

2018-2019 K-8 Suggested Summer Reading Lists
by Guided Reading Level

Academic research studies have shown that students who participate in summer reading programs or engage in free voluntary reading during the summer return to school in September ahead of those students who don't participate in these activities. Don't let your child fall victim to the "summer slide!" How can you help?

- Encourage your child to spend time reading for pleasure during the summer. There's no better way to spend a hot afternoon than curled up in a cool spot with a great book.
- Sign your child up for one of the great summer reading programs sponsored by the Cranford Public Library. Programs are available for children of all ages.
- Model reading for pleasure in your home. Make a variety of materials (books, magazines, newspapers, comic books) available and let your child see you enjoying them. There's no better endorsement than your example.

To help you get started, take a look at some of the books featured below. Summer reading lists are also available at the Cranford Public Library.

Have a great summer! Happy reading!

Mrs. McCloskey

Mr. D'Amato

Mrs. Romano

Mrs. Waxman

Reading Levels A-B-C-D

Berenstain, Stan. *The Berenstain Bears, Big Bear, Small Bear.* (Fiction Series)

Canizares , Susan. ***Who Lives in a Tree?*** (Nonfiction)

Carle, Eric. ***Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?*** (Picture Book)

Freeman, Don. ***A Rainbow of My Own*** (Picture Book)

Ginsburg, Mirra. ***The Chick and the Duckling*** (Picture Book)

Gomi, Taro. ***Who Hid It?*** (Picture Book)

Hoban, Tana. ***A Children's Zoo*** (Nonfiction)

Jenkins, Steve. ***Big & Little*** (Nonfiction)

Leonard, Marcia. ***Hop, Skip, Run*** (Fiction)

Meister, Carl. ***Tiny the Snow Dog*** (Fiction Series)

Pinnell Gay Su. ***School*** (Fiction)

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Puppy & Mudge Has a Snack*** (Fiction Series)

Saunders-Smith, Gail. ***Boats*** (Nonfiction)

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***What if?*** (Picture Book)

Tafari, Nancy. ***The Ball Bounced*** (Picture Book)

Willems, Mo. ***Cat the Cat, Who is That?*** (Fiction Series)

Williams, Sue. ***Let's Go Visiting*** (Picture Book)

Ziefert, Harriet. ***Sleepy Dog*** (Fiction)

Reading Levels E-F-G-H

Arnold, Tedd. ***Hi! Fly Guy*** (Fiction Series)

Capucilli, Alyssa. ***Biscuit*** (Fiction Series)

Capucilli, Alyssa. ***Katy Duck*** (Fiction Series)

Dean, James. ***Pete the Cat My First I Can Read*** (Fiction Series)

Ginsburg, Mirra. ***Across The Stream*** (Picture Book)

Hills, Tad. ***Drop It, Rocket!*** (Fiction Series)

Hoff, Syd. ***Danny And The Dinosaur Go To Camp*** (Fiction)

Hood, Susan. ***Pup and Hound*** (Fiction Series)

Howe, James. ***The Day The Teacher Went Bananas*** (Fiction)

Hutchins, Pat. ***Titch*** (Picture Book)

McNamara, Margaret. ***Eloise Ready-to-Read*** (Fiction Series)

McNamara, Margaret. ***Robin Hill School*** (Fiction Series)

Manushkin, Fran. ***Katie Woo*** (Fiction Series)

Manushkin, Fran. ***Pedro*** (Fiction Series)

Mayer, Mercer. ***Little Critter At Scout Camp*** (Fiction Series)

Meister, Carl. ***I Love Rocks*** (Fiction)

Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Hits the Trail*** (Young Amelia Bedelia Series)

Rustad, Martha. ***Manatees*** (Nonfiction)

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Puppy Mudge*** (Fiction Series)

Saunders-Smith, Gail. ***Animals in the Fall*** (Nonfiction)

Saunders-Smith, Gail. ***Koalas*** (Nonfiction)

Schaefer, Lola. ***An Island Grows*** (Realistic Fiction)

Seuss, Dr. ***Fox In Socks*** (Picture Book)

Weeks, Sarah. ***Mac and Cheese*** (Fiction Series)

Willems, Mo. ***Should I Share My Ice Cream?*** (*Elephant & Piggie* Series)

