

Pace Academy Lower School, Soni Family Library
Pre-First and First Grade Recommended Books Summer 2024

Picture Books – Biographies / Nonfiction

Amini, Ariana Shaheen. *Baba's Gift: A Persian Father's Love of Family*

Arato, Rona. *Nothing Could Stop Her: The Courageous Life of Ruth Gruber*

Barnett, Mac. *Twenty Questions*

Ben-Barak, Idan. *We Go Way Back: A Book about Life on Earth and How It All Began*

Bolden, Tonya. *Rock, Rosetta, Rock! Rosetta, Roll! Presenting Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the Godmother of Rock and Roll*

Boxer, Elisa. *Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust*

Bowles, David. *Ancient Night*

Bunten, Alexis. *What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me: Deb Haaland's Historic Inauguration*

Bunting, Philip. *The Gentle Genius of Trees*

Buzzeo, Toni. *Eat Your Super Powers!: How Colorful Food Keeps You Healthy and Strong*

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *The Story of the Saxophone*

Cox, Lynne. *Yoshi, Sea Turtle Genius: A True Story about an Amazing Swimmer*

Earle, Shannon. *The Penguin of Ilha Grande: From Animal Rescue to Extraordinary Friendship*

Esbaum, Jill. *Jack Knight's Brave Flight*

Dadie, Debbie. *Never Give Up: Dr. Kati Karikó and the Race for Future Vaccines*

Dalton, Angela. *To Boldly Go: How Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek Helped Advance Civil Rights*

Davies, Nicola. *Emperor of the Ice: How a Changing Climate Affects a Penguin Colony*

Day, Nicholas. *The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity*

Drummond, Allan. *Zero Waste: How One Community Is Leading a World Recycling Revolution*

Flack, Roberta. *The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music*

Fogelson, Marni. *The Girl Who Heard the Music: How One Pianist and 85,000 Bottles and Cans Brought New Hope to an Island*

Frasier, Carolyn Bennett. *Moontree: The Story of One Extraordinary Tree*

Hirsch, Rebecca E. *Rise to the Sky: How the World's Tallest Tree Grows Up*

Kerley, Barbara. *Footsteps on the Map*

Kimura, Yukie. *Yukie's Island: My Family's World War II Story*

Kunkel, Angela Burke. *Make Way: The Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schön, and Some Very Famous Ducklings*

Lanan, Jessica. *Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider*

Lang, Heather. *Supermoms*

Lavelle, Kari. *Butt or Face?*

Larson, Kirsten W. *The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of*

Lower, Jan. *The Brilliant Calculator*

McCloskey, Kevin. *What Will I Get When I Get to Be Me*

Montgomery, Sy. *The Book of Turtles*

Murray, Lily. *How Old Is a Whale? Animal Life Spans from the Mayfly to the Immortal Jellyfish*

Neri, G. *Christo and Jeanne-Claude Wrap the World: The Story of Two Groundbreaking Environmental Artists*

Noel, Melvina. *Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking, Edna Lewis*

Olafsdottir, Linda. *I Dare! I Can! I Will! The Day Icelandic Women Walked Out and Inspired the World*

Park, Jane. *Hidden Creature Features*

Pinkney Barlow, Charnelle. *Little Rosetta and the Talking Guitar: The Musical Story of Rosetta Tharpe, the Woman Who Invented Rock and Roll*

Pinkney, Jerry. *Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life*

Raczka, Bob. *You Are a Story*

Rex, Adam. *Oh, No! The Aunts Are Here*

Romito, Dee. *The Last Plastic Straw: A Plastic Problem and Finding Ways to Fix It*

Roth, David. *LOL 101: A Kid's Guide to Writing Jokes*

Roy, Katherine. *Making More: How Life Begins*

Salas, Laura Purdie. *Finding Family: The Duckling Raised by Loons*

Salazar, Aida. *Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter*

Sayler, Hannah. *Ancestry: The Mystery of and Majesty of Ancient Cave Art*

Schechter, Robert. *The Red Ear Blows Its Nose: Poems: Poems for Children and Others*

Sorrell, Traci. *Contenders: Two Native Players, One World Series*

Stelson, Caren. *Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*

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Stewart, Melissa. *Thank You Moon: Celebrating Nature's Nightlight*

