

Newton Public Schools K-5 Recommended Summer Reading List 2010



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer vacation is almost here. The Newton Public Schools (NPS) elementary school library teachers develop this voluntary list of suggested reading titles each year. The NPS Summer Reading List 2010 is designed to make reading enjoyable throughout the summer. Elementary library teachers have selected titles to appeal to a wide range of reading interests and abilities and to serve as a guide for you to include reading as part of your child’s summer fun. Our hope is that it will lead children to discover the enjoyment of reading a new genre, a new author, a new subject, but most of all to keep reading. Putting books into the hands of children and including reading as a summer activity helps to stem the “summer slide” children can experience when they are away from school for several months.

The annotations following each title are from our web-based patron’s catalog system, *Destiny*, now accessible from your home. (<http://npsdestiny.newton.k12.ma.us>) A suggested grade level, or a range of grade levels, follows each title. In assigning grade levels we consider reading ability and the interest level for children. In addition to encouraging reading during the summer months, this list can be used throughout the school year to guide you child’s choices for independent reading.

The 2010 PDF summer reading list is available on the school district web site, <http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/librarymedia> . It can also be found in PDF format on each individual NPS school library web page. Printed copies of the 2010 NPS recommended summer reading list are also available in the children’s room of the Newton Free Library and local bookstores to view as you browse. If you are unable to access the list electronically, please see your school library teacher for a copy.

“*Go Green at Your Library*” is a Statewide Reading Program sponsored in part by the Newton Free Library. Registration for the Newton Free Library (NFL) summer reading program begins Tuesday, June 22, 2010. There are many great books and activities occurring at the NFL this summer! The staff at the children’s room is happy to guide you through the reading list as well as recommend a few of their own favorite books for your reading enjoyment!

The unstructured school days of summer provide a perfect opportunity to share books. Have books available all summer long so that your child will have an opportunity to read and to explore through the pages of a book whenever he or she chooses. Pack a book to take to the beach or play an audiobook in the car during a road trip. Visit the public library to browse or have your children participate in summer reading activities. Children love to talk about the books they have read. Engage them in a dialogue about the characters in the story or the illustrations in a nonfiction book. Read aloud or have your child read to you. Whether it is print or electronic, model for them your own love of reading. In doing so you will be partnering with us this summer to encourage our children to discover a joy of reading that will last their lifetime.

So get ready to “Go Green”!
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“Gogreen at your library” Summer Reading Campaign*

PICTURE BOOKS

Aston, Dianna Hutts. **The Moon Over Star**. Dial, 2008. (K-3)

On her family's farm in the town of Star, eight-year-old Mae follows the progress of the 1969 Apollo 11 flight and moon landing, dreaming that she might become an astronaut, too.

Barasch, Lynne. **First Come the Zebra**. Lee & Low, 2009. (K-3)

When two Kenyan boys, one Maasai and one Kikuyu, first meet, they are hostile toward each other because of traditional rivalries. After they work together, they discover what they have in common.

Blue, Rose. **Ron's Big Mission**. Dutton, 2009. (3-5)

Nine-year-old Ron, a frequent visitor to the Lake City Public Library in South Carolina in the 1950's, enjoys books on airplanes and flight. He makes his own quiet stand against segregation when he decides to apply for his own library card. The story is based on an incident in the life of astronaut Ron McNair.

Browne, Anthony. **Little Beauty**. Candlewick, 2008. (K-3)

When a gorilla who knows sign language tells his keepers that he is lonely, they bring him a very special friend.

Compestine, Ying Chang. **Boy Dumplings**. Holiday House, 2009. (K-3)

When a hungry ghost threatens to gobble up a plump little boy, the boy tricks the ghost by convincing him to prepare an elaborate recipe first.

Faulkner, Matt. **A Taste of Colored Water**. Simon & Schuster, 2008. (K-3)

Young cousins hitch a ride into the city hoping to take a gulp of what they imagine must be some pretty special water that comes from the "colored" drinking fountain.

Fox, Mem. **The Goblin and the Empty Chair**. Beach Lane, 2009. (K-3)

A goblin, who for many years has been hiding himself so that he does not frighten anyone, finally finds a family.

Gerstein, Mordicai. **A Book**. Roaring Brook Press, 2009. (K-3)

A young girl living in a book tries to find a story of her own while figuring out what a reader is and thinking about the stories of her family members.

Golson, Terry Blonder. **Tillie Lays an Egg**. Scholastic, 2009. (K-3)

In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the backyard and explores the farmhouse.

Gourley, Robbin. **Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie: A Story About Edna Lewis**.

Clarion, 2009. (K-3)

Edna and her family gather fruits, berries, and vegetables on their Virginia farm and turn them into wonderful meals. Includes five recipes and facts about the life of Edna Lewis, a descendant of slaves who grew up to be a famous chef.

Heide, Florence Parry. **Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated**.

Schwartz & Wade, 2009. (K-3)

Princess Hyacinth is bored and unhappy sitting in her palace every day because unless she is weighed down by specially made clothes she will float away. Her days brighten when a kite-flying boy stops by.

Hest, Amy. **Little Chick**. Candlewick, 2009. (K-3)

Three stories in which Little Chick learns how to deal with life's disappointments with the help of his auntie.

Horowitz, Dave. **Twenty-Six Princesses**. Putnam, 2008. (K-3)

Twenty-six princesses, one for each letter of the alphabet, go to a party at the prince's castle.

PICTURE BOOKS (continued)

Jeffers, Susan. **My Chincoteague Pony**. Hyperion, 2008. (K-3)

Having worked year-round to save money to buy her first Chincoteague pony, Julie realizes she doesn't have enough, until Pony Penning Day arrives and the townspeople help her make her purchase.

