

Camden City School District - Summer 2016

Summer Reading List for K-2

Association of Library Service to Children

Bad Kitty

Nick Bruel, 2005

In this alphabet book for older readers, sassy Kitty misbehaves when all of her favorite foods are gone.

A Big Guy Took My Ball

Mo Willems, 2013

A whale took Piggie's ball! What will she and Elephant do?

Big Red Lollipop

Rukhasana Khan, 2010

What is a big sister to do when she has to take her little sister along to the very first birthday party she has been invited to in the United States?

Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream

Jenny Han, 2011

Korean American, Clara Lee dreams of being Little Miss Apple Pie, a dream that she isn't sure will come true, because she isn't brave enough to get up in front of the whole school and give a speech.

Count the Monkeys

Mac Barnett, 2013

Oh no, everyone keeps chasing the monkeys off the page- can you get them back so then can be counted?

Creepy Carrots!

Aaron Reynolds, 2012

Buster the rabbit is convinced he is being stalked by his favorite food source, and it will take desperate measures to rid him of his paranoia.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World

Steve Jenkins, 2014

An in-depth look at many different animals eyes and their fascinating uses.

How Big Were Dinosaurs?

Lita Judge, 2013

In a series of fun, engaging portraits, all sizes of dinosaurs come into focus around real-life objects in the modern world.

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I Want My Hat Back

Jon Klassen, 2011

A bear asks the animals he encounters if they have seen his hat.

Journey

Aaron Becker, 2013

Get caught up in an adventure with a girl whose imagination and red marker take her to amazing places.

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!

Grace Lin, 2010

Two identical twins share many traits but in the end are quite unique.

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild

Peter Brown, 2013

Mr. Tiger is tired of being so proper. What happens when he decided to...go a little wild?

Nino Wrestles the World

Yuyi Morales, 2013

Nino is the lucha libre champion of the world...until his sisters wake up from their naps!

Old Mikamba Had a Farm

Rachel Isadora, 2013

On Old Mikamba's "farm" we meet (and hear) many different African animals.

Ol' Mama Squirrel

David Ezra Stein, 2013

Ol' Mama Squirrel always protects her babies, but her bravery is put to the test.

Panda Kindergarten

Joanne Ryder, 2009

Meet the sixteen panda cubs who live at the Wolong Nature Reserve in China.

Part-Time Princess

Deborah Underwood, 2013

At night a little girl dreams she is a princess who fights trolls and saves the day, too.

Pirates Love Underpants

Claire Freedman, 2013

Laugh along to rhyming text about pirates in the search for the Pants of Gold.

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Rain!

Linda Ashman, 2013

When a rainstorm arrives a young boy and an old man have two very different reactions.

Scaredy Squirrel

Melanie Watt, 2006

Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to leave his tree until one day he leaps into the great unknown.

Shark vs. Train

Chris Barton, 2010

Two boys with two toys have a series of contests to see which toy is better.

This Moose Belongs to Me

Oliver Jeffers, 2012

Wilfred has a pet moose that doesn't realize it is a pet.

The Three Ninja Pigs

Cory Rosen Schwartz, 2012

When the wolf starts to prowl, ninjas pigs head to the dojo to train.

The Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great

Bob Shea, 2013

Goat's life was A-OK until that oh-so-perfect unicorn came along- but do these two horned opponents have more in common than he thinks?

The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps

Jeanette Winter, 2011

This picture-book biography tells the story of the famous zoologist Jane Goodall and her years of study chimpanzees.

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Battle Bunny

by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett, illustrated by Matthew Myers
Simon & Schuster, 2013 ISBN: 9781442446731.

Gran Gran gave Alexander a beautiful book about Birthday Bunny, but Alexander decides to “create” his own book about Battle Bunny, which suits his tastes much better.

Safe at Home

by Sharon Robinson
Scholastic

Ten-year-old Elijah Breeze, a.k.a. Jumper, is having the hardest summer of his life. His father has just died; his mother has moved them from the suburbs to New York City's Harlem area; and he has to spend the summer at baseball camp. Basketball is Jumper's game.

Binny for Short

by Hilary McKay, illustrated by Micah Player
Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, 2013, ISBN: 9781442482753.

Binny's family moves to a cottage by the seaside, where she finds adventure, a nemesis—and maybe evens her long-lost dog. *First in a series.*

More Than Anything Else

by Marie Bradby Illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet, Scholastic
A fictionalized story about the life of young Booker T. Washington. Living in a West Virginia settlement after emancipation, nine-year-old Booker travels by lantern light to the salt works, where he labors from dawn till dusk. Although his stomach rumbles, his real hunger is his intense desire to learn to read.