Ziefert, Harriet. ***The Turnip*** (Folklore)

Reading Levels I-J

Aardema, Verna. ***Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*** (Folklore)

Adler, David. ***Young Cam Jansen*** (Mystery Series)

Adler, David. ***Bones Mysteries*** (Mystery Series)

Arnold, Tedd. ***I Spy Fly Guy*** (Fiction Series)

Bingham, Kelly. ***Z is for Moose*** (Picture Book)

Cazet , Denys. ***Minnie & Moo*** (Fiction Series)

Chaconas , Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz*** (Fiction Series)

Fox, Mem. ***Hattie and the Fox*** (Picture Book)

Galdone, Paul. ***Henny Penny*** (Folklore)

Hoberman, Mary Ann. ***You Read to Me, I'll Read To You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together*** (Short Stories)

Jacobson, Jennifer. ***All About Bats*** (Nonfiction)

Kann, Victoria. ***Pinkalicious And The Cupcake Calamity*** (Fiction Series)

Litwin, Eric. ***Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons*** (Picture Book)

O'Connor, Jane. ***Fancy Nancy And The Too-Loose Tooth*** (Fiction Series)

Pilkey, Dav. ***Dragon Tales*** (Fiction Series)

Rylant , Cynthia. ***Henry & Mudge*** (Fiction Series)

Rylant , Cynthia. ***Mr. Putter & Tabby*** (Fiction Series)

Rylant , Cynthia . ***Poppleton*** (Fiction Series)

Shaw, Nancy. ***Sheep on a Ship*** (Picture Book)

Sill, Cathryn. ***About Amphibians: A guide for children*** (Nonfiction Series)

Strathearn, Chris. ***Splat the Cat I Can Read Books*** (Fiction Series)

Willems , Mo. ***Elephant & Piggie*** (Fiction Series)

Reading Levels K-L

Adler, David. ***Cam Jansen*** (Mystery Series)

Cole, Joanna. ***Hungry, Hungry Sharks*** (Nonfiction)

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Bink and Gollie*** (Fiction Series)

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson*** (Humor Series)

Engel, Natalie. ***Splat the Cat*** (Fiction Series by multiple authors)

Galdone, Paul. ***The Gingerbread Boy*** (Folklore)

Howe, James. ***Pinky & Rex*** (Fiction Series)

Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina*** (Fiction Series)

Jacobson, Jennifer. ***Andy Shane*** (Fiction Series)

Jenkins, Steve. ***Actual Size*** (Nonfiction)

Kline, Suzi. ***Horrible Harry*** (Fiction Series)

McNulty, Faith. ***Dancing with Manatees*** (Nonfiction)

Meadows, Daisy. ***Rainbow Fairies*** (Fantasy Series)

Montgomery, Lewis. ***Milo & Jazz*** (Mystery Series)

Mosel, Arlene. ***Tikki Tikki Tembo*** (Folklore)

Numeroff, Laura. ***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*** (Picture Book)

Parish, Peggy. ***Amelia Bedelia*** (Fiction Series)

Roop , Connie. ***Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*** (Historical Fiction)

Sharmat , Marjorie. ***Nate the Great*** (Mystery Series)

Standiford , Natalie. ***The True Story of Balto: The Bravest Dog Ever*** (Nonfiction)

Yole, Jane. ***Commander Toad*** (Science Fiction Series)

Keller, Laurie. ***We Are Growing: A Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Book***

LaReau, Kara. ***The Infamous Ratsos*** (Geisel Honor)

Milgrim, David. ***Go Otto Go!*** (Geisel Honor)

Pizzoli, Greg. ***Good Night Owl!*** (Geisel Honor)

Twohyg, Mike. ***Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! An Alphabet Caper*** (Geisel Honor)

**The emergent reader will enjoy books that have won the
Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) Award.**

The Geisel Award is given annually to the author and illustrator of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in the United States during the preceding year.