Jenkins, Emily. **Skunkdog**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. (K-3)

Dumpling, a lonely dog with no sense of smell, moves with her family to the country and makes a new friend who takes some getting used to.

McElligott, Matthew. **The Lion's Share**. Walker, 2009. (K-3)

Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.

Niemann, Christoph. **The Pet Dragon**. Greenwillow, 2008. (K-3)

Introduces Chinese characters through a story about a little girl who goes in search of her missing pet dragon.

Phillips, Julie C. **Wink: The Ninja Who Wanted to be Noticed**. Viking, 2009. (K-3)

Wink is accepted into the School for Young Ninjas but he cannot quite master the concept of being silent and stealthy when what he really wants is to be noticed.

Pinto, Sara. **Apples & Oranges: Going Bananas With Pairs**. Bloomsbury, 2008. (K-3)

Presents pairs of related items and asks why they are similar while offering unexpected answers.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Duck! Rabbit!** Chronicle, 2009. (K-2)

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

Rosoff, Meg. **Jumpy Jack & Googily**. Holt, 2008. (K-2)

Jumpy Jack the snail is terrified that there are monsters around every corner despite the reassurances of his best friend, Googily.

Schoenherr, Ian. **Read It, Don't Eat It!** Greenwillow, 2009. (K-2)

Rhyming text and illustrations of animals reading offer advice on how to take care of a library book.

Scieszka, Jon. **Robot Zot!** Simon & Schuster, 2009. (K-3)

On a mission to conquer planet Earth, tiny but fearless Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick leave a path of destruction as they battle kitchen appliances.

Scotton, Rob. **Splat the Cat**. HarperCollins, 2008. (K-3)

Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.

Van Lieshout, Maria. **Peep**. Feiwel and Friends, 2009. (K-2)

Peep is afraid of jumping off the curb, but with encouragement from his mother and sisters, he finally gives it a try.

Wells, Rosemary. **Yoko Writes Her Name**. Hyperion, 2008. (K-3)

Kindergartner Yoko not only learns to write her letters and numbers in English, she shows her teacher and fellow students how to write their names using Japanese calligraphy.

Yolen, Jane. **My Uncle Emily**. Philomel, 2009. (K-3)

In 1881 Amherst, Massachusetts, six-year-old Gilbert finds it both challenging and wonderful to spend time with his aunt, the reclusive poet Emily Dickinson, who lives next door.

Young, Ed. **Hook**. Roaring Brook Press, 2009. (K-2)

A chick hatched by hens turns out to be an eaglet who must get help from a boy in learning how to fly.

EARLY READERS

- Adler, David A. **Bones and the Roller Coaster Mystery.** Viking, 2009. (1-3)
Junior sleuth Jeffery Bones and his grandfather enjoy a day at the amusement park until their tickets to ride the giant roller coaster mysteriously disappear.
- Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen and the Molly Shoe Mystery.** Viking, 2008. (1-3)
Cam, her father, and friend Eric go to the airport to meet Cam's Aunt Molly, and help her find her missing shoes.
- Arnold, Tedd. **I Spy Fly Guy!** Scholastic, 2009. (K-3)
While playing hide-and-seek with Buzz, Fly Guy is taken away by a garbage man.
- Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. **Biscuit Takes a Walk.** HarperCollins, 2009. (K-1)
Biscuit, the playful puppy, wants to see everything on a walk to Grandpa's house.
- Chaconas, Dori. **Cork & Fuzz: The Collectors.** Viking, 2008. (K-3)
When best friends Cork and Fuzz go to the pond to collect shiny stones, they happen upon a duck's nest just as the eggs are hatching.
- Cushman, Doug. **Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Missing Books.** HarperCollins, 2009. (1-3)
Investigative reporter Dirk Bones sets out to discover who is stealing books in the town of Ghostly.
- Engel, Natalie. **Meet Marley.** HarperCollins, 2008. (1-3)
Jenny and John love their dog Marley, but they get frustrated when he keeps getting into trouble.
- Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk.** Candlewick Press, 2009. (K-2)
Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together.
- Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. **Zelda and Ivy: Keeping Secrets.** Candlewick Press, 2009. (K-2)
Contains three stories featuring fox sisters Zelda and Ivy.
- McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day.** Dial, 2009. (K-2)
April Fools' Day is not happy for Wagner because people at school keep tricking him.
2010 Theodor Geisel Honor Award
- Manuskin, Fran. **Boss of the World.** Picture Window, 2010. (K-2)
Katie Woo's day at the beach is marred when her friends refuse to play with her because of her rude and bossy behavior.
- O'Connor, Jane. **Fancy Nancy: The Dazzling Book Report.** HarperCollins, 2009. (K-2)
Nancy works on her first book report about real-life hero Sacajawea, and may be spending too much time trying to make a fancy cover to actually work on the report's content.
- Rylant, Cynthia. **Annie and Snowball and the Cozy Nest.** Simon & Schuster, 2009. (K-2)
Annie and her bunny watch and wait to see what happens when a nest is built above the porch swing.
- Willems, Mo. **I Am Going!** Hyperion, 2010. (K-1)
Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald the elephant that she is going, sending him into a panic.
- Yee, Wong Herbert. **Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-3)
When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch.
2010 Geisel Award

