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2022 CHILDREN’S LITERARY AWARD WINNERS

Award-winning titles are referenced throughout and noted by color-coded star or symbol. Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2022 children’s book awards include:

- Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)
- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award (★honor)
- Newbery Medal (★honor)
- Pura Belpré Illustrator Award (★winner ★honor)
- Randolph Caldecott Medal (★winner ★honor)
- Sibert Informational Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- Schneider Family Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- Stonewall Book Award (★honor)
- Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal (★winner ★honor)

Additional young people’s literary awards:

-∞ Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
-✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)
-❖ Rise: A Feminist Book Project  (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child’s love of reading.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see your enjoyment of your own reading.

Make it a shared activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading, or what you have read together. Discussing and retelling stories is a way to broaden your child’s understanding of the world. It also improves reading skills, builds vocabulary and fosters parent-child bonding.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to share at least one book a day with your child. You can make reading a part of your child’s bedtime routine, or perhaps a breakfast read-aloud works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Many of these titles can be found at your local public library and may also be available in eBook or audiobook formats. You and your child may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library and Sora, our online eBook and audiobook collection.

SUGGESTED LIBRARIES AND CHILDREN’S BOOKSTORES

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SHSH's Sora eBook Library
Books of Wonder
NEW AND NOTABLE PICTURE BOOKS

*Listed throughout and noted with an asterisk preceding the title. Links to titles available in Sora are included.

ABCs AND 123s: ALPHABET, NUMBERS, AND CONCEPT BOOKS

*Dumpling Day – Meera Sriram
Savor a rhyming celebration of one of the world's most universal foods! Readers follow 10 diverse families as they cook dumplings inside their homes in preparation for a neighborhood potluck. Dumplings are added to plates one by one, encouraging children to count with each new addition.

★Have You Ever Seen a Flower? – Shawn Harris
A young child leaves the drab city for a multi-sensory experience among effervescent flowers in this electric celebration of our connection to, and place within, the natural world. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

*I’m Not Small – Nina Crews
What makes you big? What makes you small? From acclaimed author-illustrator Nina Crews comes a picture book that introduces young children to the concepts of size and comparisons.

*Letters to Live By: An Alphabet Book with Intention – Lisa Frenkel Riddiough
A concept picture book using alliterative word pairs to teach big ideas like generosity, compassion, and joy.

*Time Is A Flower – Julie Morstad
An imaginative picture book that combines nature and play to talk about the passage of time.

★Wonder Walkers – Micha Archer
Two children explore and contemplate nature through a series of imaginative questions. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

*Words of the World series (Animals, Birds, Plants, Ocean Animals) – Motomitsu Maehara
Explore words of the world and learn the names of a variety of animals or plants in the six most widely spoken languages. Published by Blue Dot Kids Press.
**Audiobooks: Sora, The C. V. Starr’s Online Collection**

Visit Sora for a selection of audiobooks your child might enjoy.

Sora encourages many of the traditional independent reading habits students learn during library such as perusing books, checking out and returning books, putting books on hold, and reading books by the same author. Sora also keeps track of time spent reading (a reading log of sorts), includes a built-in dictionary, and students can create their own lists of books they want to read.

Your child has access to two eBook collections:

1. St. Hilda’s & St. Hugh’s collection
2. Hudson Valley Library Association (HVLA) consortium collection

During the summer months, your child can access Sora by installing the Sora app on your personal device from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com. Please remember to sign in with your child’s SHSH’s gmail credentials.

The HVLA, and any public library collection, must be added to your child’s Sora account manually the first time, and then will remain linked. For access to public libraries, a library card from that institution is required. You can apply online for a public library eCard by visiting your public library’s website.

**Beginning Readers**

★ Beak & Ally #1: Unlikely Friendship – Norm Feuti
   A brand-new early reader graphic novel series about finding friendship in unexpected places! (A 2022 Geisel Honor Book)

*Cornbread & Poppy – Matthew Cordell
   Cautious Cornbread and carefree Poppy are best friends, so when Poppy fails to prepare for winter, Cornbread ventures up Holler Mountain with her to help her find food.