2018 Medal Winner

Snyder, Laurel. ***Charlie & Mouse***

2018 Honor Medal Winners

Arnold, Tedd, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss. ***Noodleheads See the Future***

Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats***

Kügler, Tina. ***Snail & Worm Again***

Meisel, Paul. ***I See a Cat***

Yoon, Salina. ***My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories***

Additional books for students entering 1st and 2nd grades

Barnett, Mac. ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*** (Caldecott Honor)

Brosgol, Vera. ***Leave Me Alone!*** (Caldecott Honor)

Cooper, Elisha. **Big Cat, little cat** (2018 Caldecott Honor)

Cordell, Matthew. **Wolf in the Snow.**(2018 Caldecott Winner)

Fern, Tracey. **Barnum Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World** (Nonfiction)

Fleming, Candace. **Oh, No!** (Picture Book)

George Craighead, Jean. **The Eagles Are Back** (Nonfiction)

Kang, Anna. **You Are (Not) Small** (Geisel Winner)

Rocco, John. **Blizzard** (Picture Book)

Ryder, Joanne. **Panda Kindergarten** (Nonfiction)

Santat, Dan. **The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend** (Caldecott Winner)

Wenzel, Brendan. **They All Saw a Cat** (Caldecott Honor)

Reading Level M

Adler, David. **Picture Book of...** (famous people) series. (Nonfiction)

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy & Bean** series (Realistic Fiction)

Barkley, Callie. **The Critter Club** series (Realistic Fiction)

Cooper, Ilene. **Absolutely Lucy** series (Realistic Fiction)

Dadley, Debbie. **Bailey School Kids** series (Fantasy)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Polk Street School** series (Realistic Fiction)

Greenburg, Dan. **The Zack Files** series (Fantasy)

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out** series (Fantasy)

Kelly David. **Ballpark Mysteries** series (Mystery)

Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones** Series (Realistic Fiction)

Krulik, Nancy. **Katie Kazoo** series (Fantasy)

London, Jonathan. **Hippos Are Huge!** (Nonfiction)

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody** series (Realistic Fiction)
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody and Friends** series (Realistic Fiction)
McDonald, Megan. **Stink** series (Realistic Fiction)
Miller, Pat. **The Quickest Kid in Clarksville** (Historical Fiction)
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House** series (Fantasy)
Park, Barbara. **Junie B. Jones** series (Realistic Fiction)
Peterson, John. **The Littles** series (Fantasy)
Roy, Ron. **Calendar Mysteries** series (Mystery)
Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost** series (Realistic Fiction)

Reading Level N

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley** series (Fantasy)
Greenburg, Dan. **The Zack Files** series (Fantasy)
Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory** (Humor)
Holt, Kimberly Willis. **Piper Reed** series (Realistic Fiction)
Keene, Carolyn. **Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew** Series (Mystery)
Kelly, David. **Ballpark Mysteries** series (Mystery)
Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones** series (Realistic Fiction)
McNamara, Margaret. **A Poem in Your Pocket** (Realistic Fiction)
Preller, James. **Jigsaw Jones** series (Mystery)
Roy, Ron. **A - Z Mysteries** series. (Mystery)
Roy, Ron. **Capital Mysteries** series (Mystery)
Simon, Francesca. **Horrid Henry** series (Realistic Fiction)
Stanley, George. **Third-Grade Detectives** series (Mystery)
Thaler, Mike. **Black Lagoon Adventures** series (Humor)

Reading Level O

Abbott, Tony. ***Secret of Droon*** series (Fantasy)

Clements, Andrew. ***Jake Drake*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Cleary, Beverly. ***Ramona*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Cummings, Troy. ***The Notebook of Doom*** series (Fantasy)

Danziger, Paula. ***Amber Brown*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Gutman, Dan. ***My Weird School*** series (Humor)

Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (Realistic Fiction/Humor)

Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace*** series (Realistic Fiction)

King-Smith, Dick. (Animal Stories)

O'Connor, Jane. ***Nancy Clancy*** Series (Realistic Fiction)

Penny Packer, Sara. ***Clementine*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Roland, Timothy. ***Monkey Me*** series (Fantasy)

Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie; Like Bug Juice on a Burger, Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake*** (Realistic Fiction/Novels in Verse)

Stilton, Geronimo. ***Geronimo or Thea Stilton*** series (Fantasy)

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. ***Boxcar Children*** series (Mystery)

Winick, Judd. ***Hilo, Book 1: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth*** (Fantasy-Graphic Novel)

Winkler, Henry. ***Here's Hank*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Additional books for 2nd and 3rd graders!