MOVING INTO CHAPTERS

- Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean Bound to be Bad**. Chronicle, 2008. (2-4)
Best friends Ivy and Bean set out to become so pure of heart that birds and animals follow them. (*series*)
- Betancourt, Jeanne. **Ava Tree and the Wishes Three**. Feiwel and Friends, 2009. (1-3)
Eight-year-old Ava realizes that she needs to be careful about what she asks for when her wishes start coming true during her "backwards, upside-down, and inside-out" birthday party.
- Birney, Betty. **Adventure According to Humphrey**. Putnam, 2009. (2-4)
The adventures of Humphrey, the classroom hamster, as he explores the library and the sea. (*series*)
- Cox, Judy. **Puppy Power**. Holiday House, 2008. (1-3)
Third-grader Fran has trouble controlling herself, but learning how to train her new puppy helps her gain enough self-control and win the part of princess in the class play.
- DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes**. Candlewick Press, 2009. (1-3)
Mr. and Mrs. Watson think it is a wonderful idea to bring their pet pig, Mercy, to the drive-in. When Mercy arrives she sets off on a mission of her own, much to the dismay of the other movie patrons. (*series*)
- English, Karen. **Nikki & Deja: Birthday Blues**. Clarion, 2009. (2-4)
Third graders Nikki and Deja try to come up with a fun way to celebrate Deja's birthday while she is staying at her boring neighbor's house, but Antonia tries to devise a way to ruin the party. (*series*)
- Harper, Jessica. **Uh-oh, Cleo**. Putnam, 2008. (1-3)
What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house.
- Hicks, Betty. **Basketball Bats**. Roaring Brook Press, 2008. (2-4)
Henry learns a lesson in teamwork when his inexperienced basketball team, the Bats, takes on the Tigers, a team that not only plays at the big YWCA but has a player old enough to shave. (*series*)
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. **Piper Reed Gets a Job**. Holt, 2009. (3-4)
Ten year old Piper and her fellow club members try to earn money for their club house by starting a business. (*series*)
- Lasky, Kathryn. **Poodle and Hound**. Charlesbridge, 2009. (1-3)
Three short stories following the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of their differences. (*series*)
- Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird is So Absurd**. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (2-4)
Mrs. Pidgeon's second grade class studies poetry and her students write haiku, couplets, free verse, and finally, a tribute to Mrs. Pidgeon's mother organized by the irrepressible Gooney Bird Greene. (*series*)
- McDonald, Megan. **The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt**. Candlewick Press, 2009. (2-4)
Judy and Stink Moody take part in a treasure-hunting game that leads to silver coins hidden across an island. (*series*)
- Pennypacker, Sara. **The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery**. HarperCollins, 2009. (2-4)
Flat Stanley finds himself in Egypt, stopping a band of robbers from stealing priceless artifacts. (*series*)
- Simon, Francesca. **Horrid Henry**. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2009. (2-4)
Horrid Henry causes his brother Perfect Peter all sorts of problems when he behaves properly for a change, upstages Peter at a dance recital, plays pirates, and goes on a camping trip. (*series*)
- Thomson, Melissa. **Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-up**. Dial, 2009. (1-3)
Using journal format, spirited Keena Ford relates her second grade class field trip to the Capitol. (*series*)

FICTION

Barry, Dave. **Peter and the Sword of Mercy**. Hyperion, 2009. (2-5)

When shadow creatures search for a secret cache of starstuff that fell to London many centuries ago, Wendy Darling employs the help of Peter Pan and the Lost Boys to protect the Sword of Mercy—the key that unlocks the vault where the starstuff is hidden. (*series*)

Bell, Michael D. **The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour**. Knopf, 2009. (4-5)

Seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.

Berlin, Eric. **The Potato Chip Puzzles**. Putnam, 2009. (4-5)

Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win fifty-thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included. (*series*)

Cabot, Meg. **Stage Fright**. Scholastic, 2009. (4-5)

Allie's theatrical hopes are crushed. Instead of being cast as the princess, she is given the role of the evil queen in the fourth-grade class play. (*series*)

Cheshire, Simon. **The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files**. Roaring Brook Press, 2009. (3-5)

Ten-year-old Saxby Smart, the best detective in the world—for his age—investigates three cases while sharing clues with the reader so they can help solve the mysteries.

Clements, Andrew. **Extra Credit**. Atheneum, 2009. (4-5)

Three young middle-school-age children, Abby, Amira, and Sadeed, exchange letters back and forth between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan. In doing so, they begin to bridge a gap across cultural and religious divides.

Creech, Sharon. **Unfinished Angel**. HarperCollins, 2009. (4+)

In a tiny village in the Swiss Alps, an angel meets an American girl named Zola who has come with her father to open a school. Together they rescue a group of homeless orphans, who gradually change everything.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Magician's Elephant**. Candlewick Press, 2009. (3-5)

Ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene's life is changed when he encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day. She tells him that his sister, presumed dead, is in fact alive, and he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her.

Friedman, Laurie B. **Red, White & True Blue Mallory**. Carolrhoda Books, 2009. (2-4)

Mallory's journal of her fourth-grade trip to Washington D.C. reveals how much fun she has, despite a loose tooth, being upset with her best friend Mary Ann, and getting separated from her class in a museum. (*series*)

Gifford, Peggy. **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Practicing the Piano: (But She Does Love Being in Recitals)**.

Schwartz and Wade, 2009. (3-5)

On the day of her recital, ten-year-old Moxy prepares in her usual flamboyant way, which creates chaos at home. (*series*)

Gutman, Dan. **Roberto & Me**. Harper, 2010. (4-5)

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian. Upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future. What he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past. (*series*)

Hale, Bruce. **Dial M for Mongoose**. Harcourt, 2009. (3-5)

Fourth-grade detective Chet Gecko and his associate, Natalie Attired, investigate a series of mishaps that all seem to point to the school janitor. (*series*)

FICTION (continued)

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **Strawberry Hill**. Little, Brown, 2009. (3-5)

Ten-year-old Allie's family moves from urban New Haven to rural Stamford, Connecticut, in the midst of the Great Depression.

