

## GPS Summer Reading 2023 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. For our incoming Grade-5 students, we have added the 2023-2024 Battle of the Books selection.

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](#) 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 New Lebanon	<i>Smart Cookie</i> By John Jory	<i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i> By Leslie Connor	<i>When Stars are Scattered</i> By Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson
Ms. Attanasio Parkway	<i>Noah and His Wagon</i> By Jerry Ruff	<i>Raising Lumie</i> By Joan Bauer	<i>Animal Toolkit</i> By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
Mrs. Bernann North Street	<i>After The Fall - How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again</i> By Dan Santat	<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> By Kate DiCamillo	<i>One Plastic Bag- Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia</i> By Miranda Paul
Mrs. Browning Riverside	<i>Thundercake</i> by Patricia Polacco	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i> by Kate DiCamillo	<i>High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs</i> by Lisa Kahn Schnell, illustrated by Alan Marks
Mrs. Carlin Glenville	<i>Agatha May and the Anglerfish</i> By Nora Morrison & Jessie Ann Foley Illustrated by Mika Song	<i>The Elephant in the Room</i> By Holly Goldberg Sloan	<i>The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game</i> By Nancy Churnin Pictures by Jez Tuya
Ms. Coupe North Mianus	<i>All the World</i> by Marla Frazee	<i>The Vanderbeekers (series)</i> by Karina Yan Glaser	<i>In the Belly of an Ox - The Unexpected Photographic Adventures of Richard and Cherry Kearton</i> by Rebecca Bond
Mr. Lane Hamilton Avenue	<i>Octopus Stew</i> By Eric Valesquez	<i>Finding Langston</i> By Lesa Cline-Ransome	<i>You've Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!</i> By Jonah Winter & André Carrilho
Mrs. Madoff ISD	<i>Poo-Dunit?: A Forest Floor Mystery</i> By Katelyn Aronson Illustrated by Stephanie Laberis	<i>Saving Winslow</i> By Sharon Creech	<i>The World is Not a Rectangle: a Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid</i>  By Jeanette Winter
Mrs. Murray Julian Curtiss	<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> By Mac Barnett Illustrated By Jon Klassen	<i>The Area 51 Files</i> By Julie Bauxbaum	<i>Ablaze With Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas</i> By Jeanne Walker Harvey Illustrate by Love Is Wise
Mrs. Shwartz Cos Cob	<i>Snail Crossing</i> By Corey R. Tabor	<i>Two Degrees</i> By Alan Gatz	<i>Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion</i> By Shannon Stocker
Mrs. Tocabens Old Greenwich	<i>Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty?</i> By David Levinthal Illustrated by Jon Nickle	<i>The Human Kaboom</i> By Adam Rubin	<i>Save the...Blue Whales</i> By Christine Taylor-Butler

## Favorite Picks for Independent Readers

Grades K/1	Grades 2/3	Grades 4/5
<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</i> (series) by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>● <i>The Chicken Squad</i> (series) 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</i> (Ready- to-Read series) by Doreen Cronin</li> <li>● <i>Fox and Chick</i> (series) by Sergio Ruzzier</li> <li>● <i>Rabbit &amp; Robot and Ribbit</i> (Candlewick Sparks series) by Cece Bell</li> <li>● <i>A Jack Book</i> (series) by Mac Barnett and Illus. By Greg Pizzolli</li> <li>● <i>King and Kayla</i> (series) 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</i> (Ranger Rick I can Read series) by Sandra Markle</li> <li>● <i>This is My Fort</i> (A Monkey and Cake book) by Drew Daywalt</li> <li>● <i>Marley Not a Peep!</i> (series based John Grogan book)</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</i> (series) by Elana K. Arnold</li> <li>● <i>Mac B. Spy Kid</i> (series) by Mac Barnett</li> <li>● <i>Jasmine Toguchi</i> (series) by Debbie Micihiko Florence</li> <li>● <i>Owl Diaries</i> (series) by Rebecca Elliott</li> <li>● <i>Questioners</i> (series) by Andrea Beatty</li> <li>● <i>Stella Endicott and the Anything-is-Possible Poem</i> (<i>Tales of Deckawoo Drive</i> series) by Kate DiCamillo</li> <li>● <i>You Should Meet</i> (series) by Laurie Calkhoven</li> <li>● <i>Zoey Sassafras</i> (series) by Asia Citro pictures by Marion Lindsay</li> <li>● <i>Ranger in Time</i> (series) by Kate Messner</li> <li>● <i>Stella Diaz Has Something to Say</i> (series) by Angela Dominguez</li> <li>● <i>Dory Fantasmagory</i> (series) by Abby Hanlon</li> <li>● <i>Fenway and Hattie</i> (series) by Victoria J. Coe</li> <li>● <i>Knights vs. Dinosaurs</i> (series) by Matt Phelan</li> <li>● <i>Alvin Ho</i> (series) by Lenore Look and illus. By LeUyen Pham</li> <li>● <i>Ellray Jake</i> (series) by Sally Warner and illus. by Jamie Harper</li> <li>● <i>Caveboy Dave</i> (series) by Aaron Reynolds and Phil McAndrew</li> <li>● <i>The Princess in Black</i> (series) by Shannon Hale</li> <li>● <i>Sadiq</i> (series) by Siman Nuurali</li> <li>● <i>Dragon Masters</i> (series) 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</i> (series) by Peter Brown</li> <li>● <i>The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street</i> (series) by Karina Yan Glaser</li> <li>● <i>New Kid</i> (series) by Jerry Craft</li> <li>● <i>I Survived</i> series 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</i> (series) by Geoff Rodkey</li> <li>● <i>Me, Frida, and the Secret Peacock Ring</i> by Angela Cervantes</li> <li>● <i>Treehouse</i> (series) by Andy Griffiths</li> <li>● <i>Crenshaw</i> by Katherine Applegate</li> <li>● <i>The Canyon's Edge</i> by Dusti Bowling</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</i> (series) by Chris Grabenstein</li> <li>● <i>Under the Egg</i> by Laura Marx Fitzgerald</li> </ul>

## 2023-2024 Incoming Grade 5 Battle of the Books Selections

### 2023-2024 Battle of the Books Selections

The Accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat

Odder by Katherine Applegate

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Unplugged by Gordon Korman

You Are Here: Connecting Flights by Ellen Oh

## Curated Book Lists by Reputable Organizations

- [Perrot Library PK-grade 5 Book Recommendations](#)
- [Greenwich Public Library Children's Resources](#)
- Caldecott Award ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- Newbery Award ([description](#), [medal winners and honor books](#))
- The Pura Belpré Award ([description](#), [award 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 2023 for 5-9 year olds.](#)
- [Charter Oak Children's Book Award past nominees](#)
- [Nutmeg Award Nominees 2024](#)
- [Reading Rockets](#)
- [Horn Book Fanfare Best Books of 2022](#)
- [Find Your Reader Personality](#)