

## GPS Summer Reading 2022 Grades PreK-5

Dear Parents,

Our team of GPS Elementary Library Media Specialists are THRILLED to share with you some of our favorite children's literature for your summer reading pleasure.

Each teacher librarian has selected a very special picture book and a chapter book for you to enjoy with your child. We also generated a list of "must read" non-fiction books that you can incorporate into a healthy-diet of reading for pleasure during the summer months.

The [New York Times](#) has suggested that picture books are "one of the literary world's greatest pleasures," an opinion that resonated with all of us. In that spirit, we recommend that readers of all ages indulge and get lost in the storylines of our picture book recommendations. You may want to ask your child to read the picture books independently or plan to read together.

For our chapter book and nonfiction book recommendations, we have enclosed titles under the suggested grade-level bands. In addition, for independent readers we included suggested titles that you might want to pick up at Greenwich Public Library or your favorite bookstore.

Finally, we generated a list of resources that will bring you to curated book lists by reputable organizations from which you can choose.

As a reminder: Both Greenwich Library (including Cos Cob Library and Byram Shubert Library) and Perrot Library are celebrating Summer Reading. Explore [Greenwich Library Summer Reading](#) and Perrot Library Summer Reading (<https://www.perrotlibrary.org/summerreading.html>) to see what they have planned. Greenwich Library cards are free and can be obtained by submitting the [online form](#).

Please contact your school's Library Media Specialist for any specific questions or for further guidance.

Happy Reading,

GPS Elementary Teacher Librarians

*"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature.  
If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world,  
I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."  
- Maya Angelou*

## Teacher-Librarians' Choice

| Your Favorite Teacher-Librarians | Favorite Picture Books Grades PreK to 5   | Favorite Middle Grade Novels Grades 3-5                                   | Favorite NonFiction Book Grades K-5  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Ms. Amster<br>New Lebanon        | <i>Doll-E</i><br>Written & Illustrated<br>by Shanda McCloskey   | Refugee<br>by Alan Gratz<br>Grade 5+                                      | <i>Balloons Over Broadway</i><br>Written & Illustrated by<br>Melissa Sweet   |
| Ms. Attanasio<br>Parkway         | <i>The Rabbit Listened</i><br>Written & Illustrated by<br>Cori Doerfeld   | <i>City of Ember</i><br>By Jeanne DuPrau                                  | <i>The Truth About Hippos</i><br>by Maxwell Eaton  |
| Mrs. Bernann<br>North Street     | <i>The Oldest Student<br/>How Mary Walker Learned to<br/>Read</i><br>by Rita Lorraine Hubbard<br>Illustrated by Oge Mora              | <i>The One and Only Ivan</i><br>by Katherine Applegate                    | <i>What Do You Do With a Tail Like<br/>This?</i><br>by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  |
| Mrs. Browning<br>Riverside       | <i>You are My Friend</i><br>by Aimee Reid<br>illustrated by Matt Phelan   | <i>The Tale of Despereaux</i><br>by Kate DiCamillo                        | <i>High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs</i><br>by Lisa Kahn Schnell,<br>illustrated by Alan Marks   |
| Mrs. Carlin<br>Glenville         | <i>Finding Winnie: The True<br/>Story of the World's Most<br/>Famous Bear</i><br>By Lindsay Mattick<br>Illustrated by Sophie Blackall | <i>Planet Earth is Blue</i><br>By NicolePanteleakos<br>Grade 4+           | <i>The Crayon Man</i><br>By Natascha Biebow<br>Illustrated by Steven Salerno   |
| Ms. Coupe<br>North Mianus        | <i>The Me I Choose to Be</i><br>By Natasha Anastasia<br>Tarpley   | <i>A Duet For Home</i><br>By Karina Yan Glaser                            | <i>The World's Most Pointless Animals</i><br>by Philip Bunting   |
| Mr. Lane<br>Hamilton Avenue      | <i>Hair Love</i><br>by Matthey A. Cherry<br>illustrated by Vashti Harrison  | <i>Roller Girl</i><br>by Victoria Jamieson<br>(Graphic Novel)<br>Grade 4+ | <i>Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia<br/>Mendez and Her Family's Fight for<br/>Desegregation</i><br>by Duncan Tonatuih                         |
| Mrs. Madoff<br>ISD               | <i>Sulwe</i><br>by Lupita Nyong'o<br>Illustrated by Vashti Harrison   | <i>Pie</i><br>By Sarah Weeks  | <i>Dancing Hands: How Teresa<br/>Carreño Played the Piano for<br/>President Lincoln</i><br>By Margarita Engle<br>Illustrated by Rafael Lopez |
| Mrs. Murray<br>Julian Curtiss    | <i>Bird Hugs</i><br>by Ged Adamson  | <i>Red, White, and Whole</i><br>Rajani LaRocca<br>Grade 5+                | <i>Little KID, BIG City!</i><br><i>New York City or London</i><br>By Beth Bechman<br>Illustrated by Holley Maher                             |
| Mrs. Schwartz<br>Cos Cob         | <i>Mother Bruce</i><br>by Ryan T. Higgins   | <i>Linked</i><br>by Gordon Korman<br>Grade 5+                             | <i>Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis<br/>Mellifera</i><br>by Candace Fleming   |
| Mrs. Tocabens<br>Old Greenwich   | <i>Not Quite Narwhal</i><br>by Jessie Sima  | <i>The Ice Cream Machine</i><br>by Adam Rubin                             | <i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life<br/>with the Chimps</i><br>by Jeanette Winter  |