Stewart, Melissa. *Whale Fall: Exploring an Ocean-Floor Ecosystem*

Stockdale, Susan. *Line Up! Animals in Remarkable Rows*

Thermes, Jennifer. *The Indestructible Tom Crean*

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Game of Freedom: Mestre Bimba and the Art of Capoeira*

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *All Rise: The Story of Kentanji Brown Jackson*

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *How Do You Spell Unfair? MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee*

Wallace, Sandra Neil. *Love Is Loud: How Diane Nash Led the Civil Rights Movement*

Winters, C. E. *Cut! How Lotte Reiniger and a Pair of Scissors Revolutionized Animation*

Woelfle, Gretchen. *A Take Charge Girl Blazes a Trail to Congress: The Story of Jeanette Rankin*

Early Chapter Books

Angleberger, Tom. *DJ Funkyfoot: Butler for Hire (series)*

Auxier, Jonathan. *The Fabled Stables: Willa the Wisp (series)*

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean Get to Work! (series)*

Beaty, Andrea. *The Questioners: Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants (series)*

Castillo, Lauren. *Our Friend Hedgehog*

Chabert, Jack. *Eerie Elementary: The School Is Alive! (series)*

Citro, Asia. *Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows (series)*

Curran, -Bauer, Christee. *The Case of the Missing Tarts (Pigeon Private Detectives Book 1)*

DiCamillo, Kate. *Franklin Endicott and the Third Key:*

DiCamillo, Kate. *Tales from Deckawoo Drive: Stella Endicott and the Anything Is Possible Poem*

Greene, Stephanie. *Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade (series)*

Grimes, Nikki. *Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel (series)*

Hale, Shannon. *Princess in Black*

Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory*

Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey*

Kuipers, Alice. *Polly Diamond and the Magic Spell (series)*

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones: Rock Star*

Muncaster, Harriet. *Isadora Moon Goes to School (series)*

Myracle, Lauren. *Life of Ty: Penguin Problems (series)*

Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine (series)*

Peschke, Marci. *Kylie Jean Soccer Queen (series)*

Rissi, Anica Mrose. *Anna Banana and the Friendship Split (series)*

Sternberg, Julie. *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (series)*

Warner, Sally. *Ellray Jakes Is Not a Chicken (series)*

West, Kara. *Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero! (series)*

Early Readers

Adler, David. *Don't Throw It to Mo! (series)*

Bailey, Jenn. *Henry Like Always*

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover (series)*

Chaconas, Dori. *Cork & Fuzz: Finders Keepers (series)*

Danziger, Paula. *It's a Fair Day, Amber Brown (series)*

Davies, Jacqueline. *Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World*

Daywalt, Drew. *Monkey and Cake: What Is Inside THIS Box? (series)*

DiCamillo, Kate. *Bink & Gollie (series)*

Faruqi, Saadia. *Yasmin the Builder (series)*

Fenske, Jonathan. *A Pig, a Fox, and a Box (series)*

Gehl, Laura. *Cat Sees Snow*

Gutman, Dan. *My Weird School Goes to the Museum (series)*

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Marble (series)*

Hillestad, Dori. *King and Kayla and the Case of the Unhappy Neighbor (series)*

Hills, Tad. *Drop It, Rocket! (series)*

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. *Zelda and Ivy (series)*

How, James. *Houndsley and Catina (series)*

Lerner, Jarrett. *Nat the Cat Takes a Nap*

Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same (series)*

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends (series)*

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Ty's Travels (series)*

Manushkin, Fran. *Katie Woo: Who Needs Glasses? (series)*

McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day (series)*

Messner, Kate. *Fergus and Zeke (series)*

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Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea* (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *The High Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Missing Monkey* (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton* (series)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter & Tabby Smell the Roses* (series)

Snyder, Lauren. *Charlie and Mouse* (series)