Jennings, Patrick. **We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes**. HarperCollins, 2009. (3-5)

When Crusher the snake is captured, her only thought is to escape. As time goes by and she befriends the other inmates of the "zoo," she realizes that freedom also means leaving companions behind.

Jonell, Lynne. **Secret of Zoom**. Henry Holt, 2009. (4-5)

Ten-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.

Kelly, Jacqueline. **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**. Henry Holt, 2009. (4-5)

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. **Martin Bridge: Out of Orbit!** Kids Can Press, 2007. (2-4)

Martin participates in his school's parade, learns how to draw Zip Rideout from the comic book's illustrator, and rethinks his dream of becoming an astronaut. (*series*)

Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**. Little, Brown, 2009. (3-5)

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters**. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. (3-5)

Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping, hoping to install a love of nature like that of their hometown hero, Henry David Thoreau.
2009 Notable Social Studies Trade Book

Lowry, Lois. **Crow Call**. Scholastic, 2009. (3-5)

Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland.

Lupica, Mike. **Two-Minute Drill**. Philomel, 2007. (3-5)

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.

Mills, Claudia. **How Oliver Olson Changed the World**. Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 2009. (2-4)

Afraid he will always be an outsider like ex-planet Pluto, nine-year-old Oliver finally shows his extremely overprotective parents that he is capable of doing great things without their help while his class is studying the solar system.

Moss, Marissa. **Max Disaster: Alien Eraser To The Rescue**. Candlewick, 2009. (3-5)

Max writes down his thoughts and ideas in the form of comics and contraptions while dealing with older brothers, school, and the fights his parents get into.

Moss, Wendy. **11 Birthdays**. Scholastic, 2009. (4-5)

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, best friends Amanda and Leo have a falling out on their tenth birthday. One year later they prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately. When the day of their birthday arrives, peculiar things begin to happen as the day begins to repeat itself over and over again.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Sly the Sleuth and the Code Mysteries**. Dial, 2009. (2-4)

Sly uses her detective skills to help her friends solve mysteries that all involve some kind of code. (*series*)

FICTION (continued)

- O'Connor, Barbara. **The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. (3-5)
Popeye's uneventful summer with his grandmother suddenly turns eventful when a motor home gets stuck nearby. Elvis, the boy living inside, joins Popeye to find the source of strange boats floating down the creek.
- Paulsen, Gary. **Lawn Boy**. Random, 2009. (4-5)
Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.
- Paulsen, Gary. **Mudshark**. Random, 2009. (3-5)
Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and lost item locator, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, also known as Mudshark.
- Reisman, Michael. **Simon Bloom, The Gravity Keeper**. Puffin, 2009. (4-5)
Sixth-grader Simon Bloom finds a book that enables him to control the laws of physics, but when two thugs come after him, he needs the formulas in the book to save himself.
- Rodda, Emily. **The Key to Rondo**. Scholastic, 2008. (4-5)
Serious, responsible Leo and his badly behaved cousin Mimi enter the magical world of Rondo through an heirloom music box. They hope to rescue Mimi's dog from a sorceress who wishes to exchange him for the key that allows travel between worlds. (*series*)
- Russell, Ching Yeung. **Tofu Quilt**. Lee & Low, 2009. (4-5)
Growing up in 1960s Hong Kong, a young girl dreams of becoming a writer in spite of conventional limits placed on her by society and family.
- Rutkoski, Marie. **The Cabinet Of Wonders**. Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 2008. (5+)
Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father, and is aided in her quest by a Roma boy and his sister.
- Salisbury, Graham. **Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet**. Random, 2009. (4-5)
Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home the unfriendly fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. **The Night Fairy**. Candlewick Press, 2010. (3-5)
When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.
- Teague, Mark. **The Doom Machine**. Scholastic, 2009. (4-5)
When a spaceship lands in their small town in 1956, opposites Jack Creedle and Isadora Shumway form an alliance as they try to keep a group of extraterrestrials from stealing Uncle Bud's space travel machine.
- Tripp, Valerie. **Really Truly Ruthie**. American Girl, 2008. (3-5)
Ruthie Smithens makes up her mind to help her friend Kit and her family when she learns they are being evicted from their house. (*series*)
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. **The Gecko & Sticky: The Greatest Power**. Knopf, 2009. (3+)
When Damien Black robs a bank, he is pursued by thirteen year-old Dave Sanchez and his sidekick, Sticky the Gecko. (*Series*)



GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bliss, Harry. **Luke on the Loose: A Toon Book**. RAW Junior, 2009. (K-3)

A young boy's fascination with pigeons erupts into a full-blown chase around Central Park, across the Brooklyn Bridge, through a fancy restaurant, and into the sky.

Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!** RAW Junior, 2009. (K-3)

Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.
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Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute**. Knopf, 2009. (1-5)

The school lunch lady, a secret crime fighter, uncovers an evil plot to replace popular teachers with robots.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians**. Knopf, 2009. (1-5)

This time, the school lunch lady sets out to stop a group of librarians bent on destroying a shipment of video game systems, while a group of students known as the Breakfast Bunch provides backup.

Morse, Scott. **Magic Pickle and the Garden of Evil**. Graphix, 2009. (2-5)

Magic Pickle, a fearless dill superhero, comes to the rescue when Jo Jo's class garden yields a monstrous lettuce plant bent on world domination.