★ Fox at Night – Corey R. Tabor
   Equipped with a pair of binoculars, Fox encounters nocturnal forest creatures who offer to help Fox realize the night is full of friends, not monsters—but are they correct? (The 2022 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award winner)

★ I Hop: An I Like to Read Book – Joe Cepeda
   A young boy plans a picnic for his grandmother and sets his plan in motion using a rather unique mode of transportation—a pogo stick. (A 2022 Geisel Honor Book)
**CHAPTER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD TO YOUNG LISTENERS**

*Beezus and Ramona* – Beverly Cleary
Ramona invites her whole kindergarten class to a party at her home without first mentioning it to her mother.

*My Father’s Dragon* – Ruth Stiles Gannett
The boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and especially St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

*Stuart Little* – E. B. White
The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

*Telephone Tales* – Gianni Rodari
In this classic from Italy, a traveling salesman calls his daughter nightly to share a whimsical story. Sixty-seven playful tales humorously recount ice cream palaces, educational candy, and roads paved with chocolate.

**CLASSIC PICTURE BOOKS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW**

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* – Judith Viorst
On the worst of days, kids can take solace in the fact that everyone has terrible times.

This cheerful introduction to colors comes alive through wonderful illustrations and rhyming text.

*Caps for Sale* – Esphyr Slobodkina
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

*Corduroy* – Don Freeman
A lost button leads to lovable adventures for a bear that longs for a home.

*Goodnight Moon* – Margaret W. Brown
A little bunny says goodnight to all the familiar things in his little room.

*Madeline* – Ludwig Bemelmans
The rhymes in which the tale is told make it one that children will enjoy repeating.

*Make Way for Ducklings* – Robert McCloskey
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard found a quiet place to raise their babies then took them to the pond in the Boston Public Garden where there were peanuts to eat.

*Snowy Day* – Ezra Jack Keats
The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

*The Story of Ferdinand* – Munro Leaf
The story of a bull that would rather sit quietly under a tree than fight.
Strega Nona – Tomie De Paola
A retelling of an old Italian tale about what happens when Strega Nona leaves her apprentice alone with her magic pasta pot, and he is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – William Steig
In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter
Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor’s garden and almost gets caught.

The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams
A cherished, 100-year-old classic gets a fresh and breath-taking new look with brilliant art by Caldecott Medal winner Erin Stead, who has cited this story as an influence on her acclaimed career.

Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak
After Max was sent to bed for misbehaving, he escapes by imagining that he sails away to a wild land full of monsters.

Fables, Fairy Tales, Folklore and Nursery Rhymes

Abiyoyo – Pete Seeger
Banished from the town for making mischief, a little boy and his father are welcomed back when they find a way to make the dreaded giant Abiyoyo disappear.

Anansi and the Magic Stick – Eric A. Kimmel
A West African folk tale about a lovable spider that steals Hyena's magic stick so he can clean up his own rickety house.

Beauty and the Beast – retold by H. Chuku Lee
A lonely creature and a caring girl create a tender and gentle retelling. Close inspection of the African-inspired brilliant watercolor and gouache painting reveals pertinent details.

The Elephant's Friend and Other Tales from Ancient India – Marcia Williams
Draws eight stories from well-known collections of Indian folktales—Hitopadesha tales, Jataka tales, and Panchatantra tales.

The Chinese Emperor’s New Clothes – Ying Chang Compestine
This retelling of a classic fairy tale is inspired by the ban on Western literature during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

Henny-Penny – Jane Wattenberg
A cumulative tale about Henny-Penny and her barnyard friends who were literally outfoxed on their journey to tell the king the sky was falling.

Here Comes Mother Goose – edited by Iona Opie
More than sixty traditional nursery rhymes.
The Little Mermaid – Jerry Pinkney
In this reinvention of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale, a little mermaid trades her voice for legs and makes a new friend on land, but must return to the sea to save her family.

*The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess – Tom Gauld
Stranded far from home due to a mishap, a wooden robot prince and his log-princess sister rescue one another during their journey back to the castle.

Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion – Alex T. Smith
An amusing safari riff on Red Riding Hood features a very young girl outwitting a scheming lion.

Lon Po Po: A Red-riding Hood Story from China – Ed Young
An Asian retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood story.

Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India – Chitra Soundar
In these original stories based on Indian folklore, a young prince and his friend cleverly solve disputes brought before the royal court.

Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale – Carmen Agra Deedy
In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.

*Mother Goose Goes to India – Kabir Sehgal and Surishitha Sehgal
A collection of familiar Mother Goose rhymes reset in India, with character names, foods, numbers, and other aspects changed to reflect life in that country.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters – John Steptoe
Featuring stunning illustrations, this African Cinderella story proves that beauty is only skin deep.

Nursery Tales Around the World – Judy Sierra
Compare and contrast 18 easy-to-tell stories.

The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes – Duncan Tonatiuh
The legend of Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl, the two majestic volcanoes that overlook Mexico City, is retold and enhanced with rich, Aztec-style mixed-media collages.

*The Provensen Book of Fairy Tales – compiled by Alice and Martin Provensen
A collection of 12 well-known fairy tales, retellings, and newly-imagined tales, collected and illustrated by the award-winning husband-and-wife author-illustrator team, Alice and Martin Provensen.

Rapunzel – Brothers Grimm and retold by Alix Berenzy
A witch imprisons a girl with extraordinarily long hair in a lonely tower.

Stone Soup – Jon Muth
Three wise monks trick a poor, frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of generosity.
The Three Billy Goats Gruff – P. C. Asbørnsen
Three clever billy goats outwit a big, ugly troll who lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse – Helen Ward
A retelling of Aesop's well-known fable in which a country mouse visits a town mouse and they find they each prefer a very different way of life. Set in 1930s New York at Christmas.

The Ugly Duckling – Hans Christian Anderson and adapted by Jerry Pinkney
An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

Where's Halmoni? – Julie Kim
Searching for their missing grandmother, two Korean children follow tracks into a fantastic world filled with beings from folklore who speak in Korean.

**FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP AND OTHER ADVENTURES**

*Bathe the Cat – Alice B. McGinty
Dad has posted a list of chores for the family to do before grandma comes, including bathing the cat; but the cat does not want a bath, so she mixes up the instructions, and soon the family is mowing the floor, vacuuming the lawn, mopping the baby—and the house is in chaos.

Chirri & Chirra: The Rainy Day – Kaya Doi
In this new installment of the beloved series, the twins brave a rainy day together...after all, stormy weather is no match for their boundless energy and curiosity!

★Coquí in the City – Nomar Perez
When Miguel moves to the U.S., he is sad to leave behind his pet coquí (frog), but soon he finds exciting similarities between life in San Juan and New York City. (A 2022 Pura Belpré Author and Illustrator Honor Book)

*Creepy Crayon! – Aaron Reynolds
When Jasper Rabbit finds a purple crayon willing to do his schoolwork for him, he is elated—at first.

*Except Antarctica – Todd Sturgell
Animals defy the narrator's declaration that they can't go to Antarctica, triggering a silly sequence of events.

★Grandad's Camper – Harry Woodgate
A child who enjoys Grandad's stories of his travels and adventures with Gramps persuades him to fix up their old camper and take another trip, in honor of Gramps. (A 2022 Stonewall Honor Book)

*Here We Come! – Janna Matthies
A boy sets off with his flute, his stuffed bear, and a rum-pum-pum, and making his way through the town and woods, he is joined by dancing and singing children and animals, one by one.
*I Dream of Popo* – Livia Blackburne  
The strong connection between a young girl and her grandmother is tested when the girl moves from Taiwan to San Diego.

*Let Me Fix You a Plate: A Tale of Two Kitchens* – Elizabeth Lilly  
A young family finds connection and commonality through the meals they share while visiting the Appalachian and Cuban sides of their family.

*Lizzy and the Cloud* – The Fan Brothers  
A young girl named Lizzy buys a cloud and keeps it as a pet—until the day it grows too big for her to handle.