Bishop, Nic. Various nonfiction books covering all topics.

Bunting, Eve. ***The Cart That Carried Martin*** (Nonfiction)

Castillo, Laura. ***Nana in the City*** (Caldecott Honor Book)

Cooper, Elisha. ***8: An Animal Alphabet*** (Nonfiction)

Crodell, Matthew. ***Wolf in the Snow*** (2018 Caldecott Award)

Fleming, Candace. ***Giant Squid*** (nonfiction)

Floca, Brian. ***Locomotive*** (Caldecott Winner/Nonfiction)

Fraee, Maria. ***Farmer and the Clown*** (Wordless Picture Book)

Gibbons, Gail. Various nonfiction books covering all topics.

Klassen, Jon. ***Sam and Dave Dig A Hole*** (Caldecott Honor Book)

Kuhlmann, Torben. ***Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon***
(Fantasy)

Lewis, J. Patrick. ***National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More Than 200 Poems With Photographs That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!*** (Poetry)

London, Jonathan. ***Hippos Are Huge!*** (Nonfiction)

Mattick, Lindsay. ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***
(Nonfiction-2016 Caldecott Winner)

O'Connell, Jennifer. ***The Eye of the Whale: A Rescue Story*** (nonfiction)

Phi, Bao. ***A Different Pond*** (Realistic Fiction/2018 Caldecott Honor Book)

Santat, Dan. ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*** (Caldecott Winner)

Seymour, Simon. Various nonfiction books covering all topics.

Silverstein, Shel. Various poetry books

Stead, Philip. ***Ideas Are All Around*** (Personal Narrative)

Weitekamp, Margaret. ***Pluto's Secret: An Icy World's Tale of Discovery*** (nonfiction)

Reading Level P

Barshaw, Ruth. ***Ellie McDoodle*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Bruel, Nick. ***Bad Kitty*** series (Fantasy)

Corey, Shana. ***The Secret Subway*** (Narrative Nonfiction)

Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller*** (Newbery Honor Award Winner)

Levine, Ellen. ***If You Lived...***series (nonfiction)

Mattick, Lindsay. ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***
(Nonfiction-2016 Caldecott Winner)

Medina, Juana. ***Juana & Lucas*** (Realistic Fiction)

Messner, Kate. ***Marty McGuire*** series (Realistic Fiction)

McMullan, Kate. ***Dragon Slayers' Academy*** series (Fantasy)

Miles, Ellen. **Puppy Place** series (Animal)
Sachar, Louis. **Wayside School is Falling Down** series (Humor)
Scieszka, Jon. **Time Warp Trio** series (Time Travel)
West, Tracey. **Dragon Masters** series (Fantasy)

Reading Level Q

Andrews, Troy “Trombone Shorty.” **Trombone Shorty** (Autobiography)
Applegate, Katherine. **Crenshaw** (Realistic Fiction).
Baglio, Ben. **Animal Ark** series. (Animal)
Bell, Cece. **El Deafo** . (Graphic Novel/Memoir/2015 Newbery Honor Medal)
Birney, Betty. **The World According to Humphrey** and other Humphrey books (Fantasy)
Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** and **Fudge** series (Realistic Fiction)
DiTerlizzi, Tony. **Spiderwick Chronicles** series (Fantasy)
Howe, James. **Bunnicula** series (Fantasy)
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree** (Realistic Fiction/Learning Dyslexia)
Jenkins, Steve, and Robin Page. **How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom** (Nonfiction)
Kibuishi, Kazu. **Stonekeepers Curse** (*Amulet* series, Graphic Novel)
Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia** series (Realistic Fiction)
Mazer, Anne. **Amazing Days of Abby Hayes** (Series)
Tate, Don. **Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton** (Biography)
Vernick, Audrey. **The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton** (Biography)
Weston, Carol. **Ava and Pip** (Realistic Fiction)
White, E.B. **Charlotte’s Web** (Fantasy)

Reading Level R

Anderson, John David. ***Ms. Bixby's Last Day*** (Realistic Fiction)

Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot*** (Fantasy)

Bryant, Jen. ***Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille*** (Biography)

Clements, Andrew. Books include ***School Story, Lunch Money, The Last Holiday Concert, Frindle, The Report Card, No Talking*** and ***The Landry News***.