Phelan, Matt. **The Storm in the Barn**. Candlewick, 2009. (4-5)

Eleven-year-old Jack Clark struggles with everyday obstacles while his family and community contend with the challenges brought on by the drought in 1937 Kansas.

Reynolds, Aaron. **Joey Fly, Private Eye, in Creepy Crawly Crime**. Holt, 2009. (2-5)

Joey Fly, crime fighter, sets out to solve the mystery of a stolen diamond pencil box owned by a beautiful butterfly customer.

Smith, Jeff. **Little Mouse Gets Ready: A Toon Book**. RAW Junior, 2009. (K-2)

Little Mouse gets dressed so he can go to the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters.

Soo, Kean. **Jellaby: Monster in the City**. Hyperion, 2009. (4-5)

Portia, Jason, and Jellaby continue to search Toronto for clues to his origins, even though Portia cannot bear the thought of losing her new friend. The trio is shocked when they find another monster just like Jellaby, but not nearly as sweet natured.

Spires, Ashley. **Binky the Space Cat**. Kids Can Press, 2009. (2-5)

Binky, a house cat who believes the family home is actually a space station, trains and prepares to travel into outer space, where his humans go everyday and need his protection.

Sturm, James. **Adventures in Cartooning**. First Second, 2009. (3-5)

A princess finds herself in danger, but with the help of a magical cartooning elf, she learns to draw well enough to escape from a dragon, save herself from drowning, and have her very own adventure.

Vernon, Ursula. **Dragonbreath**. Dial, 2009. (3-5)

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin and learn about standing up to bullies.

POETRY

- Ashman, Linda. **M is for Mischief: An A to Z of Naughty Children.** Dutton, 2008. (K-3)
A rhyme for each letter of the alphabet from Angry Abby to Zany Zelda.
- Barnett, Mac. **Guess Again!** Simon & Schuster, 2009. (K-3)
Engages young readers in a scenario that keeps them guessing over and over again.
- Fehler, Gene. **Change-up: Baseball Poems.** Clarion, 2009. (2-4)
Illustrated poems on various baseball subjects, such as pitching, batting, winning, losing, and superstitions.
- Florian, Doug. **Poetrees.** Beach Lane, 2010. (3-5)
A collection of poetry that explores the world of trees in a humorous and whimsical manner.
- Franco, Betsy. **A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poem's.** Tricycle Press, 2009. (K-3)
Contains thirty-four visual poems centered on the strange behavior of cats.
- Franco, Betsy. **Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices.** Candlewick, 2009. (2-4)
A collection of nineteen poems for children about what happens on a normal school day.
- Harley, Avis. **African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways.** Candlewick, 2009. (2-5)
Color photographs of various African animals, each with a lighthearted poem that contains acrostics.
- Heard, Georgia. **Falling Down the Page.** Roaring Brooks Press, 2009. (2-5)
Poems in list form by various poets on an assortment of topics.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **City I Love.** Abrams, 2009. (K-5)
Through poetry, the reader takes a tour of cities around the world.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **Sharing the Seasons: A Book of Poems.** Simon & Schuster, 2010. (3+)
A collection of poems and illustrations about the changing of the seasons.
- Hughes, Langston. **The Negro Speaks of Rivers.** Hyperion, 2009. (2+)
Watercolor illustrations by E.B. Lewis accompany Langston Hughes' classic poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers."
2010 Coretta Scott King Award Winner
- Iyengar, Malathi Michelle. **Tan to Tamarind: Poems About the Color Brown.** Children's Book Press, 2009. (K-3)
Poetry that reflects the various shades of brown in order to encourage children to embrace each other's differences.
- Janeczko, Paul. **A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout.** Candlewick, 2009. (2-5)
Rhyming poems with tongue twisters and bilingual pieces from contemporary and classic literary sources.
- Lewis, J. Patrick. **The Underwear Salesman: And Other Jobs for Better or Verse.** Atheneum, 2009. (3-5)
A collection of poems for children about people working in unusual jobs.
- Low, Alice. **The Fastest Game on Two Feet: and Other Poems about How Sports Began.** Holiday House, 2009. (2-5)
Illustrated poems for children on the origins of various sports.
- Ruddell, Deborah. **A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems.** Simon & Schuster, 2009. (1-4)
Animals of the forest are celebrated in poetry as they go about their playful tasks.
- Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton. **All the World.** Beach Lane, 2009. (K-3)
Follows a group of family and friends through the course of a day as they learn the importance of all things great and small.
2010 Caldecott Honor Book

Schertle, Alice. **Button Up!** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-3)

Just when it seemed shoes, jackets, and swimsuits were inanimate, the outfits in this book are brought to life by this perfectly stitched poetry collection.

