

Pittsford Schools

Suggested Summer Reading List for Children Entering Fifth Grade

Chapter Books + Graphic Novels

365 Days to Alaska by Cathy Carr
Jennifer Chan is Not Alone by Tae Keller
Lo and Behold by Wendy Mass
The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh
The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart
Not an Easy Win by Chrystal D. Giles
Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder
Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang
Slugfest by Gordon Korman
The School for Whatnots by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman



Poetry + Folklore

Ancient Night by David Alvarez
Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America by Jaime Hernandez
My Head Has a Bellyache: And More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups by Chris Harris
No World Too Big: Young People Fighting Global Climate Change edited by Lindsay H. Metcalf et. al.
Something Like Home by Andrea Beatriz Arango
Welcome to the Wonder House by Rebecca Kai Dotlich and Georgia Heard



Author & Illustrator John Parra



will visit students in Grades K-5 during the 2025-2026 school year. He has written and illustrated many books we recommend checking out this summer!

Nonfiction

Action! How Movies Began by Meghan McCarthy

Fighting for Yes!: The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Glitter Everywhere: Where it Came From, Where It's Found and Where It's Going by Chris Barton

How Science Saved the Eiffel Tower by Emma Bland Smith

The Indestructible Tom Crean: Heroic Explorer of the Antarctic by Jennifer Thermes

Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter by Aida Salazar

Ketanji Brown Jackson: A Justice for All by Tami Charles

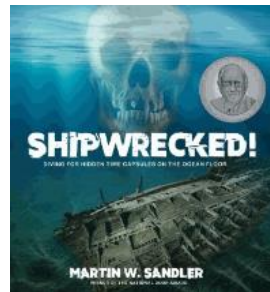
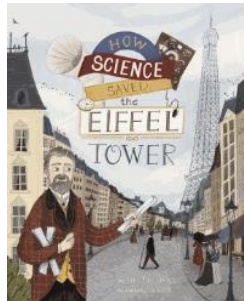
The Mind-Blowing World of Extraordinary Competitions: Meet the Incredible People Who Will Compete at Anything by Anna Goldfield

Shipwrecked!: Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor by Martin W. Sandler

Stay Curious and Keep Exploring - Next Level by Emily Calandrelli

Superpowered Animals: Meet the World's Smartest, Strongest, and Swiftest Creatures
by Soledad Romero Marino

To Boldly Go: How Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek Helped Advanced Civil Rights by Angela Dalton



Family Read-Alouds

Eagle Drums by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson

Elf Dog and Owl Head by M. T. Anderson

Iceberg by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat

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

*The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels** by Beth Lincoln

***Look for other titles in this series.**

This list was prepared by the PCS D Elementary School Librarians. Most of the books can be found at the Pittsford Community Library or in eBook form through Sora via your child's ClassLink account. The books listed are suggestions and are not required reading. All book cover images are from Follett Destiny Library Catalog.

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