*The Longest Storm* – Dan Yaccarino  
A single-parent family learns to appreciate spending time together when they’re stuck indoors during a seemingly interminable storm.

*The Lost Package* – Richard Ho  
Ever wonder what happens to mailed packages that are lost en route? This is the happy story of one such box.

★*May Your Life Be Deliciosa* – Michael Genhart  
Rosie’s Abuela doesn’t need a recipe because she truly cooks “by heart.” Rosie compares the steps of making tamales to the wishes she has for her family. (A 2022 Pura Belpé Illustrator Honor Book)

★*Mel Fell* – Corey R. Tabor  
As Mel the kingfisher plunges from a treetop on her first flight, readers are invited to turn the book sideways and upside-down as they follow her journey. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

*Mr. Watson’s Chickens* – Jarrett Dapier  
Mr. Watson loves his three chickens, and every morning he and Mr. Nelson count them; but when they start to multiply, his house and tiny yard are soon overrun, and the noise and mess are driving Mr. Nelson crazy—so the couple set out to find a new home for the chickens.

★*My City Speaks* – Darren Lebeuf  
A young girl explores her city with her father, taking in all its sensory details. (The 2022 winner of the Schneider Family Book Award).

*A Song of Frutas* – Margarita Engle  
While visiting her abuelo in Cuba, a young girl helps him sell frutas, singing the name of each fruit as they walk, and after she returns to the United States, they exchange letters made of abrazos—hugs. Includes historical and cultural notes.

*Stella Keeps the Sun Up* – Clothilde Ewing  
When Stella does not want to go to bed, she tries all sorts of ways to keep the sun up.
*Stop the Clock – Pippa Goodhart*
When Mr. Khan asks the children to paint what they saw on their way to school, Joe notices his baby sister is crying in the picture. He stops the clocks and goes back to the street to find out why... This sweet story reminds us to slow down, take a breath and notice the small details in our busy everyday life.

★★*Soul Food Sunday – Winsome Bingham*
On Soul Food Sunday, a young Black boy helps his granny grate the cheese, prep the greens, and skin and slice the meat for the meal before making the sweet tea all by himself. (A 2022 Corretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)

**This Magical, Musical Night – Rhonda Gowler Greene**
Musicians of all skin colors and in all manner of dress, from tux to hijab, chime in from first tune-up to last fabulous note. Music can take us anywhere, so celebrate and learn about all the instruments of the orchestra and the music that unites us.

★*Time for Bed, Old House – Janet Costa Bates*
A delightful multigenerational story, perfect for bedtime or anytime a child is afraid.

★*Tisha and the Blossoms – Wendy Meddour*
Tisha and Mommy are always having to hurry up. What would happen if they slowed down? A gentle, gorgeously illustrated story of mindfulness—and sharing the small moments.

★*Uncle Bobby’s Wedding – Sarah S Brennen*
Chloe is not happy that her favorite uncle Bobby is going to get married to his boyfriend Jamie. But after spending a fun-filled day with Bobby and Jamie, Chloe realizes she’s not losing an uncle, but gaining a whole new one! An uplifting celebration of love in all its forms.

★★★*¡Vamos! Let’s Cross the Bridge – Raúl the Third*
Pals Little Lobo, Bernabé, La Oink Oink, and El Toro get stuck on a bridge between sister cities in two different countries and make a party out of a difficult situation. (The 2022 Pura Belpre Illustrator Award winner)

★★★*Watercress – Andrea Wang and illustrated by Jason Chin*
A Chinese American girl, too embarrassed to eat the watercress her family picked from the roadside, learns of her mother’s childhood experience with famine in China. (The 2022 Caldecott Medal winner, a 2022 Newbery Honor Book and the 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature winner)

*When Lola Visits – Michelle Sterling*
A Filipino girl describes the smells, tastes, and sensations that accompany her beloved grandmother’s visits each summer.
NONFICTION NARRATIVES: ARTS, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORY, RELIGION, AND SPORTS

✦ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)
✦ Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

★A Boy Named Isamu: A Story of Isamu Noguchi – James Yang (Asian/Pacific Award)
Imagine a day in the boyhood of Japanese American artist, Isamu Noguchi, while wandering through an outdoor market, through the forest, and then by the ocean, seeing things Isamu sees through the eyes of a young artist. (A 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor Book)

❖A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Rita Moreno: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer! – Anika Aldamuy Denise
Rosita Dolores Alverio moved from Puerto Rico to New York and became award-winning entertainer Rita Moreno.

