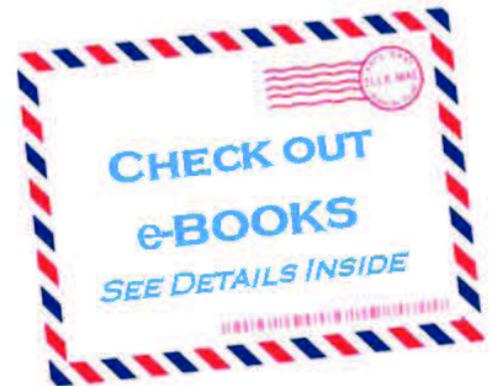
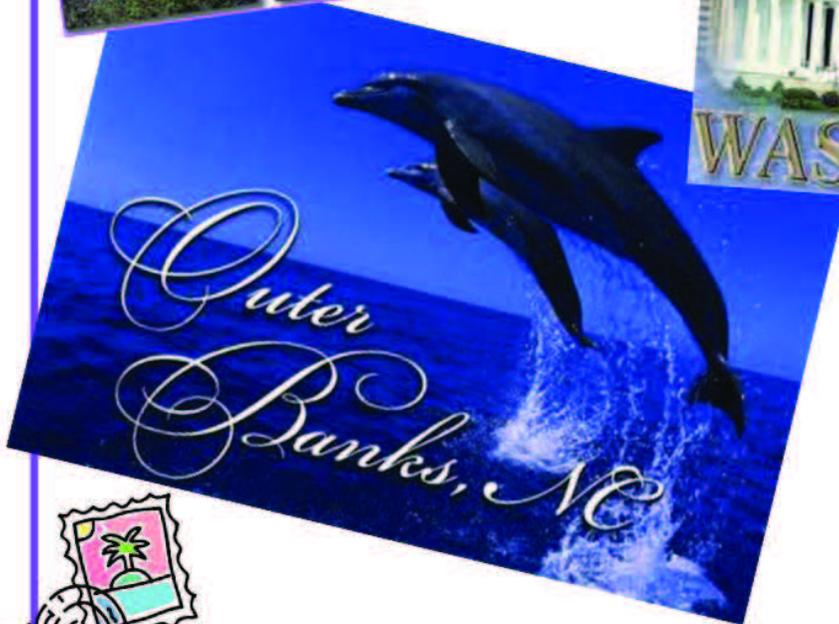
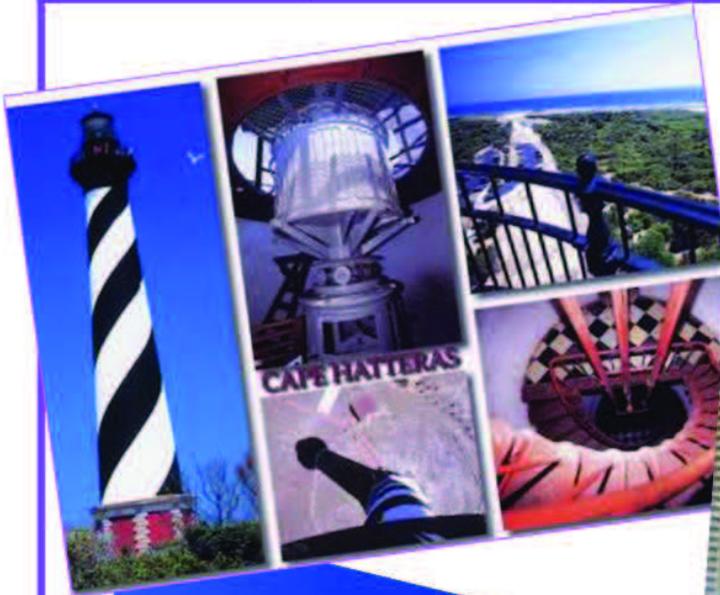


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K-1

The Pingry School
Lower School Library
Summer Reading List 2022



Postcards to the Library

June 2022

A Message to Pingry Families

Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

This has been another challenging school year for our students but they have shown resilience and determination to learn and adapt to the unusual circumstances that Covid-19 has created. We hope that our students will enjoy some wonderful experiences this summer and that includes relaxing and reading with a treasured book.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Program has been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. We hope every child will find something on the list to spark their interest in reading. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from the reading list. Many different books and genres, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed.

The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program** - Students send picture postcards to the Library. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **eBooks** - The Library offers hundreds of books online (directions on inside back cover).
- **Reading Log** - Set a reading goal, and record the books read during the summer.