## Favorite Picks for Independent Readers

| Grades K/1  | Grades 2/3   | Grades 4/5   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Yasmin</i> series by Saadia Faruqi</li> <li>● <i>Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us</i> by Lauren Castillo</li> <li>● <i>Mercy Watson (series)</i> by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>● <i>The Chicken Squad (series)</i> Doreen Cronin</li> <li>● <i>Together We Ride</i> by Valerie Bolling</li> <li>● <i>Arnold and Louise Series</i> Erica S. Perl</li> <li>● <i>Happy Go Ducky</i> by Jacque Urbanovic</li> <li>● <i>Click Clack (Ready- to-Read series)</i> by Doreen Cronin</li> <li>● <i>Fox and Chick (series)</i> by Sergio Ruzzier</li> <li>● <i>Rabbit &amp; Robot and Ribbit (Candlewick Sparks series)</i> by Cece Bell</li> <li>● <i>A Jack Book (series)</i> by Mac Barnett and Illus. By Greg Pizzolli</li> <li>● <i>King and Kayla (series)</i> by Dori Hillestad Butler</li> <li>● <i>See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog</i>, written by David LaRochelle, illust. by Mike Wohnoutka</li> <li>● <i>The Bear in My Family</i> by Maya Tatsukawa</li> <li>● <i>Starla Jean: Which Came First: The Chicken or the Friendship</i> by Elana K. Arnold</li> <li>● <i>I Wish I was a Lion (Ranger Rick I can Read series)</i> by Sandra Markle</li> <li>● <i>This is My Fort (A Monkey and Cake book)</i> by Drew Daywalt</li> <li>● <i>Marley Not a Peep! (series based John Grogan book)</i></li> <li>● <i>Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug</i> by Jonathan Stutzman</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>A Boy Called Bat (series)</i> by Elana K. Arnold</li> <li>● <i>Mac B. Spy Kid (series)</i> by Mac Barnett</li> <li>● <i>Jasmine Toguchi (series)</i> by Debbie Micihiko Florence</li> <li>● <i>Owl Diaries (series)</i> by Rebecca Elliott</li> <li>● <i>Questioners (series)</i> by Andrea Beatty</li> <li>● <i>Stella Endicott and the Anything-is-Possible Poem (Tales of Deckawoo Drive series)</i> by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>● <i>You Should Meet (series)</i> by Laurie Calkhoven</li> <li>● <i>Zoey Sassafras (series)</i> by Asia Citro pictures by Marion Lindsay</li> <li>● <i>Ranger in Time (series)</i> by Kate Messner</li> <li>● <i>Stella Diaz Has Something to Say (series)</i> by Angela Dominguez</li> <li>● <i>Dory Fantasmagory (series)</i> by Abby Hanlon</li> <li>● <i>Fenway and Hattie (series)</i> by Victoria Coe</li> <li>● <i>Knights vs. Dinosaurs (series)</i> by Matt Phelan</li> <li>● <i>Alvin Ho (series)</i> by Lenore Look and illus. By LeUyen Pham</li> <li>● <i>Ellray Jake (series)</i> by Sally Warner and illus. by Jamie Harper</li> <li>● <i>Caveboy Dave (series)</i> by Aaron Reynolds and Phil McAndrew</li> <li>● <i>The Princess in Black (series)</i> by Shannon Hale</li> <li>● <i>Sadiq (series)</i> by Siman Nuurali</li> <li>● <i>Dragon Masters (series)</i> by Tracey West</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Front Desk</i> by Kelly Yang</li> <li>● <i>Saving Winslow</i> by Sharon Creech</li> <li>● <i>The Wild Robot (series)</i> by Peter Brown</li> <li>● <i>The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)</i> by Karina Yan Glaser</li> <li>● <i>New Kid (series)</i> by Jerry Craft</li> <li>● <i>I Survived series</i> by Lauren Tarshis</li> <li>● <i>Show Me a Sign</i> by Ann Clare LeZotte</li> <li>● <i>The Great Treehouse War</i> by Lisa Graff</li> <li>● <i>Dog Squad</i> by Chris Grabenstein</li> <li>● <i>The Miraculous</i> by Jess Redman</li> <li>● <i>El Deafo</i> by Cece Bell</li> <li>● <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> by Tae Keller</li> <li>● <i>Houdini and Me</i> by Dan Gutman</li> <li>● <i>Tapper Twins (series)</i> by Geoff Rodkey</li> <li>● <i>Me, Frida, and the Secret Peacock Ring</i> by Angela Cervantes</li> <li>● <i>Treehouse (series)</i> by Andy Griffiths</li> <li>● <i>Crenshaw</i> by Katherine Applegate</li> <li>● <i>Malamander</i> by Thomas Taylor</li> <li>● <i>Raymie Nightingale</i> by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>● <i>The One Thing You'd Save</i> by Linda Sue Park</li> <li>● <i>Junonia</i> by Kevin Henkes</li> <li>● <i>Mr. Lemoncello (series)</i> by Chris Grabenstein</li> <li>● <i>Under the Egg</i> by Laura Marx Fitzgerald</li> </ul> |

## Curated Book Lists by Reputable Organizations

- [Perrot Library PK-grade 5 Book Recommendations](#)
- Caldecott Award ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- Newbery Award([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- The Pura Belpré Award ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- Coretta Scott King Award ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Winners Selected ([description and winners](#))
- [Children's Book Council](#)
- [ALA Notable Books](#)
- [Bank Street College Best Books of 2022 for 5-9 year olds.](#)
- [Charter Oak Children's Book Award 2021-2022](#)
- [Past Nominees of the COCBA](#)
- [Nutmeg Award Nominees 2023](#)
- [Reading Rockets](#)
- [Horn Book Fanfare Best Books of 2020](#)
- [Find Your Reader Personality](#)