Gutman, Dan. ***The Homework Machine*** and ***Return of the Homework Machine*** (Realistic Fiction)

Harrold, A.F. ***The Imaginary*** (Fantasy)

Korman, Gordon. ***Kidnapped*** and ***On the Run*** series (Action Adventure)

Lord, Cynthia. ***Rules*** (Realistic Fiction/Disabilities)

Naylor, Phyllis. ***Shiloh*** series (Realistic Fiction)

Paulsen, Gary. ***Hatchet*** series (Adventure)

Rockliff, Mara. ***Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France*** (Biography)

VanDraanen, . ***Shredderman*** series (Realistic Fiction/Heroes)

Winkler, Henry. ***Hank Zipzer*** series (Humor)

Reading Level S

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan*** (Newberry Award Winner)

Dahl, Roald. ***Matilda***. (Fantasy)

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War, The Lemonade Crime, The Bell Bandit, The Candy Smash*** (Realistic Fiction)

Hale, Shannon. ***Real Friends***. (Graphic Memoir)

Holm, Jennifer. ***Turtle in Paradise*** (Historical Fiction/Adventure)

Korman, Gordon. ***Zoobreak*** (Animals/Adventure)- ***Swindle*** (T), ***Showoff*** (U)

Lupica, Mike. ***The Comeback Kids*** series. (Sports)

Patterson, James. ***I Funny*** (Realistic Fiction)

Santat, Dan. ***Sidekicks*** (Graphic Novel)

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived*...series. (Historical Fiction)

Tashjian, Janet. *My Life as a Book* and *My Life as a Stuntboy* (Realistic Fiction)

Vernon, Ursula. *Castle Hangnail* (Fantasy)

Reading Level T

Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* (series)

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy* (Historical Fiction/Award Winner)

Gantos, Jack. *Joey Pigza* books (Realistic Fiction/Disabilities).

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure* series (Sports/Time Travel)

Patterson, James. *Middle School is the Worst and Middle School Get Me Out of Here!*
(Humor)

Kelly, Armstrong. *Loki's Wolves* (Fantasy)

Kessler, Liz. *Emily Winsnap* series (Fantasy/Mermaids)

Korman, Gordon. *Swindle*. (Animals/Adventure)- *Zoobreak* (S), *Showoff* (U) and more

Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance* (Realistic Fiction)

Mackler, Carolyn. *Best Friend Next Door* (Realistic Fiction)

Pastis, Stephan. *Mistakes Were Made* (*Timmy Failure* series, Humor)

Pennypacker, Sara. *Pax*. (Realistic Fiction, Animals)

Telgemeier, Raina. *Smile* (Graphic Novel/Middle School Girls)

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Sammy Keyes* series (Mystery)

Reading Level U

The 39 Clues series. Authors vary but include Rick Riordan, Gordon Korman and Peter
Lerangis (Action Adventure)

Buckley, Michael. *The Fairy Tale Detectives* (Sisters Grimm series /Fantasy)

Chmakova, Svetlana. *Awkward; Brave* (Graphic Novels/Realistic Fiction)

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora and Ulysses* (Fantasy/Award Winner)

Franklin, Miriam Spitzer. **Extraordinary** (Realistic Fiction)
Hunter, Erin. **Warriors** series (Fantasy)
Korman, Gordon. **Showoff** (Animals/Adventure)- **Zoobreak** (S), **Swindle** (T)
Mass, Wendy. **Every Soul a Star** (Realistic Fiction).
Mull, Brandon. **Wild Born** (Spirit Animals series/Fantasy)
Palacio, R.J.. **Wonder** (Realistic Fiction/Self Acceptance)
Pseudonymous Bosc. **The Name of this Book is Secret**
Urban, Linda. **A Crooked Kind of Perfect** (Realistic Fiction/Music)