Browse the **Lower School Library Website** (<https://sh.opals.pingry.k12.nj.us>) for subscription databases, eBooks, streaming book resources, and related activities.

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,
Mrs. D’Innocenzo
Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,

I am having fun this summer.

I play with my friends during the day, go swimming with my family, and read every night before dinner.

I read The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. It was a great book and I loved it!

Your friend,
Taylor Jones



Mrs. D'Innocenzo
The Pingry School Library
50 Country Day Drive
Short Hills, NJ 07078

How to Participate in "Postcards to the Library"

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- Postcards can be sent from anywhere. You do not need to travel!
- Include the book title, author's name, and **your first and last name**.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and/or how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be chosen at random and prizes will be awarded.
- Postcards will be displayed in the hallway and archived in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Reading

The Pingry Lower School Library

2022 Summer Reading List

Students Entering Kindergarten and Grade 1



Picture Books

Multi = Multicultural Books

Apple Pie Fourth of July by Janet Wong. **Multi**

A Chinese American child fears that the food her parents are preparing to sell on the Fourth of July will not be eaten.

Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan

Barkus is a large and smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling--and soon he is a family and school favorite. *Read the Series.*

Bad Seed by Jory John.

The bad seed cuts in line, lies, and never washes his hands and feet. What happens when he changes his mind and decides to be happy? Also read **The Good Egg**.

Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller.

How can we be kind? Each act, big or small, can make a difference and help a friend.

The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luvken.

As an artist crafts her slip ups into her drawing, young readers see how "mistakes" can lead to inspiration, thanks to the determination and creativity of the artist.

The Book with No Pictures by B. J. Novak.

You might think a book with no pictures is boring and serious. Except . . . everything on the page has to be read aloud. Even if the words are silly like...BLORK. Or BLUURF.

Brush of the Gods by Lenore Look. **Multi**

During the Tang dynasty, master painter Wu Daozi creates a stunning mural for the emperor.

Bug Zoo by Lisa Wheeler.

Ben loves insects, but when he puts some in jars to start a bug zoo, the bugs quickly stop buzzing and after adding a luna moth to the collection, he understands why.

Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña. **Multi**

Carmela is so happy on her birthday to go to town with her brother that she cannot think of anything else to wish for. When she finds a wishing dandelion, will she make the right choice?

Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder. *Theodor Seuss Geisel Award.*

Charlie and Mouse enjoy a day out together, finding rocks and going to an imaginary party.

Chopsticks by Amy Kroouse Rosenthal. **Multi**

A pair of chopsticks gets separated, but after some traumatic moments the two friends eventually learn to stand on their own.

Creepy Carrots! by Aaron Reynolds.

Buster the rabbit loves carrots and he cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes. Rabbit fears his favorite treats are out to get him! *Sequel: Creepy Pair of Underwear.*

David Jumps In by Alan Woo **Multi**

On his first day at a brand-new school, David finds himself alone at recess after his classmates race off to their favorite activities. What if nobody plays with him?

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt.

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them. *Teachers Choice Award 2014.*

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson. **Multi**

“There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.” Children feel like outsiders for many different reasons in this story, but as they share their stories, they discover hope and friendship, in voices “stronger than a minute ago.”

Dog on a Frog by Kes Gray.

Frog decides he does not want to sit on a log, and he definitely does not want a dog to sit on a frog! So he changes the rules. Now, dogs sit on logs, and cats sit on gnats! But what will frog sit on now? Also read: **Frog on a Log?**

Drawn Together by Minh Lê . *APALA Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature* **Multi**

A young boy visits his grandfather but their lack of a common language leads to frustration and silence. But when they sit down to draw together, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.

Duck & Goose Go to the Beach by Tad Hill.

Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn't. After all, they're happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it. Who doesn't? Well, Duck, for one!

Duck on a Tractor by David Shannon.

Duck trades his bike for a big, red tractor. As Duck drives around the farm, animal friends climb aboard for a ride. What will happen when he drives through town?

The Duckling Gets a Cookie (Series) by Mo Willems.

The Duckling asks for a cookie — and gets one! Do you think the Pigeon is happy about that? He is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.

Egg by Kevin Henkes.

Three little birds crack their way out of eggs and fly away, leaving one egg sitting all alone until the three chicks discover a friendly baby alligator has finally hatched.

Ella McKeen Kickball Queen by Beth Mills.

When first-grader Ella, the undisputed kickball queen at school, is bested by new student Riya Patel, she throws a tantrum with her entire class watching.

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho **Multi**

A young girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her amah's, and her little sister's.

