline Arnold

Robert the Rose Horse by Joan Heilbroner

Pip Squeak and Drip Drop by Sarah Weeks

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series by Erica Silverman

A new adventure (#5) is now available!

Squirrelly Gray by James Kochalka

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

The Librarian from the Black Lagoon and sequels

by Mike Thaler

Grapes of Math and others by Greg Tang

Mind-stretching math riddles.

The Bookstore Ghost and others by Barbara Maitland

Commander Toad series by Jane Yolen

* indicates great books for beginning readers

Some Super I-Can-Read Challenges

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy and Herman Parish

Her hilarious hijinks have captivated readers this year!

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

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

by Veronika Martenova Charles

Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy S. Levinson

Hopscotch Hill School series by Valerie Tripp

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 Ponies and others from Usborne Young Reading

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

The Jamie & Angus Stories and sequel by Anne Fine

The Twin Giants and others by Dick King-Smith

One of Amy's and Rebecca's favorite authors!

Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka

Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-Up

by Melissa Thomson

Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows

Beast Quest series by Adam Blade

Emmaline and the Bunny by Katherine Hannigan

Uncle Pirate by Douglas Rees

Being Teddy Roosevelt by Claudia Mills

Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles

Ruby Lu, Brave and True and sequel by Lenore Look

Henrietta, There's No One Better by Martine Murray

Tales from the Odyssey series by Mary Pope Osborne

Gooney Bird Greene series by Lois Lowry

The 4th in this fantastic series is just out!

My Weird School series by Dan Gutman

Only Emma and sequels by Sally Warner

Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes by Patrick Jennings

Butterfingers by Juliet Trewellard

Island of the Aunts *and others* by Eva Ibbotson

Snake and Lizard by Joy Cowley

Chris A. face lights up when he talks about this book!

Frindle *and others* by Andrew Clements

Jenny and the Cat Club *and others* by Esther Averill

Jenny and Claire's class love these books.

The House of a Million Pets by Ann Hodgman

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

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

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

Excellent historical fiction.

The Name of This Book Is Secret *and sequel*

by Pseudonymous Bosch

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

Micaela P. recommends this story for people who like funny things "but don't have to laugh every second!"

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

by Bette Bao Lord

The Penderwicks *and sequel* by Jeanne Birdsall

***Love Among the Walnuts** by Jean Ferris

Michael P. chose this as his favorite book in the library!

The Nuddiad *and sequel by Daniel Pinkwater

Isaac and Oliver R. loved these wacky books.

***Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest** by Matt Haig

***Inkheart and The Thief Lord** by Cornelia Funke

***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

Tales of Dimwood Forest series by Avi

The End of the Beginning series by Avi

This favorite historical fiction writer is also the author of these lovely animal series.

The Sisters Grimm series by Michael Buckley

Parker tells us that "reading only one book will leave you speechless!"

The Melendy Quartet by Elizabeth Enright

Nicholas series by Rene Goscinny

Main Street series by Ann M. Martin.

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

Micaela P. and Ella N. love the whole series...

Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis

...and Micaela recommends this series as well!

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

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

Julia Gillian series by Alison McGhee

Ella L. and Corinne beam at the mention of this heroine.

Hazel Green series by Odo Hirsch

Isabelle B. enjoyed this series, set in Australia.

Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly

Her antics made a fan of Julia C.

Gooney Bird Greene series by Lois Lowry

"She's funny and talented, she does the wackiest stuff, and she's smart!" raves Charlotte.

Moxie Maxwell series by Peggy Gifford

Natalie really loved these books, and says "[Moxie]'s a very good character."

The Magic Half by Annie Barrows

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat by Chris Riddell

We can't wait for the sequel, due out this summer.

Roxie and the Hooligans by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Roxie's experiences taming some bullies are "really funny, especially at the end," says Micaela.

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

Meike encourages people who like music to read this.

***Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters**

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

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene

These have been flying off the shelves this spring.

The 39 Clues series by various authors

Books #4 and 5 will be out this summer.

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

***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

There was huge demand for these classic whodunits in the 3rd grade this year!

For Lovers of the Bard

"How well he's read, to reason against reading!"

Shakespeare Can Be Fun! series by Lois Burdett

Twelfth Night and other adaptations by Bruce Coville

The Tempest retold by Ann Keay Beneduce

Beautifully illustrated by Gennady Spirin.

Shakespeare Stories I and II retold by Leon Garfield

Winter Song illustrated by Melanie Hall

A poem from **Love's Labour's Lost** that was much loved by Savannah, Bonnie and Avi's first graders.

True and Terrific Tomes

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Frogs by Nic Bishop

Amazing photos of fabulous frogs.

Sparrows by Hans Post

Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World

by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

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

In fact, take a look at anything Kadir Nelson has illustrated!

Listen to the Wind (picture book) *and*

Three Cups of Tea (Young Reader's Edition)

by Greg Mortenson

Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark by Lynn Curlee

One Million Things by DK Publishing

Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body Book by Richard Walker

Pick Me Up by David Roberts

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution! *and others* by Jean Fritz

The House of a Million Pets by Ann Hodgman

This year's #1 non-fiction chapter book

***Knucklehead** by Jon Scieszka

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

by Russell Freedman

Yes We Can!...Read Books about President Obama!

Books about the President and the First Lady

Barack by Jonah Winter

Barack Obama: United States President

by Roberta Edwards

Obama: A Promise of Change by David Mendell

Michelle Obama: Meet the First Lady by David Brophy

Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country:

Kids' Letters for President Obama edited by Jory John

There are even books about the search for the First Dog!

First Dog by J. Patrick Lewis

Which Puppy? by Kate Feiffer

Books about elections, the Presidency, and all 43 U.S. presidents

So You Want to be President? by Judith St. George

Grace for President by Kelly S. DiPucchio

Kids Meet the Presidents by Paul Rodhe

Our Country's Presidents by Ann Bausum

The newest edition includes Mr. Obama.

Getting to Know the U.S. Presidents series by Mike Venezia

We hope a volume about President Obama will come soon!

Make Your Own President by Amy Pastan

"The Library has always been....a place where we've come to discover big ideas and profound concepts that help move the American story forward" –Barack Obama

Boy, Do They Love Wimpy Kid!

The 4th installment of Jeff Kinney's beloved series won't be out until October. Here are some titles to tide the kids over!

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

by Lenore Look

Max Quigley, Technically Not a Bully by James Roy

Ellie MacDoodle series by Ruth McNally Barshaw

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

Or Try These Great Graphic Novels!

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

Great for the earlier readers!

Little Lulu series by John Stanley

Babymouse series by Jennifer and Matthew Holm

Asterix the Gaul series by Rene Goscinny

Bone series by Jeff Smith

Graphic History and Graphic Biography series

Exciting history and biography in graphic novel format

Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

Maya and Corinne can't wait for the sequel!

Graphic Battles of the Civil War and World War II

Sardine in Outer Space series by Emmanuel Guibert

This year's sleeper hit!

Abadazad series by Mike Ploog

Irritatingly out of print, but used copies are readily available.

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

Jesse and Sarah's class devoured these drawing books!

Star Wars Visual Dictionaries by David West Reynolds

Star Wars Cookbooks I and II

Liam H. loved making Yoda Soda!

Guinness Book of World Records 2009

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

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