*King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin – Stephen Costanza
This picture-book biography follows the life of Scott Joplin, an African American musician and composer who popularized the style known as ragtime.

*Mornings with Monet – Barb Rosenstock
As the morning sun moves, Monet shifts from painting to painting, capturing what will become a famous series of images of the Seine.

❖Ocean Speaks – Jess Keating
Historical figure Marie Tharp breaks barriers and makes a big discovery about the ocean.

*Parks for the People: How Frederick Law Olmsted Designed America – Elizabeth Partridge
Picture book biography on the landscape architect who designed many of America’s parks and public places.

❖Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez – Anna Harber Freeman and Barbara Gonzales
Tewa Pueblo potter, Maria Povika Martinez, developed a technique of creating shiny black pottery using traditional methods, sharing her work with her family and the world.

❖She Caught the Light: Williamina Stevens Fleming: Astronomer – Kathryn Lasky
Williamina Fleming discovered the Horsehead Nebula, worked with other “human computers” to develop the first star classification system, and became the first woman to hold an official title at Harvard.

✦Unbound: The Life and Art of Judith Scott – Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler
In this visually splendid and moving book, Joyce Scott tells the story of her beloved twin sister and renowned artist Judith Scott, bringing to life and experiences of people with Down Syndromes.

★❖We Wait for the Sun – Katie McCabe and Dovey Johnson Roundtree
Women working together become a symbol of hope in this gentle portrait of a formative experience in civil rights lawyer Dovey Johnson Roundtree’s life. (A 2022 Corretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)
POETRY PICKS: 2022 YOUNG PEOPLE’S POET NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

Each month, Young People’s Poet Laureate, Naomi Shihab Nye recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children’s literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books.

S.T.E.M.: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

\* MSRI’s 2022 Mathematical Book Prize
\* Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

\* 1 Smile, Ten Toes – Nelleke Verhoeff
Create silly creatures and count along the way with this unique split-page book. Young readers can match heads to a variety of tails and legs to compose quirky characters. Each flap presents a new opportunity for counting and learning vocabulary words for body parts!

\* The Beak Book – Robin Page
This beautifully illustrated book helps young children determine how the different sizes and shapes of bird beaks are adapted to help birds weave nests, catch fish or climb trees.

\* The Body Book – Nosy Crow
Explore seven systems of the human body in this elementary-aimed board book. The book includes see-through, layered pages of body systems surrounded by facts about each system.

\* Curious About Fish – Cathryn Sill
Colorful, detailed illustrations are accompanied by clear descriptions of fish features and behaviors. This information helps young children learn all about fish.

\* The Dirt Book: Poems About Animals That Live Beneath Our Feet – David L. Harrison
Dive into this book to read a series of poems about life beneath our toes from the perspective of insects, animals, and non-living things.

\* Fearless World Traveler: Adventures of Marianne North, Botanical Artist – Laurie Lawlor
Spirited and adventurous, Marianne North traveled the world documenting plants; she created more than 800 oil botanical paintings. This picture book tells the story of her persistence, journeys, and contributions to the field of botany.

\* Inside In: X-Rays of Nature’s Hidden World – Jan Paul Schutten
Stunning collection of x-ray photographs of organisms and their natural habitats with informative descriptions that encourage the reader to closely examine the photographs to uncover the hidden side of nature.

\* Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures & Magnificent Mimics – Marc Martin
This entertaining and engaging book showcases 12 animals from around the world through beautiful illustrations and detailed information about the adaptations of each master of disguise. The book also includes a fun hidden picture puzzle for each animal.
Over and Under the Canyon – Kate Messner
A journey through a canyon helps the reader explore the different living creatures that call a canyon home and contribute to the ecosystem.