Frankencrayon by Michael Hall.

The crayons are ready to tell the thrilling tale of Frankencrayon. The costumes are made, the roles are cast, the pages are all set—but then disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page! Hideous! Horrifying! The story can't go on!

Five Forms by Barbara McClintock. **Multi**

A little girl conjures increasingly destructive animals using Chinese martial arts poses.

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard. **Multi**

Follows a Native American family as they make fry bread and celebrate their culture.

Gilbert the Great by Jane Clark and Charles Fuge

Gilbert the shark is great friends with Raymond, a tiny fish who is always by his side. Then Raymond's family moves far away. Who will Gilbert play with now that Raymond is gone?

Guji Guji by Chih-Yuan Chen **Multi**

Guji Guji, a crocodile hatched and raised by a mother duck, must come up with a plan to save his family from a trio of bad crocodiles.

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall. *Caldecott Medal Winner.*

On the highest rock of a tiny island stands a lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper tends to the light, the logbook, and all his chores, joined by his wife and baby to keep the ships safe.

I am Love: A Book of Compassion by Susan Verde

Explores many aspects of love that can help one weather any storm, including that love is comfort, effort, connection, and taking care of oneself.

In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson.

Sophie lives with Mama and Daddy and Grandpa, who spends his days by the window. Every day after school, it's Grandpa whom Sophie runs to, to start their favorite game.

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall. **Multi**

The big moment has come for Jabari to jump off the diving board. But is he ready?

Kite Flying by Grace Lin **Multi**

A Chinese girl describes how her family comes together to make and fly a dragon kite.

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale (Series) by Mo Willems. *Caldecott Honor Book.*

A trip to the laundromat leads to problems when Trixie, too young to talk, realizes something is missing and tries to explain to her father.

Ladybug Girl and the Rescue Dog (Series) by David Soman.

Ladybug Girl and her friends help at a dog-adoption fair and discover that even the littlest things can make a big difference.

Life on Mars by Jon Agee.

The little astronaut is sure he will find life on Mars — he has even brought a gift of chocolate cupcakes. But he can't find any sign of life on Mars...or can he?

Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier

Ruby wants to build a fort, but her three brothers refuse to help, so when the fort is finished Ruby will not let them join her--until the boys come up with a few embellishments for the fort.

Lola Gets a Cat by Anna McQuinn.

More than anything Lola wants a cat, but first she must learn how to care for it. At the library she finds books about cats and pet care and learns as much as she can.

My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis by Paul Meisel

Get a bug's-eye-view on the life cycle of the praying mantis, in this hilarious, scientifically accurate Nature Diary following an insect through her whole summer.

My Friend Maggie by Kevin Henkes.

Paula and Maggie are best friends until Paula starts playing with some new friends. But when her new playmates turn on her, it's Maggie who rushes to Paula's defense.

My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits. **Multi**

Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.

My Weird School: Class Pet Mess! by Dan Gutman. (*I Can Read 2*)

Mr. Cooper's class is getting a pet! But what's the coolest pet to get? Stay tuned...

Nighttime Symphony by Timbaland **Multi**

As a little boy gets ready for bed, the sounds of a wild storm echo around him, lulling him to sleep. From the crash of thunder to the pitter-patter of raindrops to the beat of passing cars, the music of the city creates a cozy bedtime soundtrack

Nothing Rhymes with Orange by Adam Rex.

All the fruits gather together and enjoy a rhyming party, but poor Orange feels left out because he does not rhyme with anything—until Apple invents a new word.

The Pet Dragon by Christoph Niemann. **Multi**

The story of a little girl who goes in search of her missing pet dragon.

Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses (*Series*) by James Dean.

Pete the Cat wakes up feeling grumpy — nothing seems to be going his way. With the help of magic sunglasses, Pete learns that a good mood has been inside him all along.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! (*Pigeon Series*) by Mo Willems.

The Pigeon really needs a bath! But the Pigeon's not so sure about that. He took a bath last month! It's going to take some convincing to get him to take the plunge.

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad. **Multi**

Faizah relates how she feels on her sister's first day wearing a hijab to school. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. There are hurtful words but Faizah finds ways to be strong.

The Rough Patch by Brian Lies. *Caldecott Honor Book*.

Evan and his dog do everything together — play, read, eat, tend the beautiful garden. When he is suddenly alone, Evan finds no joy in his garden, until a sprout of hope appears.