Sidman, Joyce. **Red Sings From Treetops: A Year In Colors.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-3)

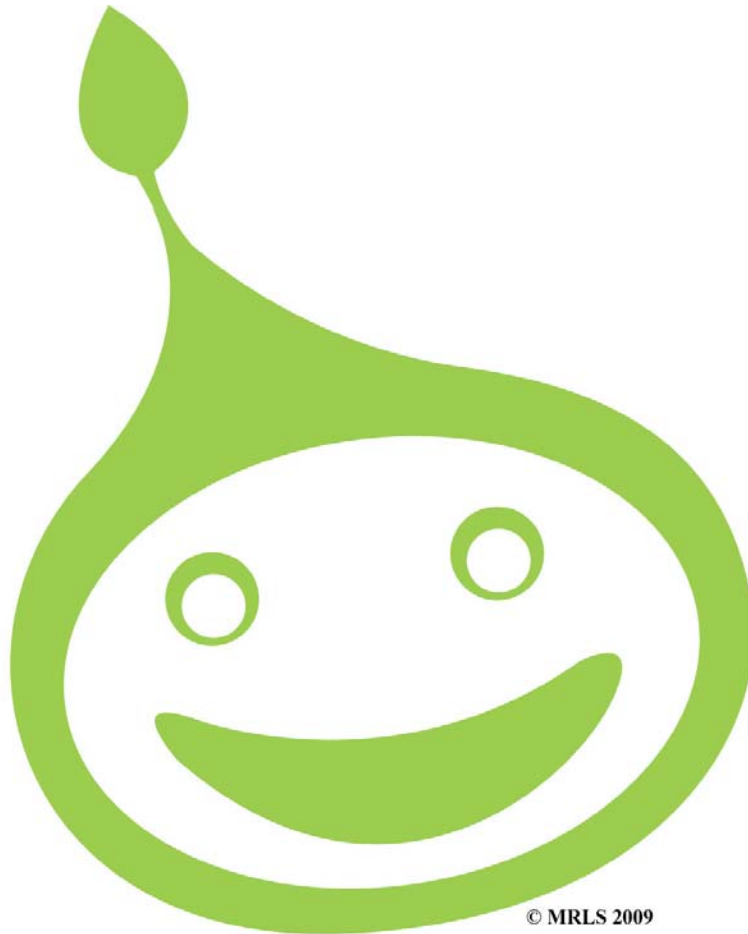
Illustrations and simple text combine the senses of sight, sound, smell, and taste to describe the colors of the seasons.
2010 Caldecott Honor Book

Singer, Marilyn. **Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Poems.** Dutton, 2010. (2+)

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.

Yolen, Jane. **A Mirror to Nature: Poems About Reflection.** Wordsong, 2009. (3-5)

Photos are combined with various poetic forms to match the mood and mirror nature. Children will be drawn into the book by the richness of language as well as the beauty of nature.



FOLKLORE

Burns, Batt. **The King with Horse's Ears and Other Irish Folktales.** Sterling, 2009. (3-5)

Retold tales of fairy folk, warriors, and heroes that will enchant children.

Child, Lauren. **Goldilocks and the Three Bears.** Hyperion, 2008. (K-2)

An updated retelling of the traditional tale.

Cousins, Lucy. **Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales.** Candlewick, 2009. (K-2)

Large type and oversized, colorful illustrations make this retelling of tales appealing to young children for independent reading as well for cuddling up and listening to the stories read aloud.

Daly, Niki. **Pretty Salma: a Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa.** Clarion, 2007. (2-4)

This Ghanaian version of "Little Red Riding Hood," teaches a young girl to heed her granny's warnings.

Emberley, Ed & Rebecca. **Chicken Little.** Roaring Brook Press, 2009. (K-2)

A retelling of the story in which Chicken Little becomes convinced the sky is falling after being hit on the head by an acorn.

Isadora, Rachel. **Hansel and Gretel.** Putnam, 2009. (K-3)

When they are left out in the woods by their parents, two children find their way home despite an encounter with a wicked witch.

Kajikawa, Kimiko. **Tsunami!** Philomel, 2009. (2-5)

Ojisan warns the people of his village of an approaching tsunami.

Ketterman, Helen. **The Three Little Gators.** Albert Whitman, 2009. (K-2)

In this version, three little alligators each build a house in a Texas swamp hoping for protection from a bear.

MacDonald, Margaret. **How Many Donkeys?: An Arabic Counting Tale.** Albert Whitman, 2009. (K-3)

When counting his donkeys on the way to market, Jouha is exasperated that the count is never the same.

MacDonald, Margaret. **Surf War! A Folktale from the Marshall Islands.** August House, 2009. (K-3)

A bragging contest between Whale and Sandpiper over the ownership of the sea leads them only to realize that there is an interdependence between sea and land creatures.

McDermott, Gerald. **Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai'i.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-3)

The mischievous, shape-shifting Pig-Boy gets in trouble with both the King and Pele, the goddess of fire, but always manages to slip away as his grandmother has taught him to do.

Maddern, Eric. **The King and the Seed.** Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2009. (K-3)

In this variation of the Chinese tale, Jack is rewarded for his honest gardening efforts.

Nishizuka, Koko. **The Beckoning Cat: Based on a Japanese Folktale.** Holiday House, 2009. (K-3)

This retelling of a traditional tale tells how the beckoning cat comes to be the symbol of good fortune.

Palatini, Margie. **Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes.** Simon & Schuster, 2009. (K-3)

A retelling of Aesop's Fox and the Grapes fable about a fox frustrated in his quest for a bunch of grapes.

Pinkney, Jerry. **The Lion & the Mouse.** Little, Brown, 2009. (K-3)

A wordless retelling of the Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

2010 Caldecott Medal Winner

Sharpe, Leah. **The Goat-Faced Girl.** David R. Godine, 2009. (2-5)

When Isabella, a beautiful but lazy young woman, agrees to marry an equally lazy prince, the sorceress who raised her gives her the head of a goat in hopes that she will learn to do things for herself.