Bluffton: My Summers with Buster

by Matt Phelan
Candlewick Press, 2013, ISBN: 9780763650797.

Muskegon, Michigan, is an ordinary town until a band of vaudeville performers, including young Buster Keaton, decides to spend the summer there.

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure

by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Kevin Cornell
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014, ISBN: 9781442496767.

Daring crime-solving chicks are out to solve a mystery. *First in a series.*

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Dory Fantasmagory

by Abby Hanlon

Dial, 2014, ISBN: 9780803740884.

Dory shows how much fun having an overactive imagination can be as she keeps herself entertained over the summer.

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder

Crown Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780385392280.

A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile

by Marcia Wells, illustrated by Marcos Calo

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014, ISBN: 9780544238336.

Sixth-grader Eddie is called on by the NYPD to help bust a gang of art thieves by using his photographic memory and talent for drawing. *First in a series.*

El Deafo

by Cece Bell

Abrams/Amulet Books, 2014, ISBN: 9781419710209.

This graphic novel is both funny and realistic as it shares the story of going to school and making friends while wearing a large hearing aid.

Honey

by Sarah Weeks

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545465571.

When she realizes her dad may have a secret girlfriend, Melody sets out to find out who it is.

House of Robots

by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, illustrated by Juliana Neufeld

Little, Brown; 2014; ISBN: 9780316405911.

Sammy's genius mom creates a robot and decides Sammy should take him to school so he can learn to be a student. *First in a series.*

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy

by Nathan Hale

Abrams/Amulet Books, 2012 ISBN: 9781419703966.

Just before Nathan Hale is hung as a spy in the Revolutionary War, he tells a British soldier and the hangman a bit of American history.

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Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands

by Katherine Roy

David Macaulay Studio, 2014, ISBN: 9781596438743.

This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

Nightmares!

by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller, illustrated by Karl Kwasny

Random House/Delacorte, 2014, ISBN: 9780385744256.

Twelve-year-old Charlie must save the day when nightmares start creeping into waking life. *First in a series.*

Project Blastoff

by Mark Kelly with Martha Freeman

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman, 2015, ISBN: 9781481415453.

Twins Mark and Scott Kelly are about to embark on an adventure of epic proportions as they build and engineer their own rocket ship. *First in a series.*

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

by Liesl Shurtliff

Alfred A. Knopf, 2013 ISBN: 9780307977939.

Twelve-year-old Rump goes on a quest to discover his true identity and to break a magical curse in this humorous take on the classic fairy tale.

The Sasquatch Escape

by Suzanne Selfors, illustrated by Dan Santat

Little, Brown; 2013; ISBN: 9780316209342.

Ben and his friend Pearl discover the new veterinarian office in their small town treats magical creatures, and they have the adventure of their lives as they track down a Sasquatch. *First in a series.*

Serafina's Promise

by Ann E. Burg

Scholastic, 2013 ISBN: 9780545535649.

Serafina, who lives in Haiti, longs to become a doctor, but how will she find the money and the time, when her family needs her help with chores, and earthquakes and floods keep setting them back?

The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)

by Geoff Rodkey

Little, Brown; 2015; ISBN: 9780316297790.

Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. *First in a series.*

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The Terrible Two

by Mac Barnett and Jory John, illustrated by Kevin Cornell
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781419714917.

Two pranksters team up for the greatest prank ever. *First in a series.*

The 13-Story Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton
Feiwel and Friends, 2013 ISBN: 9781250026903.

Join Andy and Terry for adventures in their amazing treehouse, complete with bowling alley, see-through swimming pool, lemonade fountain, and man-eating-shark tank! *First in a series.*

Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

by Stephan Pastis
Candlewick Press, 2013 ISBN: 9780763660505.

Introducing Total Failure, Inc., the best detective agency in town, run by eleven-year-old Timmy Failure and his partner, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear. *First in a series.*

Tommysaurus Rex

by Doug TenNapel
Graphix, 2013, ISBN: 9780606319652.

Eli finds a full-grown T. rex on his grandpa's farm and decides he would make the perfect pet.

Tuesdays at the Castle

by Jessica Day George
Bloomsbury, 2011 ISBN: 9781599906447.

On Tuesdays, Castle Glower takes on a life of its own, magically rearranging itself. When the castle is ambushed, it's up to Princess Celie to save the day. *First in a series.*

Weird but True: 300 Outrageous Facts

National Geographic Children's Books, 2010 ISBN: 9781426305948 (PB).
These facts are outrageous, wacky, funny, weird . . . and all true! You won't be able to stop flipping through this incredible book. *First in a series.*

Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy

by Tui T. Sutherland
Scholastic, 2012 ISBN: 9780545349185.