Saffron Ice Cream by Rashin Kheiriyeh. **Multi**

Rashin thinks of beach trips when she lived in Iran, especially the saffron ice cream shared with her friend. But in Brooklyn she finds new "likes" - from ice cream flavors to a new friend.

Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping (*Series*) by Melanie Watt.

Scaredy Squirrel has never liked the idea of camping, but he begins to feel differently when he takes a hike through the woods looking for an electrical outlet.

Snail & Worm Again by Tina Kugler.

Fun and silly stories about friends Snail and Worm, together again in a book for early readers. *Theodor Geisel Honor Award*.

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty. **Multi**

When her abuelo is injured at the local landfill, Sofia is determined to transform Mount Trashmore into a park, taking on City Hall in the process. Also read: **Ada Twist, Scientist** or any title in this series.

Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev.

It's Pet Club day, and kids are bringing their cats, dogs, and fish — but strictly no elephants allowed. Don't they understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes?

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o **Multi**

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade.

This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen. *Caldecott Medal Winner.*

The narrator is the thief, a small, self-confident fish who has taken a little blue hat from a big sleeping fish. He wastes no time confessing his crime as he swims across the page announcing, "This hat is not mine. I just stole it." Sequel to **I Want My Hat Back**.

Tiger vs. Nightmare by Emily Tetri. *Theodor Geisel Honor Award.*

Every night, Tiger and her friend Monster play until bedtime. While Tiger sleeps, Monster scares away the nightmares. But one night, the nightmare is too scary for Monster to fight it alone, so Tiger and Monster make a plan, and Tiger takes a turn protecting her friend.

The Very Last Castle by Travis Jonker. **Multi**

In the middle of the town stood the very last castle. Only one young girl is fearless and curious enough to venture inside. Everyone tells her there is something terrible inside... but she wonders, *Could it be something else?*

The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse by Mac Barnett.

When a mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he learns that a duck devoured earlier has set up a table to enjoy the food the wolf eats. Life is pretty good, until a hunter shows up!

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins.

Penelope Rex was determined to have a good first day of school. But sometimes it's hard to remember all the rules, such as "We don't eat our classmates" — even if they are delicious! Walter the goldfish helps the little T-Rex learn why we do not munch on our friends.

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox.

A story about many different sheep, and one that is missing. *Read any title by this author.*

Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman.

When her parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own, Dot is certain he will eat them until an encounter with a bear brings them closer together.

The Word Collector by Peter Reynolds.

Jerome collects words — short and sweet, or two-syllable treats, or multi-syllable words that sound like little songs. Marvelous words — "aromatic" and "effervescent" — and powerful words — "I understand" and "You matter." Best of all, his words can be shared.



CONCEPT BOOKS

7 Ate 9: The Untold Story by Tara Lazar.

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private **I** is on the case.

An Animal Alphabet by Elisha Cooper.

Discover hundreds of animals, big and small, and learn one wild fact about each. For each letter of the alphabet, one animal is pictured eight times. Why 8? Look inside and find out.

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle.

The artist in this book paints the world as seen through the imaginative eyes of a child. There's a red crocodile, an orange elephant, a purple fox and a polka-dotted donkey.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin.

An alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the alphabet tries to climb a tree.

Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure by Doreen Cronin.

While Farmer Brown sleeps, some of the animals go on a fishing expedition.

Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabet Adventure by Doreen Cronin.

Animals, including cows and ducks, gather for a picnic, spelling the alphabet along the way.

Circle, Square, Moose by Kelly Bingham.

When Zebra and his friend Moose are asked to exit a book about shapes, Moose has other plans. Zebra has to restore order and save the day.

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni.

A chameleon, upset that he does not have a color of his own, is comforted to meet another chameleon who offers to stick around so the two of them will always be the same.

Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert.

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of die-cut shapes that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

The Crayon Counting Book by Pam Muñoz Ryan.

Many-colored crayons group, stack, and rearrange themselves to learn counting by twos for the even numbers, then switching around to learn the odd numbers. A fun and cheerful way to practice counting!

Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti, Jr.

Bright, colorful illustrations by Donald Crews help children practice counting, grouping, and early math concepts, with familiar sights and activities.

Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. *Caldecott Honor Book*

How many kinds of green are there? There's the lush green of a forest on a late spring day, the fresh, juicy green of a just-cut lime, and the vivid aquamarine of a tropical sea.

Have you Seen my Dragon? By Steve Light

A dragon is on the loose in New York City, but rather than inciting terror, he provides an opportunity for a gentle quest and counting game.

Hey, Water by Antoinette Portis.