The Secret Life of the Sloth – Laurence Pringle
It’s no longer a secret! Beautiful illustrations and storytelling take the reader on a journey through a year in the life of a young female sloth.

Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate – Melissa Stewart
Using comparisons and contrasts, this engaging nonfiction title introduces young readers to estivation, the summertime equivalent of hibernation. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)

STOMP, STOMP, ROAR: DINOSAUR BOOKS FOR BUDDING PALEONTOLOGISTS

Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist – Linda Skeers
Follow Mary Anning on her fearless exploring and thirst for knowledge that led to the formation of paleontology as a scientific field of study.

Dinosaur Feathers – Dennis Nolan
This tongue-twisting, brightly illustrated poetry book introduces readers to a gaggle of dinosaurs.

Fossil by Fossil: Comparing Dinosaur Bones – Sara Levine
Humans and dinosaurs share many skeletal features, but the dinosaur’s bones made them unique.

Lifesize Dinosaurs – Jessica Hann
Step into the book and see how you measure up against some of the world’s most amazing dinosaurs.

★Nothing Fits a Dinosaur – Jonathan Fenske
When “Mommasaurus” says it’s time to settle in for the night after his bath, a young boy must find some pajamas, sparking dino drama and the question: how do you dress a dinosaur? (A 2022 Geisel Honor Book)

THINGS THAT GO VROOM: CARS, TRUCKS, SPACESHIPS, AND OTHER MACHINES

The Airport Book – Lisa Brown
Traces an airplane journey through the eyes of a family: two parents, a son, and his toddler sister.

*Big Truck Little Island – Chris Van Dusen
Based on a real incident that occurred in the island town of Vinalhaven, Maine, this rhyming story recounts what happens when a really big flatbed truck carrying a mysterious, covered load across a small island gets stuck on a tight curve and blocks traffic in both directions.

*Blast Off – Linda C. Cain and Susan Rosenbaum
First published in 1973, a year after the final Apollo mission, when American astronauts were exclusively white and male, Blast Off is the story of a young African American girl with a vision and a mission.

Boats Are Busy – Sara Gillingham
A first book of boats for the youngest enthusiasts, featuring 15 different boats and a bonus nautical flag per vessel.
Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover – Markus Motum
Find out the story behind the technological wonder of Curiosity, the NASA rover on Mars, that is working to help answer scientists’ questions about the Red Planet.

Firefighters’ Handbook – Meghan McCarthy
A picture book exploration of what it takes to be a firefighter, including training and equipment.

How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity’s Greatest Adventure – John Rocco
This ambitious nonfiction book chronicles one of the most exciting and miraculous accomplishments in American history—the 1969 lunar landing.

JUMBO: The Making of the Boeing 747 – Chris Gall
For the 50th anniversary of the Boeing 747’s first commercial flight, a picture book about the development of the iconic passenger plane and how it changed the history of air travel.

Let’s Go ABC!: Things That Go, from A to Z – Rhonda Gowler Greene
Rhyming text and bright art are used to reinforce alphabet skills, with 26 unusual modes of transportation.

*Room for Everyone – Naaz Khan
Musa learns there is always room for everyone on the dala dala bus in this rollicking, rhyming, come-along adventure.

*Together We Ride – Valerie Bolling
Told in rhyming text, a young African American girl learns to ride a bike, with the help of her father.

Two Little Trains – Margaret Wise Brown
Two little trains, one streamlined, the other old-fashioned, puff, puff, puff, and chug, chug, chug, on their way west.

Ultimate Construction Site Book – Anne-Sophie Baumann
The sounds, sights, and activity of a construction site provide for endless fascination.

Vroom! – Barbara McClintock
From beloved author and artist Barbara McClintock, a playful picture book following a little girl's imaginative journey in a race car.

UNCONVENTIONAL PRINCESSES AND PRINCESSES

The Apple-Pip Princess – Jane Ray
A king sets his three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again, and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

La Princesa and the Pea – Susan Middleton Elya
A rhyming twist on a classic fairy tale in which a queen places a pea under a young lady's mattress to see if she is truly a princess. Incorporates Spanish words and includes a glossary.