Five young dragons from different tribes must face treachery and deceit and work together to fulfill the prophecy that will bring an end to the dragon wars. *First in a series*

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Better Nate Than Ever

by Tim Federle

Simon & Schuster, 2013 ISBN: 9781442446892.

Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and land him a role in *E.T.: The Musical*.

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014, ISBN: 9780399252518.

Told in verse, this book explores what it was like for Woodson growing up during the civil rights movement.

Counting by 7s

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Dial, 2013 ISBN: 9780803738553.

Tragedy changes Willow's quirky but comfortable life, and as she adapts, she changes the lives of those around her.

Dogs of War

by Sheila Keenan, illustrated by Nathan Fox

Graphix, 2013 ISBN: 9780545128872.

This graphic novel tells the unforgettable true stories of three war heroes from three different eras—World War I, World War II, and Vietnam—and they all happened to have four legs.

The Dolphins of Shark Bay

by Pamela S. Turner

Houghton Mifflin, 2013 ISBN: 9780547716381.

Meet amazing dolphins that have learned to use tools to hunt for their dinner.

Echo

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780439874021.

In an epic novel, three children find their lives changed through a magic harmonica and their own self-resilience.

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780399162596.

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting in trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

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Flunked

by Jen Calonita

Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky, 2015, ISBN: 9781492601562.

When a thief gets sentenced to Fairy Tale Reform School, she gets more than she bargained for as a mystery develops. *First in a series.*

The Fourteenth Goldfish

by Jennifer L. Holm

Random House, 2014, ISBN: 9780375870644.

Ellie's scientist grandfather makes his greatest discovery when he reverses aging, but he has to live with the consequences of the effects on thirteen-year-old Ellie and her mother.

The Great Greene Heist

by Varian Johnson

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2014, ISBN: 9780545525527.

Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

Hook's Revenge

by Heidi Schulz, illustrated by John Hendrix

Disney-Hyperion, 2014, ISBN: 9781423198673.

Captain Hook's daughter sets out to avenge her father's death by slaying the crocodile. *First in a series.*

I Kill the Mockingbird

by Paul Acampora

Roaring Brook Press, 2014, ISBN: 9781596437425.

Over summer break, Lucy, Elena, and Michael launch a campaign to make a beloved teacher's favorite book "go viral."

The Iron Trial

by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

Scholastic, 2014, ISBN: 9780545522250.

Despite his father's warnings about the dangers of magic, Callum enrolls in the Magisterium and begins to learn about himself and his own bewildering powers.

Lowriders in Space

by Cathy Camper, illustrated by Raul the Third

Chronicle Books, 2014, ISBN: 9781452121550.

Flapjack, Elirio, and Lupe build a custom out-of-this-world lowrider car to enter in the Universal Car Competition and hope they will win the cash prize so they may finally make their dream come true of owning their own garage. *First in a series*

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The Mark of the Dragonfly

by Jaleigh Johnson

Random House/Delacorte, 2014 ISBN: 9780385376150.

When plucky machinist Piper rescues Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored train to escape the man chasing them.

Mark of the Thief

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545561549.

Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. *First in a series.*

Masterminds

by Gordon Korman

Balzer + Bray, 2015, ISBN: 9780062299963.

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. *First in a series.*

Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life

by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts, illustrated by Laura Park

Little, Brown; 2011 ISBN: 9780316101875.

Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control. *First in a series.*

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

by Steve Sheinkin

Roaring Brook Press, 2014, ISBN: 9781596437968.

Exposing racism in the military, this is the gripping account of 50 African American sailors who were charged with mutiny after refusing to follow direct orders putting lives in danger.

Road Trip

by Gary Paulsen and Jim Paulsen

Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2013 ISBN: 9780385741910.

Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic, and other colorful characters.

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The Screaming Staircase

by Jonathan Stroud

Disney-Hyperion, 2013 ISBN: 9781423164913.

In a London overrun by ghosts, Lucy works with the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to combat hauntings. *First in a series.*

Sisters

by Raina Telgemeier

Graphix, 2014, ISBN: 9780545540599.

During a three-week road trip, the stormy relationship between Raina and her younger sister, Amara, unfolds. Sequel to *Smile* (2010).

The Lions of Little Rock

by Kristin Levine, Puffin Books

Can shy Marlee be brave enough to challenge segregation?