A young girl explores her surroundings and sees water everywhere. But water doesn't always look the same, it doesn't always feel the same, and it shows up in many different shapes.

If the S in Moose Comes Loose by Peter Herman.

When the S in MOOSE comes loose, Cow must find the missing letters and glue MOOSE back together! Perfect for fans of Michael Hall and Sandra Boynton.

It's an Orange Aardvark by Michael Hall.

A carpenter ant puts on his hard hat and drills a hole in the tree stump to see what fearsome creature waits out there. The ants learn their colors as they peek outside.

Math Fables: Lessons That Count by Greg Tang.

Colorful pictures of happy animal groups help children practice counting and math literacy skills. Also read: **Math Fables Too** for counting and science lessons.

Once Upon an Alphabet by Oliver Jeffers.

Each letter of the alphabet gets its own little story in this picture book that is much more than a simple set of ABCs. *Best Children's Books 2014*.

A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes.

Get ready for the parade of elephants — big and round, up and down, happily showing counting skills and simple verbal concepts for children. Hooray for elephants!

Perfect Square by Michael Hall.

A perfect square that is perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, and crumpled, but finds that with each change it can be something new and happy.

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert.

A mother and child plant flowers of each color of the rainbow in their garden, helping the child to understand how to plant bulbs and seeds, and nurture their growth.

Say Zoop by Herve Tullet.

Make some noise! Shout "OH!" Whisper "oh!" Say "Zoop"? Yes! "Zoop! Zoop! Zoop!" This companion book adds sound to the dots with bursts of color and moving shapes. The dots magically change. Also interact with **Press Here**, **Mix it Up**, and **Let's Play**.

Square by Mac Barnett.

This book is about Square and his friend Circle. Square is trying to make something perfect like Circle is, but it is hard to make something perfect. Sequel to **Triangle**.



SERIES FICTION

*** CHOOSE any BOOK in the SERIES ***

Amelia Bedelia I Can Read Series by Herman Parish.

When Amelia Bedelia makes a sponge cake, she puts in real sponges. When she weeds the garden, she replants the weeds. And when she pitches a tent, she throws it into the woods!

An Andy and Sandy Book Series (*Easy Reader Series*) by Tomie dePaola.

Andy is small. Sandy is tall. Andy is quiet. Sandy is LOUD. But when these two seemingly opposites met on a playground one day, it was just the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Bad Kitty Series by Nick Bruel.

Bad Kitty is bad. But she doesn't mean to be. Whether she is trying to be a good kitty and eat her vegetables or be a quiet kitty and behave at a party, it seems trouble always finds her.

Bink and Gollie Series by Kate DiCamillo.

Whether exploring the state fair, attempting to set a world record, or relaxing with some pancakes and peanut butter, Bink and Gollie are witty, imaginative, and adventurous.

Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

Explore the world with this curious pup! These simple, playful stories are just right for newly independent readers.

A Crabby Book Series by Jonathan Fenske.

Crabby is not a happy crab, in fact Crabby is quite crabby.

The Critter Club Series by Callie Barkley.

In Santa Vista, California, four eight-year-old friends help found and maintain The Critter Club, a rescue shelter set on saving "lost and lonely" animals, in this sweet and silly series.

Elephant & Piggie Series by Mo Willems.

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

Elephant & Piggie like Reading Series! created and co-edited by Mo Willems

The Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series consist of 7 humorous story books.

Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures Series by Jeff Brown.

Since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he is taking over the world, 1 city at a time!

Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold.

Are you ready for a fun, zany story? Buzz and Fly Guy will bring the antics to your day.

Fox the Tiger Series by Corey Tabor.

Fox is a fun-loving and mischievous character in this charming and hilarious series of friendship, adventure—and snacks.

Galaxy Jack Series by Ray O’Ryan.

Planet hop with Zack on his galactic adventures as he makes new friends, explores a newly discovered planet, befriends a space monster, and much more.

Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wanda Coven.

Join Heidi and her friends on their charming adventures as they deal with everyday childhood challenges...with a bit of help from Heidi’s magical *Book of Spells*.

Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant.

Henry and Mudge do everything together. When Mudge gets scared, Henry stays by his side. When Henry gets scared, Mudge licks him! That’s what friends are for!

Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline.

For Horrible Harry, Song Lee, and the rest of their friends in Room 3B every day at school is a chance for fun, mystery, and adventure. And Harry is always at the center of it all!

Judy Moody & Friends Series by Megan McDonald.

Explore more of the genuine-and-for-real world of Judy Moody as beloved characters from the original series enjoy their own escapades in awesomeness.