NONFICTION – GENERAL

- Boursin, Didier. **Folding for Fun: Origami for Ages 4 and up.** Firefly Books, 2007. (K-5)
Provides instructions for sixteen paper folding projects, including a bunny, an airplane, a boat, and more.
- Bryson, Bill. **A Really Short History of Nearly Everything.** Delacorte, 2008. (4-5)
Draws from the science fields of cosmology, astronomy, paleontology, geology, chemistry, physics, and others to examine key events in the history of science, beginning with the Big Bang.
- Bruno, Elsa Knight. **Punctuation Celebration.** Holt, 2009. (1-4)
Introduces punctuation marks using rhyming verse and humorous examples from everyday life to demonstrate the rules for their use.
- Buckley, Carol. **Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends.** Putnam, 2009. (1-4)
The story of the unusual friendship between Tarra, a retired circus elephant, and Bella, a stray dog, who are both cared for at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee.
- Davies, Jacqueline. **Tricking the Tallyman.** Knopf, 2009. (2-5)
In 1790, the suspicious residents of a small Vermont town try to trick the man who has been sent to count their population for the first United States Census.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra. **14 Cows for America.** Peachtree, 2009. (2-4)
The true story of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.
- Edwards, Roberta. **Best Friends: The True Story of Owen and Mzee.** Grosset & Dunlap, 2007. (K-2)
Owen, a little hippo orphaned during a tsunami in Southeast Asia, is transported to an animal sanctuary where he finds an unlikely best friend in a 130-year-old tortoise named Mzee.
- Jackson, Donna M. **Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries From Perilous Places.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (4-5)
Profiles three extreme scientists who risk their lives to conduct research in some of the world's most intense environments, describing their experiences with hurricanes, cave microbes, and forest canopies.
- Jenkins, Steve. **Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-3)
An illustrated discussion of what not to do around various dangerous animals, with warnings about petting a platypus, touching a tang fish, or pulling a python's tail.
- Jones, Charlotte Foltz. **The King Who Barked: Real Animals Who Ruled.** Holiday House, 2009. (3-5)
Relates the stories of fifteen animals throughout history who were appointed to or ran for government positions.
- Kroll, Steven. **Stuff!: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. (K-2)
Even though he does not want to give up the things cluttering his home, Pinch the pack rat takes part in a neighborhood tag sale, but faces a dilemma when his neighbors want to use the money from the sale to buy a tree.
- Leedy, Loreen. **Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story.** Holiday House, 2008. (K-2)
In a story told entirely in similes, Rufus the fox is behaving strangely, but for a very good reason. Includes a definition of simile and suggestions for writing a simile story.
- Locricchio, Matthew. **The 2nd International Cookbook for Kids.** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. (2-5)
Classic recipes from around the world with information on nutrition, cooking terms, and tips.

NONFICTION – GENERAL (continued)

- Lunge-Larsen, Lise. **The Adventures of Thor the Thunder God.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (4-5)
Stories featuring the heroic Norse god Thor, who protects the Vikings with his magic belt and hammer.
- Markle, Sandra. **How Many Baby Pandas?** Walker, 2009. (K-3)
Full-color, illustrated photographs explain each stage in a baby panda's life, describing how the Wolong Giant Panda Breeding Center in China is helping to preserve and increase the panda population.
- Montgomery, Sy. **Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (4-5)
A pale, spotted, almost cloud-like coat makes the snow leopard uncannily invisible in its rocky mountain habitat. Author Sy Montgomery and photographer Nic Bishop accompany conservationist Tom McCarthy and his team as they travel to Mongolia's Altai Mountains to gather data about snow leopard populations in an attempt to save this endangered species and relate the story of the expedition through photos and text.
2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book
- Munro, Roxie. **Inside-Outside Dinosaurs.** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. (K-3)
Young dino fans will relish the short bits of information and delve into the large format pages that show eight different dinosaur skeletons and their habitats.
- Ross, Kathy. **Earth-Friendly Crafts: Clever Ways to Reuse Everyday Items.** Millbrook, 2009. (3-5)
Provides step-by-step instructions for craft projects that reuse everyday items.
- Strother, Ruth. **W is for Woof: A Dog Alphabet.** Sleeping Bear, 2008. (K-3)
Using an alphabet format, poetry pairs with text to inform readers about dogs.
- Sturm, James. **Adventures in Cartooning.** First Second, 2009. (2-5)
A magical elf, while helping a princess learn how to draw, presents drawing techniques to the reader.
- Truss, Lynne. **Twenty-Odd Ducks: Why, Every Punctuation Mark Counts!** Putnam, 2008. (K-3)
The importance of punctuation for conveying specific meaning in a written sentence is described through illustrations, demonstrating how changing punctuation can drastically change meaning.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Racing Against the Odds: The Story of Wendell Scott, Stock Car Racing's African-American Champion.** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. (3-5)
Tells the story of Wendell Scott, discussing the path he followed to become the only African-American driver to win a race in a NASCAR Grand National division.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston. **First Pooch: The Obamas Pick a Pet.** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. (K-3)
Imagines how Sasha and Malia Obama felt while on the campaign trail with their father, and what it was like for the Obama family to decide which type of dog to get once they settled into the White House. Includes facts about other presidential dogs.
- Wilbur, Helen L. **M is for Meow: A Cat Alphabet.** Sleeping Bear, 2007. (K-3)
An alphabet book for children that provides information on the history, care, and behavior of cats.
- Yes Magazine editors. **Robots.** Kids Can Press, 2008. (3-6)
Examines the history of robots looking at their use in early twenty-first century homes, factories, hospitals, and other locations. A discussion of possible future roles is included.