Reading Level V

Collins, Suzanne. **Gregor the Overlander** (Fantasy)
LeFleur, Suzanne. **Eight Keys** (Realistic Fiction)
Funke, Cornelia. **Dragon Rider** (Fantasy)
Funke, Cornelia. **Thief Lord** (Detectives)
Gidwitz, Adam. **A Tale Dark and Grimm** (Series/Fantasy)
Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Pictures of Hollis Woods** (Historical Fiction)
Graff, Lisa. **Absolutely Almost**. (Realistic Fiction)
Henkes, Kevin. **Olive's Ocean** (Realistic Fiction)
Mass, Wendy. **11 Birthdays** (Realistic Fiction)
Snicket, Lemony. **Series of Unfortunate Events** (Fantasy & Action Adventure)
Snicket, Lemony. **Who Could that be at This Hour?** (All the Wrong Questions series/Mystery)
Stewart, Trenton Lee. **Mysterious Benedict Society** (Science Fiction & Action Adventure)

Reading Level W

DuPrau, Jean. **City of Ember** (Fantasy)
Graff, Lisa. **Lost in the Sun** (Realistic Fiction)

Hiaason, Carl. **Hoot; Flush; Scat; Chomp** (Realistic Fiction/Ecology/Award Winner)

Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl**. (Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel/2016 Newbery Medal Honor Award)

Mull, Brandon. **Fablehaven** (Series/Fantasy)

Olson, Gretchen. **Call Me Hope** (Realistic Fiction)

Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson** series (Fantasy/Mythology)

Robinson, Sharon. **Promises to keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America** (Nonfiction)

Selznick, Brian. **Invention of Hugo Cabret** (Historical Fiction/Award Winner)

Selznick, Brian. **Wonderstruck: a novel in words and pictures**. (Historical Fiction)

Smith, Jeff. **Bone** series (graphic novel)

Additional nonfiction books for students entering 4th and 5th grade

Varied authors. **Who Was...?, Who Is...?** and **What Was...?** Series (Levels N-X; biographies and nonfiction)

Ferris, Jerry. **Noah Webster & His Words**. (S; Biography)

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. **Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond** (Z; Military Dogs)

Hodge, Deborah. **Rescuing the Children: The Story of the Kindertransport** (Z; Holocaust)

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. **Escaping Titanic: A Young Girl's True Story of Survival** (Nonfiction)

McCarthy, Meghan. **Pop! : The Invention of Bubble Gum** (Nonfiction)

McKendy, Joe. **One Times Square: a Century of Change at the Crossroads of the World** (Nonfiction)

Muntean, Michaela. **Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs** (R; Dogs)

Simon, Seymour. Various nonfiction books covering all topics.

Smith, Lane. **John, Paul, George & Ben** (N)

Sweet, Melissa. **Balloons over Broadway: the True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade** (Nonfiction)

Townsend, Michael. ***Where Do Presidents Come From?: And Other Presidential Stuff of Great Importance*** (R; Presidents)

Tyler, Marc. ***Bill, the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman***. (X; Graphic Novel)

Vernick, Audrey. ***Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*** (Q; Narrative; Baseball)

Verstraete, Larry. ***Surviving the Hindenburg*** (U; Survival Stories)

Suggested Summer Reading List for Grades 6-8

Albee, Sarah. ***Bugged! How Insects Changed History***. Students will learn more than they bargained for about the impact of insects on human history.

Alexander, Kwame. ***The Crossover***. Josh and Jordan Bell are awesome on the basketball court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, and he uses his talent to tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel of family and brotherhood, which won the 2015 Newbery Award.

Alexander, Kwame. ***Booked***. In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel ***The Crossover***, soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words and wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Allen, Thomas B. ***Mr. Lincoln's High-tech War: How the North Used the Telegraph, Railroads, Surveillance Balloons, Iron-clads, High-powered Weapons, and More to Win the Civil War***. Meet Abraham Lincoln, the nation's first hands-on Commander-in-Chief, whose appreciation for the power of technology plays a critical role in the North's Civil War victory over the less developed South.

Aguilar, David A. ***Cosmic catastrophes : seven ways to destroy a planet like earth.***

Blending science, speculation, photographs, and striking, full-color digital art, the author examines seven cosmic catastrophes that could decimate Earth, from a supernova explosion to a potential alien invasion.

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. ***The girl who drank the moon.*** An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. Winner of the 2017 Newbery Medal.

Bauer, Joan. ***Close to Famous.*** Everyone in the little town of Culpepper has a dream, but nobody is even close to famous - until some unexpected events shake up the town and its inhabitants-and put their big ambitions to the test.

Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo.*** Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, the author chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid. A Newbery Honor book.

Black, Holly. ***Doll Bones.*** Three friends steal into the night on a perilous quest to satisfy an unquiet spirit inhabiting a creepy doll.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***The war that saved my life.*** A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. A Newbery Honor Book and winner of the Schneider Family Book Award (Middle School)

Bragg, Georgia. ***How They Choked: Failures, Flops and Flaws of the Awfully Famous***. The author pokes fun, plays up, and revels in the mistakes of 14 famous figures because "There's nothing better than reading about how someone else messed up."

Brown, Don. ***Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans***. A graphic novel account of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in August of 2005, when the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and surrounding areas were flooded and more than fourteen hundred people lost their lives.

Burgan, Michael. ***Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor***. You've heard that pictures speak louder than words. See the proof in this book that describes how the compelling photographs of Lewis Hine and others brought to light the harsh working conditions for immigrants, the poor, and the children working in mines, factories, and mills.

Conkling, Winifred. ***Radioactive! : how Irene Curie & Lise Meitner revolutionized science and changed the world***. The fascinating, little-known story of how two brilliant female physicists' groundbreaking discoveries led to the creation of the atomic bomb.

Cooper, Michael L. ***Fighting fire! Ten of the Deadliest Fires in American History and How We Fought Them***. Brings to life ten of the deadliest infernos this nation has ever endured. With historical images and a fast-paced text, this is both an exciting look at firefighting history and a celebration of the human spirit.

Davis, Kenneth C. ***In the shadow of liberty : the hidden history of slavery, four presidents, and five black lives***. Did you know that many of America's Founding Fathers—who fought for liberty and justice for all—were slave owners?

Through the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were "owned" by four of our greatest presidents, this book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.

Fleming, Candace. ***Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart***. One of the enduring mysteries of the 20th century is the disappearance of aviator Amelia Earhart. This book not only explores that disappearance, but goes back to study the life of this daring woman, using maps, photographs and other primary sources.

Fleming, Candace. ***The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion and the Fall of Imperial Russia***. History comes to vivid life in Fleming's sweeping story of the dramatic decline and fall of the House of Romanov.

Freedman, Russell. ***Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights that Changed America***. For the 50th anniversary of the 1965 march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Newbery Medalist Russell Freedman has written a riveting account of this pivotal event in the history of civil rights.

Friesner, Esther M. ***Threads and Flames***. In 1910, thirteen-year-old Raisa travels alone from Poland to New York City, where she discovers her older sister, who was supposed to take care of her, has disappeared, leaving Raisa to accept a job at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, where her life is changed once again after a tragic fire.

Gidwitz, Adam. ***The Inquisitor's Tale, or, Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog***. 1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon. On the run to escape terrors unknown, save precious and holy texts from being

burned, their quest drives them forward to a final showdown at Mont Saint-Michel, where all will come to question if these children can perform the miracles of saints.

Hesse, Monica. ***Girl in the Blue Coat***. In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air.

Jacobson, Jennifer. ***Small as an Elephant***. Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

Jamieson, Victoria. ***All's Faire In Middle School***. Calling all Raina Telgemeier fans! The Newbery Honor-winning author of *Roller Girl* is back with a heartwarming graphic novel about starting middle school, surviving your embarrassing family, and the Renaissance Faire. Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. Luckily Impy has just the quest in mind--she'll go to public school after a life of being homeschooled! But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all.

Lewis, John. ***March***. In this riveting graphic-novel memoir trilogy, Congressman John Lewis, a hero of the Civil Rights movement, recounts his childhood in Alabama and his work towards equality. Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Jarrow, Gail. ***Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary.*** In a true story that reads like fiction, the author describes the search for Mary Mallon, also known as Typhoid Mary, who is thought to be the cause of the spread of typhoid fever in New York in 1909.

Lockhart, E. ***We Were Liars.*** Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer. Read it before someone spoils the ending!

Macy, Sue. ***Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom: (with a few flat tires along the way).*** Through vintage photographs, advertisements, cartoons, and songs, this book transports young readers to bygone eras to see how women used the bicycle to improve their lives.