Katie Woo Series by Fran Manushkin. **Multi**

Katie and her friends deal with hurt feelings and lost animals and navigating the ever-changing social situations at school.

Kingdom of Wrenly Series by Jordan Quinn.

Journey to the magical Kingdom of Wrenly and join Prince Lucas and his best friend Clara on plenty of adventures with this fantastical illustrated chapter book series!

King & Kayla Series by Dori Hillestad Butler. **Multi**

King, a lovable dog, helps Kayla, his human girl, solve mysteries.

Ling & Ting Series by Grace Lin. **Multi**

Ling and Ting are Chinese-American identical twins. They may look alike, but they are not exactly the same. These girls are fun, sweet, and silly.

Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo.

Pig hero. Porcine wonder. Fan of toast with a great deal of butter on it. Mercy Watson’s disarming personality and hilarious hijinks are captivating

Mo Jackson Series by David Adler.

Mo Jackson is a little boy with a big passion for sports. He may not be the biggest, the strongest, or the fastest player, but he won’t let that stop him from playing!

Narwhal and Jelly Series by Ben Clanton.

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties and adventures.

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Sharmat.

Nate takes on the most pressing mysteries in his neighborhood. From finding a lost cat on Halloween, to a missing cookie recipe, no mystery is too big or too small for Nate and Sludge.

Noodleheads Series by Tedd Arnold.

Twin brothers Mac and Mac are Noodleheads—nothing upstairs!—but kids can use their own noodles to see where the brothers' ideas go wrong.

Pedro Series by Fran Manushkin. **Multi**

Join Pedro and his friends as he enjoys adventures at school, on the soccer field, and at home with his sometimes pesky, younger brother Paco!

Pete the Cat Series by James Dean.

Pete the cat has fun learning while moving, grooving, and singing and invites readers to join!

Poppleton Series by Cynthia Rylant

Poppleton who moves from the city to a small town and enjoys humorous adventures with his friends and neighbors.

The Princess in Black Series by Shannon Hale.

Who says princesses don't wear black? Not Princess Magnolia, whose monster-fighting alter ego saves the kingdom from monsters again and again.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot Series by Dav Pilkey.

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector — and saves the city.

Sadiq Series by Siman Nuurali **Multi**

Sadiq lives in a middle class neighborhood in Minnesota with his family, which is Somali, though Sadiq has only been to Africa twice himself. Sadiq faces relatable problems and includes aspects of Somali culture.

Sophia Martinez Series by Jacqueline Jules.

Growing up in a big family, 7-year-old Sofia Martinez is used to fighting for attention. Her outgoing personality, mixed with her confidence and fiery passion gets her that attention—even if it's sometimes mixed with trouble.

Violet Mackerel Series by Anna Branford.

Violet was named after the flower but she is partial to fuchsias. Violet's mother is learning French, her father is absent, and her brother and sister have all the requisite problems and delights that older siblings bring.

Yasmin Series by Saadia Faruqi. **Multi**

Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems. Taking inspiration from her surroundings and her big imagination, she boldly faces any situation- assuming her imagination doesn't get too big!

Young Cam Jansen Series by David Adler.

Cam Jansen can find a mystery everywhere she goes. With her amazing memory can Cam Jansen put the clues together to solve the mystery?



Share a book with your child!

Children benefit from listening to stories even if they are reading on their own. It helps to develop their vocabulary and they get to explore new worlds with you!

Independent readers looking for more challenging books can enjoy them on their own.

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Catling.

A boy gets a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures Series by Josh Greenhut.

Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he has the ability to travel by mail. Now, he's off on a global tour with geography-themed adventures to different countries.

Invisible Inkling by Emily Jenkins

When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

Lulu and the Dog from the Sea (Series) by Hilary McKay. **Multi**

Seven-year-old Lulu and her cousin think their vacation house is the most perfect place ever until they find a trouble-prone, stray dog living on the beach. Read the series.

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne.

The Magic Tree House books are perfect to read aloud. With a blend of time-travel magic, adventure, history, science, and danger... there is something for everyone!

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater. *Newbery Honor Book.*

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but soon, there are twelve!

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett.

A boy is determined to rescue a baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river. Also read **Elmer and the Dragon** and **The Dragons of Blueland**.

My Life in Pictures (Bea Garcia Series) by Deborah Zemke. **Multi**

When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends. Readers who like doodling will relate to the way Bea creates art everywhere she goes.

Ranger in Time Series by Kate Messner.