Thomas, Jan. *A Birthday for Cow*

Picture Books – Fiction

Acevedo, Linda J. *Breaking the Beat*

Agee, Jon. *My Dad Is a Tree*

Aguilera, Claudio. *9 Kilometers*

Allegra, Mike. *Pirate & Penguin*

Allen, Savannah. *The Nature Journal*

Armand, Glenda. *All Aboard the School Train*

Asterplume, Z.B. *Sometimes a Tiger*

Bailey, Linda. *Cinderella-With Dogs!*

Balkan, Gabrielle. *What a Map Can Do*

Barnes, Derrick. *Like Lava in My Veins*

Beatrice, Jenna. *The Loud Librarian*

Becker, Aaron. *The Tree and the River*

Berger, Caren. *In the Night Garden*

Blair, Landis. *The Night Tent*

Bontiagao, Lynnor. *Sari-Sari Summers*

Boyd, Marie. *Just a Worm*

Brown, Lisa. *The Hospital Book*

Brun-Cosme, Nadine. *Rabbit, Duck, and Big Bear*

Bui, Hanh. *The Yellow Áo Dài*

Bunting, Philip. *Wombat*

Buzzeo, Toni. *Pa, Me, and Our Sidewalk Pantry*

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *The Library Worm Learns to Read*

Carzoo, Breanna. *Greenlight*

Cáceres, Andrea. *My Dog Just Speaks Spanish*

Cordell, Matthew. *Evergreen*

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Carina Felina*

Demas, Corinne. *Once There Was*

Dipucchio, Kelly. *Becoming Charley*

Doerrfeld, Cori. *Beneath*

Dychman, Ame. *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct*

Evans, Christine. *Dear Mr. G.*

Ferry, Beth. *The Umbrella*

Fisher, Lalena. *Friends Beyond Measure: A Story Told with Infographics*

Fleming, Candace. *Penny & Pip*

Frazee, Marla. *In Every Life*

Freeman-Haskin, Leah. *The Last Two Crayons*

Genhart, Michael. *Spanish Is the Language of My Family*

Grady, Ron. *What Does Brown Mean to You?*

Gravett, Emily. *10 Cats: A Chaotic Colorful Counting Book*

Grime, Nikki. *Walk in the Woods*

Ham, Maple. *Dim Sum, Here We Come!*

Hartman, Brooke. *Watch Out for the Lion!*

Henkes, Kevin. *The World and Everything in It*

Hest, Amy. *Sometimes It's Nice to Be Alone*

Higuera, Donna Barba. *The Yellow Handkerchief*

Higgins, Carter. *Some of These Are Snails*

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Cinderella and a Mouse Called Fred*

Kemp, Laeken Zea. *A Crown for Corina*

Kim, Dan-ah. *The Train Home*

Klassen, Jon. *The Skull*

Krans, Angela Pham. *Finding Papa*

LaRochelle, David. *100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli*

Latimer, Alex. *The Duck Never Blinks*

Lawson, Jonarno. *A Day for Sandcastles*

Lee, Chiquita Mullins. *You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce*

Lindstrom, Carole. *My Powerful Hair*

Lobel, Anit. *Good Morning, Good Night*

Lombardi, Kristine. A. *My Wish for the World*

Medina, Juana. *Elena Rides*

Muth, Jon J. *Stillwater and Koo Save the World*

Misdea, Dan. *The Light Inside*

Obuhanych, Karen. *This Little Kitty*

Otheguys Emma. *Martina Has Too Many Tias*

Pinkney, Brian. *Hey Otter! Hey Beaver!*

Pizzoli, Greg. *Mister Kitty Is Lost!*

Rayner, Jaqueline. *Lost Cat!*

Rogers, Kim. *Just Like Grandma*

Rylant, Cynthia. *Rain*

Salmon, Caspar. *How to Count to One: (And Don't Even Think about Bigger Numbers!)*

Scott, Jordan. *My Baba's Garden*

Scharnhorst, Becky. *How to Get Your Octopus to School*

Siquiera, Ana. *Abuela's Super Capa*

Stead, Philip Christian. *Every Dog in the Neighborhood*

Straub, Emma. *Very Good Hats*

Strickland, Shadra. *Jump In!*

Tabor, Corey R. *Simon and the Better Bone*

Taylor, Kim. *A Flag for Juneteenth*

Tosdevin, Frances. *The Bear and Her Book*

Trejo, Jesús. *Papá's Magical Water-Jug Clock*

Vere, Ed. *The Artist*

Wallmark, Laurie. *Rivka's Presents*

Wilder, Derick. *I Made These Ants Some Underpants*

Wynter, Anne. *Nell Plants a Tree*

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Wong, Jack. *When You Can Swim*
Yoh, Eugenia. *This Is Not My Home*
Yolen, Jane. *The Horseback Librarians*
Yolen, Jane. *What To Do With a Stick*
Zhuang, Qing. *Rainbow Shopping*
Zsako, Balint. *Bunny & Tree*