McClafferty, Carla Killough. ***Fourth down and inches : concussions and football's make-or-break moment.*** Award-winning author Carla Killough McClafferty takes readers on a bone-crunching journey from football's origins to the latest research on concussion and traumatic brain injuries in the sport.

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters.*** Tap into the renewed interest in Greek mythology generated by the Percy Jackson series and enjoy this beautifully illustrated and comprehensive treasury.

Newman, Patricia. ***Plastic, ahoy! : Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.*** Plastic - it's used to make everything, from drink bottles and bags to toys and

toothbrushes. But what happens when it ends up where it doesn't belong--like in the Pacific Ocean? Find out what scientists discovered when they set out to investigate the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Riggs, Ransom. ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children***. On the brink of his sixteenth birthday, something terrible happens to Jacob—something so terrible that it splits his life into two parts: Before and After. Before, he was an ordinary young man with a peculiar but doting grandfather. After, he discovers he isn't so ordinary after all. Nor are the "peculiar children" he meets at Miss Peregrine's home. Look for the sequels ***Hollow City*** and ***Library of Souls***.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. ***Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein***. This inspiring biography chronicles the life of Leonard Bernstein from early childhood to his triumphant debut at age twenty- as conductor of the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall.

Schlosser, Eric. ***Chew on this: everything you don't want to know about Fast Food***. This adaptation of Schlosser's adult book, ***Fast Food Nation***, will make you stop and think before you gulp down that Big Mac.

Schmidt, Gary D. ***What Came from the Stars***. In a desperate attempt for survival, a peaceful civilization on a faraway planet sends its most precious gift across the cosmos into the lunchbox of Tommy Pepper, sixth grader, of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Schreier, Eliot. ***Endangered***. A girl, who has travelled with her mother to an animal sanctuary for bonobos in the Congo, struggles to survive with the animals after revolution breaks out and she and the animals are forced to flee into the jungle. Don't miss the follow-up novels, ***Threatened*** and ***Rescued***.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, mutiny and the fight for civil rights.***

An astonishing civil rights story from a Newbery Honor winner, this book tells the story of fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

Shusterman, Neal. ***Scythe.*** A thrilling new series by National Book Award-winning author Neal Shusterman in which Citra and Rowan learn that a perfect world comes only with a heavy price - A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. One organization, the Scythes, are given the ultimate decision. Is everything as perfect as it seems?

Wallace, Sandra Neil. ***Bound By Ice: A True North Pole Survival Story.*** In the years following the Civil War, "Arctic fever" gripped the American public, fueled by myths of a fertile, tropical sea at the top of the world. Several explorers attempted to find a route to the North Pole, but none succeeded. Bound by Ice follows the journey of George Washington De Long and the crew of the USS Jeannette, who departed San Francisco in the summer of 1879 hoping to find a route to the North Pole. However, in mid-September the ship became locked in ice north of Siberia and drifted for nearly two years before it was crushed by ice and sank. De Long and his men escaped the ship and began a treacherous journey in extreme polar conditions in an attempt to reach civilization. Pick up this true thriller to find out who made it!

Van Wagenen, Maya. ***Popular: a memoir. Vintage Wisdom for a Modern geek.***

Stuck near the bottom of the social ladder at "pretty much the lowest level of people at school who aren't paid to be here," Maya has never been popular. But before starting eighth grade, she decides to begin a unique social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell. The

real-life results are hilarious, painful, and filled with unexpected surprises.

Wiles, Deborah. ***Revolution***. It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi, are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer. Award-winning author Deborah Wiles uses stories and images to tell the riveting story of a certain time and place -- and of kids who, in a world where everyone is choosing sides, must figure out how to stand up for themselves and fight for what's right. Also check out ***Countdown***, the first book in the author's 1960s trilogy.

Wolk, Lauren. ***Beyond the Bright Sea***. Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Brown Girl Dreaming***. The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South in the 1960s and 1970s. Winner of a 2015 Newbery Honor.

Woollett, Laura A. ***Big top burning : the true story of an arsonist, a missing girl, and the greatest show on earth***. Combining a gripping disaster story, an ongoing

detective and forensics saga, and vivid details about life in World War II-era America, *Big Top Burning* is sure to intrigue any history or real-life mystery fan.