Fire in the Streets

by Kekla Magoon, Aladdin

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers.

Secret Saturdays

by Torrey Maldonado, Puffin

Friends in the Red Hook projects confront questions about what it means to be a friend, a father, and a man.

The False Prince

by Jennifer A. Nielsen, Scholastic

Four orphans compete for the role of puppet prince in a corrupt kingdom

A Song for Bijou

by Josh Farrar

Walker, 2013 ISBN: 9780802733948.

When Alex falls head over heels in love with the mysterious Bijou, he is going to have to break out of his shell to woo her.

Tesla's Attic

by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman

Disney-Hyperion, 2014 ISBN: 9781423148036.

When Nick holds a yard sale to get rid of the junk in the attic of his new home, he realizes too late that all the objects have mysterious powers and he needs to get them back.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster

by Deborah Hopkinson

Scholastic, 2012 ISBN: 9780545116749.

Survivors' accounts bring the *Titanic* disaster to life.

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Fiction

Speak

by Laurie Halse Anderson

The first ten lies they tell you in high school.

"Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her.

Nothing But the Truth: A Documentary Novel

by Avi

In this thought-provoking examination of freedom, patriotism, and respect, ninth-grader, Philip Malloy, is kept from joining the track team by his failing grades in English class. Convinced that the teacher just doesn't like him, Philip concocts a plan to get transferred out of her class. Breaking the school's policy of silence during the national anthem, he hums along, and ends up in a crisis at the center of the nation's attention.

Poetry

The Dream Keeper and Other Poems

by Langston Hughes

A collection of Langston Hughes's poems.

Drama

Monster

by Walter Dean Myers

This *New York Times* bestselling novel and National Book Award nominee from acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers tells the story of Steve Harmon, a teenage boy in juvenile detention and on trial. Presented as a screenplay of Steve's own imagination, and peppered with journal entries, the book shows how one single decision can change our whole lives.

Non-Fiction

Within Reach: My Everest Story

by Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin

In May 1996 the media scrambled to document the gripping story of sixteen-year-old Mark Pfetzer's expedition to Mount Everest. Not only was he the youngest climber ever to attempt the summit, he also witnessed the tragedy documented in Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air*, in which eight climbers perished in a sudden storm. *Within Reach* is Mark's extraordinary account of this experience and of his triumphs over several other challenging peaks. At once triumphant and tragic, this story will be an inspiration to climbers, athletes, and armchair enthusiasts alike.

Bad Boy: A Memoir

by Walter Dean Myers

In a memoir that is gripping, funny, and ultimately unforgettable, New York Times bestselling author Walter Dean Myers travels back to his roots in the magical world of Harlem during the 1940s and 1950s. Here is the story of one of the most distinguished writers of young people's literature today.

As a boy, Myers was quick-tempered and physically strong, always ready for a fight. He also read voraciously—he would check out books from the library and carry them home, hidden in brown paper bags in order to avoid other boys' teasing. He aspired to be a writer.....

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Fiction

The House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros

Acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught everywhere from inner-city grade schools to universities across the country, and translated all over the world, *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero.

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, *To Kill A Mockingbird* became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic.

Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, *To Kill A Mockingbird* takes readers to the roots of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos. Now with over 18 million copies in print and translated into forty languages, this regional story by a young Alabama woman claims universal appeal. Harper Lee always considered her book to be a simple love story. Today it is regarded as a masterpiece of American literature

Poetry

Robert Frost

by Gary D. Schmidt

This collation of 25 poems introduce Robert Frost to young people. The selections are arranged by the seasons and Sorensen's handsome watercolour illustrations capture the feel of the New England landscape without in any way trying to provide literal images for the poetry. There's an excellent biographical essay and, at the bottom of each page, Schmidt provides a brief note on some of the possible ways to read the lines...These nature poems show that poetry holds feelings and ideas that everyone can understand.

Drama

Riot

by Walter Dean Myers

The Civil War is raging and in a desperate effort to find more recruits, the Union begins a draft - a draft with a difference. The wealthy can pay \$300 to be released from their obligation, but the poor must go and fight and die. In New York City, the recently arrived Irish are the hardest hit by the draft and during the long hot days of July the city explodes in a rash of arson, marches, attacks, and lynchings, with the immigrant Irish taking out their anger on the black inhabitants of the city.

Fourteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, has never had to choose between the two sides of the family - she has never had reason to consider her own identity. When she learns that a friend of hers is in danger, she decides to go to her aid, but by venturing out on the streets, she puts her own life at risk.