Ranger, a golden retriever, has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't pass the test because he always gets distracted by squirrels. He finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to different time periods in each book to save the day.



Nonfiction

Visit your local public library to explore more nonfiction!

Can an Aardvark Bark? by Melissa Stewart.

Can an aardvark bark? No, but it can grunt. Barks, grunts, squeals — animals make all kinds of sounds to communicate and express themselves.

Day and Night by Shira Evans.

What causes day and night? What happens to plants and animals during these different times? These questions are answered in this simple and interactive book intended for beginning readers to enjoy with an adult. *Read any title in the series: Level 1-3.*

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World by Steve Jenkins.

A look at many different animals' eyes and their fascinating uses. *Best Children's Books.*

Fact vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex.

A group of robots teach kids about the differences between facts and opinions. Most importantly, it explains the importance of respecting the opinions of others.

Fly Guy Presents: Firefighters (Series) by Tedd Arnold.

Buzz and Fly Guy visit the firehouse, where they learn facts about firefighters, fire trucks, and fire safety. Read the series: Castles, Dinosaurs, Insects, Sharks, Snakes, Space, and The White House. Fun Facts!

Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail by Jennifer Thermes

In rural Ohio, Emma managed a household of eleven kids alongside a less-than-supportive husband. One day, she decided to go for a nice long walk...

Gravity by Jason Chin.

What keeps objects from floating? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? What would happen without gravity?

If You Were a Kid Docking at the International Space Station by Josh Gregory

Find out how people travel to and from the space station, what life is like for astronauts in space, why space exploration is important, and much more. *Read any title in the series.*

Jet Plane: How It Works (How It Works Series) by David Macaulay.

Facts about how a jet plane works and what makes it fly. From the engine and wings to the cockpit controls and passenger cabin, see what makes them stay in the air.

Let's Read-and-Find-Out: Down Comes the Rain (Series).

After rain, the sun comes out and dries the puddles. But the water isn't gone. Soon the rain will fall again. Read on to find out all the ups and downpours of the water cycle!

Magic School Bus: Ocean Adventure (Series) by Mary Kay Carson.

This is a great introduction to the Magic School Bus for early readers. Ms. Frizzle's class will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about the deep sea.

My First Coding Book by Kiki Prottsman.

Playful, hands-on introduction to offline coding and programming. Filled with puzzles, mazes, and games to teach the basic concepts of sequences, algorithms, and debugging, this book will help develop critical thinking, logic, and other skills.

National Geographic Kids Chapter Series.

True stories packed with humorous tales and weird-but-true facts for young animal lovers who are ready for short chapters and true stories.

Super Simple Aircraft Projects: inspiring & educational science activities by Alex Kuskowski. Briefly explores the history of aviation and how the Wright brothers invented the airplane; with six related science projects.

This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World by

Matt Lamothe. **Multi** One day in the lives of 7 kids around the world- Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia.

Things That Float and Things That Don't by David Adler.

It can be surprising which objects float and which don't. An apple floats, but a ball of aluminum foil does not. But if that same ball of foil is shaped into a boat, it floats! Why?

What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet by Jess French.

Where does our trash go? Did you know there's a mass of garbage twice as big as Texas floating in the Pacific Ocean? Readers learn what we all can do to help the environment.

What Can a Citizen Do? by Dave Eggers.

What in the world can a citizen do? Even very young citizens can help a neighbor, join a cause, plant a tree, help right a wrong — because being a citizen is what you do.

What Do You Do With a Chance? by Kobi Yamada.

What do you do with a chance that might seem too big or just out of reach? With a little bravery and a "yes" to new experiences, a child can make a new friend, enjoy an exciting opportunity, and make a daring discovery. Also read **What Do You Do With an Idea?** and **What Do You Do With a Problem?** for inspiration to tackle new opportunities.

When You Are Brave by Pat Zietlow Miller.

When a girl looks inside herself and finds her courage, she remembers the times she has been brave before, and realizes she can be brave and optimistic again.

Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game by Steve Jenkins.

Readers are given clues about an animal's characteristics and must use them to guess the identity of the creatures revealed when they turn the page.

Wild Life LOL! Series

Wild Life LOL! introduces young readers to some of the most amazing animals on the planet in a surprising and laugh-out-loud-funny way.

Read any titles in the "Step into Reading" Series and "I Can Read" Series.



Picture Book Biographies

Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome. *Coretta Scott King Honor Book*. Harriet Tubman was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led people to freedom. As Minty she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken.