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink – Jane Yolen
Rhyming text affirms that girls can pursue their many interests, from playing sports to planting flowers in the dirt, without giving up their tiaras.
The Paper Bag Princess – Robert N. Munsch
Princess Elizabeth decides to rescue her fiancé Prince Ronald from a dragon who has burned up all her possessions.

Prince Cinders – Babette Cole
In this delightful retelling of the classic fairy tale, Prince Cinders sets out on an adventure, aided by his very own fairy godmother.

Princess Cora and the Crocodile – Laura Amy Schlitz
Unhappy queen-in-training Cora receives a pet crocodile from her fairy godmother, which disrupts her mundane daily routine.

Princess Grace – Mary Hoffman
Grace wants to participate in her community festival’s princess float, but first she must decide what sort of a princess she wants to be, from an African princess in kente cloth robes to a fluffy pink fairy tale princess.

The Real Princess: A Mathematical Tale – Brenda Williams
Practice your math skills while enjoying this quirky take on The Princess and the Pea.

Sleeping Bobby – Will and Mary Pope Osborne
A retelling of the Grimm tale featuring a handsome prince who is put into a deep sleep by a curse until he is awakened by the kiss of a brave princess.

The Truly Brave Princesses – Dolores Brown
This eclectic collection of diverse women and girls celebrates the many different princesses in everyday modern life.

**Wellness Building Blocks: Social Emotional Learning**

*Clovis Keeps His Cool – Katelyn Aronson
A heartwarming, funny lesson in keeping one’s cool.

*Don’t Hug Doug – Carrie Finison
Doug prefers not to be hugged, but there are a variety of other ways his loved ones can show him affection.

*Emile and the Field – Kevin Young
Emile loves the field close to his home—in spring, summer, and fall, when it gives him bees and flowers, blossoms and leaves. But not as much in winter, when he has to share his beautiful, changeable field with other children—and their sleds.

*Green Pants – Kenneth Kraegel
Jameson refuses to wear pants that are not green, until he has to choose between wearing his green pants and wearing a tuxedo with black pants so that he can be part of his cousin’s wedding party.

How to Apologize – David LaRochelle
Wouldn’t the world be a better place if everyone knew how to apologize? Luckily, this humorous guidebook is full of practical tips about when, why, and how to say you’re sorry.
*John's Turn – Mac Barnett  
Every Friday, in the cafeteria, one of the kids gets up in front of the whole school and does something. A performance. Today it's John's turn.

*Not Little – Maya Myers  
Dot proves that even though she may be small in stature, she will stand up for herself and others.

★A Walk in the Woods – Hudson Talbott  
Hudson Talbott's inspiring story vividly reveals the challenges—and ultimately the rewards—of being a non-mainstream kind of learner. (A 2022 Schneider Family Honor Book)

*Y Is for Yet: A Growth Mindset Alphabet – Shannon Anderson  
Not your typical alphabet book, Y Is for Yet uses the ABCs as an accessible framework to introduce growth mindset and all its possibilities.

**SUGGESTED RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

How to Raise a Reader – Pamela Paul and Maria Russo  
Combining clear, practical advice with inspiration, wisdom, tips, and curated reading lists, How to Raise a Reader, from the authors of the original and viral New York Times Books feature, shows you how to instill the joy and time-stopping pleasure of reading.

**SUGGESTED MAGAZINES AVAILABLE IN SORA**

Alongside SHSH’s existing eBook and audiobook collection, students can also access dozens of entertaining and educational magazines in Sora. Check out a sample of some of the titles below.

**ADDITIONAL MAGAZINES**

**Babybug**
Each issue is filled with charming characters, games, songs, poems and stories. Infants-3.

**Ladybug**
Filled with enchanting stories and poems. Ages 3-7.

**Ranger Rick, Jr**
Filled with fun activities, simple stories and wild animals that the little ones love. Ages 3-7.
Mark off each square as you complete the activity and try to get a BINGO! Can you fill the entire board? Remember, each square represents a separate book. Bring in your completed BINGO board to Ms. Perna in September and get a prize. Happy reading!

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