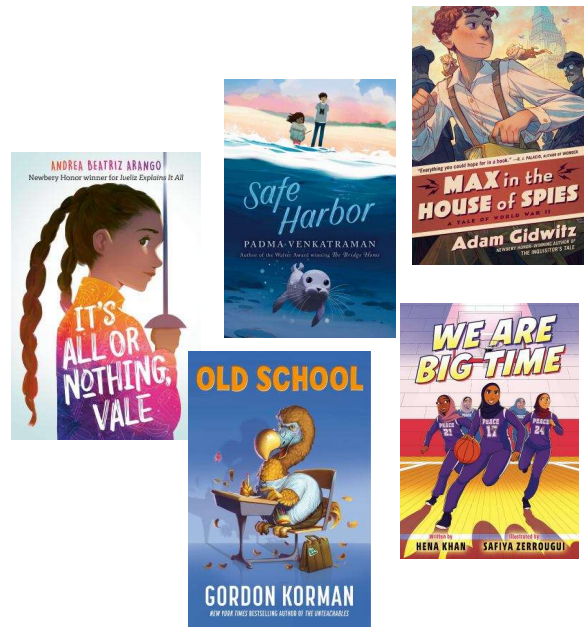


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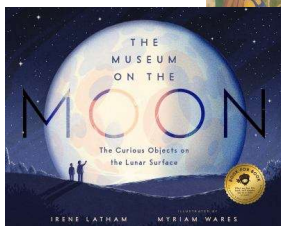
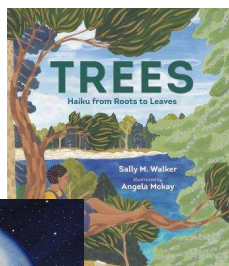
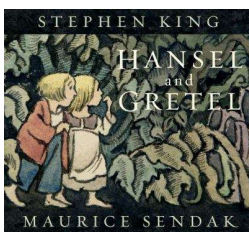
### Chapter Books & Graphic Novels

*Afia in the Land of Wonders* by Mia Araujo  
*Candle Island* by Lauren Wolk  
*The Free State of Jax* by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
*The Inscrutable Doctor Baer and the Case of the Two-Faced Statue* by Jerzy Drozd  
*It's All or Nothing, Vale* by Andrea Beatriz Arango  
*The Night War* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Max in the House of Spies\** by Adam Gidwitz  
*Old School* by Gordon Korman  
*Outside* by Jennifer L. Holm  
*The Ribbon Skirt* by Cameron Mukwa  
*Safe Harbor* by Padma Venkatraman  
*Summer at Squee* by Andrea Wang  
*We Are Big Time* by Hena Khan  
*The Wrong Way Home* by Kate O'Shaughnessy



### Poetry + Folklore

*Hansel and Gretel* by Stephen King  
*Home* by Isabelle Simler  
*The Mistakes that Made Us: Confessions from Twenty Poets* sel. by Irene Latham and Charles Waters  
*My Head Has a Bellyache: More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups\**  
by Chris Harris  
*The Museum on the Moon: The Curious Objects on the Lunar Surface* by Irene Latham  
*Trees: Haiku from Roots to Leaves* by Sally M. Walker



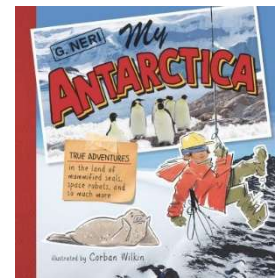
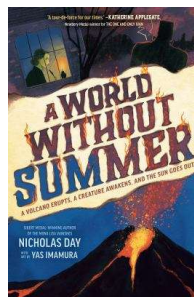
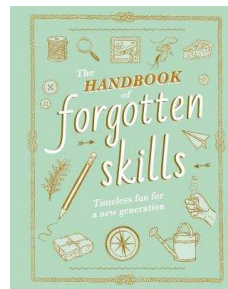
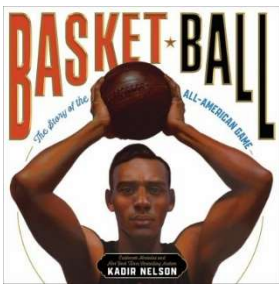
### Author Linda Sue Park

will visit students in Grades  
K-5 during the 2026-2027  
school year. She has written  
and illustrated many  
books we recommend  
checking out this summer!



## Nonfiction

*Alberto Salas Plays Paka Paka Con La Papa: Join the Quest with Peru's Famed Scientist and Potato Expert* by Sara Andrea Fajardo  
*At Last She Stood: How Joey Guerrero Spied, Survived, and Fought for Freedom* by Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Basket Ball: The Story of the All-American Game* by Kadir Nelson  
*Dive!: The Story of Breathing Underwater* by Chris Gall  
*The Five Sides of Marjorie Rice: How to Discover a Shape* by Amy Alznauer  
*The Handbook of Forgotten Skills: Timeless Fun for a New Generation* by Elaine Batiste  
*Is it Real?: The Loch Ness Monster* by Candace Fleming  
*The Mind-Blowing World of Extraordinary Competitions: Meet the Incredible People Who Will Compete at Anything* by Anna Goldfield  
*My Antarctica: True Adventures in the Land of Mummified Seals, Space Robots, and So Much More* by Greg Neri  
*Stay Curious and Keep Exploring: Next Level\** by Emily Calandrelli  
*This is My Brain!: A Book on Neurodiversity* by Elise Gravel  
*A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, a Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out* by Nicholas Day



## Family Read-Alouds

*The Amazing Generation: Your Guide to Fun and Freedom in a Screen-Filled World* by Jonathan Haidt  
*The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin  
*Cincinnati Lee, Curse Breaker* by Heidi Helig  
*The Greatest Kid in the World* by John David Anderson  
*The Keeper of Stories* by Caroline Kusin Pritchard  
*The Trouble with Heroes* by Kate Messner  
*The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest* by Aubrey Hartman  
*When We Flew Away: A Novel of Anne Frank, Before the Diary* by Alice Hoffman

**\*Look for other titles in the series.**

This list was prepared by the PCSD 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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