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales *Pura Belpre Award*. **Multi**
She dreamed of her baby, and he appeared, full of “resplendent life.” She dreamed of a new life, and discovered a new land and a surprising place to read her dreams into reality.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly. **Multi** Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good! These four African American women mathematicians helped NASA put the first astronauts in space.

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles by Patricia Valdez
A fascinating picture book biography of a smart and determined female scientist who loved reptiles--and wasn't afraid to break boundaries and follow her passion.

Look Up with Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson A Life Among the Stars by Jennifer Berne, **Multi**
Dr. Tyson's interest in astrophysics began when he was a boy saving money for a telescope so he could explore the cosmos. He grew up to become a renowned astrophysicist who encourages everyone to follow their sense of wonder and “look up.”

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai. **Multi**
As a child in Pakistan, Malala wished for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy. But as she grew older, she saw more important things to wish for and fix in the world.

Margaret and the Moon by Dean Robbins. **Multi**
Margaret Hamilton loved numbers as a young girl. She loved algebra, geometry and calculus and using math to solve problems. A true story of one of the women of NASA.

Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson. **Multi**
A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman and first environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize for her work planting trees in Kenya.

Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity by Sarah Suzuki. **Multi**
Yayoi dreamed of becoming an artist when she was growing up in Japan, imagining the world around her as clusters and arrays of dots. “Polka dots are a way to infinity,” says the now-famous artist who shows her work all over the world.



Poetry

Animal Ark by Kwame Alexander **Multi**

A howling wolf, a playful panda, a dancing bird--a pairing of stunning photos and delicate poetry, this lush book celebrates the beauty, diversity, and fragility of the animal world.

Beastly Verse by Joohee Yoon.

Sixteen animal verses transport the reader into a world of tigers, hummingbirds, owls, elephants, pelicans, yaks, snails, and telephones through verse, rhyme, and images.

Blue Sky White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus.

Each page spread features descriptive phrases paired with illustrations that depict all types of Americans who enjoy the freedoms that the flag represents.

Bookjoy, Wordjoy by Pat Mora. **Multi**

Reading favorite books in the library, celebrating holidays, writing poems, singing a duet — words and books can bring us joy and inspire creative wordplay.

Cat Talk by Patricia MacLachlan.

In this collection of children's poems, different cats describe themselves and their opinions about other animals and their human friends. Great read-aloud.

Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs by Carol Murray.

Poetry about cool insects with surprising facts about bugs of all kinds.

DogKu by Andrew Clements

Tells a story through haiku about a dog named Mooch and the many things it does, such as riding in a car, barking at the neighbors, and chewing on dirty socks.

Friends and Foes: Poems About Us All by Douglas Florian.

There are all kinds of friends, and poet Douglas Florian offers an honest, touching, and humorous collection of poems about relationships, both good and bad, happy and silly.

Imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera. **Multi**

If a young boy finds a new home far away, learns a new language and uses it to create poems, stories, and songs, and becomes a renowned poet...*imagine what you could do.*

My Dog May Be a Genius by Jack Prelutsky.

Poems that will have tongues twisting, imaginations soaring, and sides aching with laughter.

Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman.

Short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for children and adults to read together. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** series.



Fairy Tales and Folktales

After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall and Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened after falling off the wall? He is afraid of climbing up again, but won't let fear stop him.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf by B. G. Hennessy.

A boy tending sheep on a mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running — until one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.

Cendrillon by Robert D. San Souci. **Multi**

A Creole variant of the familiar Cinderella tale set in the Caribbean and narrated by the godmother who helps Cendrillon find true love.

Leola and the Honeybears by Melodye Benson Rosales. **Multi**

A classic fairy tale with an African American twist about a headstrong little girl, a deep, dark forest, and three honeybears. Do you know this fairy tale?

Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India by Gerald McDermott. **Multi**

Monkey is hungry for the mangoes on the island in the river, but he can't swim! Crocodile wants to feast on Monkey and Monkey must outsmart him.

Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zelinsky.

A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.

The Sun Girl and the Moon Boy by Yangsook Choi **Multi**

A hungry Tiger tries to trick a brother and sister into opening their door by pretending to be their absent mother.

The Three Pigs by David Wiesner. *Caldecott Medal Winner.*

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Three Billy Goats Gruff by Jerry Pinkney.

Three billy goats must outwit the big, ugly troll that lives under the bridge they have to cross on their way up the mountain.

Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel. **Multi**

When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese decided to give all their children short names.

The Ugly Duckling by Jerry Pinkney.

Hans Christian Andersen tale retold. A duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