Georgia Book Award Nominees

Arnaldo, Monica. *Mr. S*
Barnett, Mac. *John's Turn*
Barrows, Annie. *Like*
Beckmeyer, Drew. *I Am a Tornado*
Blackall, Sophie. *Farmhouse*
Brew-Hammond, Nana Ekua. *Blue*
Browne, Meghan P. *The Bees of Notre Dame*
Cooper, Kelly. *Midnight and Moon*
Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Wombat Said Come In*
Falconer, Ian. *Two Dogs*
Faruqi, Reem. *Miloo's Mind*
Gorman, Amanda. *Something, Someday*
Hartman, Brooke. *Watch Out for the Lion!*
Lyll, Casey. *Spoonful of Frogs*
MacLeod, Kelly. *How to Eat a Book*
Monyihan, Bobby. *Not All Sheep Are Boring*
Polacco, Patricia. *Palace of Books*
Rex, Adam. *The Story of Gumluck the Wizard*
Rex, Adam. *Oh No, the Aunts Are Here*
Robertson, David A. *The Song That Called Them Home*
Suyka, Diana. *Little Land*
Syed, Anoosha. *That's Not My Name!*
Taboor, Corey R. *Simon and the Better Bone*

Oldies, but Goodies

Aardema, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*

Allard, Harry. *Miss Nelson Is Missing*
Barrett, Judy. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*
Cannon, Janell. *Stellaluna*
Feiffer, Jules. *Bark George*
Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type*
Hoban, Russell. *Bread and Jam for Frances*
Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*
Johnson, Crockett. *Harold and the Purple Crayon*
Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*
Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*
Leaf, Munro. *The Story of Ferdinand*
Lionni, Leo. *Little Blue and Little Yellow*
McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal*
Munsch, Robert. *The Paper Bag Princess*
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*
Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey*
Scieszka, Jon. *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*
Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*
Stead, Philip C. *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
Trivizas, Eugene. *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*
Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day*
Willems, Mo. *Knuffle Bunny*
Williams, Margery. *The Velveteen Rabbit*
Wood, Don. *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear*
Zemach, Margot. *It Could Always Be Worse*
Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*

Poetry / Books with Rhyme

Alexander, Kwame. *How to Write a Poem*

Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. *Welcome to the Wonder House*
Ferry, Beth. *The Umbrella*
Fleming, Candace. *Mine!*
Gehl, Laura. *Cat Sees Snow*
Harjo, Joy. *Remember*
Harris, Chris. *My Head Has a Bellyache and More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups*
Howley, Jonty. *The Animal Song*
Lombardi, Kristine A. *My Wish for the World*
Newman, Leslea. *I Can Be...Me!*
Obuhanych, Karen. *This Little Kitty*
Strickland, Shadra. *Jump In!*
Wilder, Derrick. *I Made These Ants Some Underpants*
Yolen, Jane. *What To Do With a Stick*

Teacher Favorites (picture books + chapter books)

Bell, Cece. *I Yam a Donkey*
Chall, Masha. *Up North at the Cabin*
Cisneros, Sandra. *The House on Mango Street*
Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*
Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*
Cuyler, Margery. *Kindness Is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler*
Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Quit*
dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*
DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn Dixie*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tales of Despereaux*
DiTerLizzi, Angela. *The Magical Yet*
Donaldson, Julia. *The Snail and the Whale*
Funk, Josh. *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast*
Gemeinhart, Don. *Good Dog*

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George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*

Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*

Houston, Gloria. *My Great Aunt Arizona*

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*

Kerley, Barbara. *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*

Liorni, Leo. *Frederick*

Ludwig, Trudy. *The Invisible Boy*

Monet, Angelique. *The Bravest Worrier*

Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*

Palacio, R. J. *Wonder*

Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*

Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*

Sotomayor, Sonia. *Just Ask!*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *On the Banks of Plum Creek*

Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*

Yamada, Kobi. *What Do You with an Idea?*