NONFICTION - SCIENCE & MATH

- Aguilar, David A. **11 Planets: A New View of the Solar System**. National Geographic, 2008. (3-6)
Profiles the eight planets from Mercury to Neptune and includes the dwarf planets Pluto, Eris, and Ceres. The book also discusses meteorites, comets, and other solar systems with planet charts, a glossary, and a "Solar System in a Grocery Bag" project.
- Bang, Molly. **Living Sunlight: How Plants Bring the Earth to Life**. Scholastic, 2009. (K-3)
Introduces young readers to the importance of sunlight to grow plants, which humans and animals depend on to survive.
- Bishop, Nic. **Butterflies and Moths**. Scholastic, 2009. (K-3)
Full-color photos describe the characteristics, behaviors, habits, and life cycle of butterflies and moths.
- Campbell, Sarah C. **Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator**. Boyds Mills, 2008. (K-3)
Photos and simple text describe how a tiny wolf snail hunts, attacks, and eats its prey.
2009 Geisel Award Winner.
- Campbell, Sarah C. **Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature**. Boyds Mills, 2010. (3-6)
Text and photographs provide a simple but beautiful introduction to Fibonacci numbers in nature.
- Chin, Jason. **Redwoods**. Flash Point, 2009. (K-3)
A young boy travels all the way to the forests of California as he reads on the subway.
2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book
- Croswell, Ken. **The Lives of Stars**. Boyds Mills, 2009. (4-5)
A photographic introduction to stars and their role in the universe.
- Floca, Brian. **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**. Atheneum, 2009. (K-3)
An illustrated account of the first manned mission to land on the moon in 1969.
2010 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Winner
- George, Jean Craighead. **The Wolves are Back**. Dutton, 2008. (2+)
Describes the reintroduction and ecological benefits of wolves in Yellowstone National Park.
2009 Outstanding Science Trade Book; 2009 Notable Social Studies Trade Book
- Gibbons, Gail. **Hurricanes!** Holiday House, 2009. (1-3)
Introduces young readers to hurricanes, discussing how they are formed, how they are named and classified, what to do if a storm is on the way, and other related topics.
- Guiberson, Brenda Z. **Life in the Boreal Forest**. Holt, 2009. (2-4)
The plants, animals, and climate of the boreal forest are described, including threats to the ecosystem.
2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book
- Hale, Christy. **The East-West House: Noguchi's Childhood in Japan**. Lee & Low, 2009. (3-5)
Presents the life of Isamu Noguchi, a Japanese American artist, sculptor, and landscape architect. The book focuses on his boyhood in Japan and designing and building a home that fused Eastern and Western influences.
- Henkes, Kevin. **Birds**. Greenwillow, 2009. (K-3)
Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl discovers things they have in common.
- Horton, Joan. **Math Attack!** Farrar, Strauss, & Giroux, 2008. (K-3)
When arithmetic strain scrambles a student's brain, no one in town is safe from the numbers that go flying from the child's head.

NONFICTION - SCIENCE & MATH (continued)

Jenkins, Steve. **Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (K-5)
Explore the world below the watery surface of the sea through the vivid illustrations and informative text that introduces young readers to the creatures that live in the deepest and darkest places of the ocean's bottom.

Kirby, Pamela F. **What Bluebirds Do.** Boyds Mills, 2009. (K-3)
Easy-to-follow text and photos details the unique characteristics and behaviors of bluebirds.
2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book

Lasky, Kathryn. **One Beetle To Many.** Candlewick, 2009. (4+)
Describes the life and work of Charles Darwin, the renowned nineteenth-century biologist who transformed conventional thought with his theory of natural evolution.

Neuschwander, Cindy. **Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens: A Math Adventure.** Charlesbridge, 2009. (2-5)
When Sir Cumference and his wife, Lady Di of Ameter, host a massive surprise birthday party for the king, their challenge is to figure out a quick way to count all the guests that are in attendance.

O'Brien, Patrick. **Sabertooth.** Holt, 2008. (2-4)
Presents the variety of sabertooth tigers that existed ten thousand to thirteen million years ago.
2009 Outstanding Science Trade Book

Siy, Alexandra. **Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet.** Charlesbridge, 2009. (4-5)
Tells the story of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission and looks at what scientists have learned from the photographs and data sent by roving mechanical geologists Spirit and Opportunity since their landing on the planet.
2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book

Turner, Pamela. **The Frog Scientist.** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. (4-5)
Discusses the work of Tyrone Hayes and his efforts to study and protect frogs, and follows Hayes into the field with his students to perform experiments with various types of frogs.

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. **Stars! Stars! Stars!** Marshall Cavendish, 2009. (K-3)
When Minna expresses an interest in stars, her mother suggests she invite a few friends to a star party, including a special dinner, a trip to the new Star Space at the Children's Museum, and star-gazing.

Wells, Robert E. **What's So Special about Planet Earth?** Albert Whitman, 2009. (K-3)
Presents an illustrated introduction to the Earth, describes the atmospheres of the other planets in the solar system, and explains the reasons why Earth is capable of sustaining life.



NONFICTION - HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

- Adler, David A. **A Picture Book of John and Abigail Adams.** Holiday House, 2010. (K-3)
Illustrations and text describe the lives of John and Abigail Adams, discussing their childhoods, families, relationship, work, and death.
- Bildner, Phil. **The Hallelujah Flight.** Putnam, 2010. (K-3)
James Banning, along with his co-pilot Thomas Allen, made history by becoming the first African-Americans to fly across the United States, relying on the generosity of people they met who helped keep their "flying jalopy" going.
- Cook, Michelle. **Our Children Can Soar: a Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change**
Bloomsbury, 2009. (K-3)
Illustrations and brief text introduce early readers to the achievements of prominent African-Americans.
- Decker, Timothy. **For Liberty: The Story of the Boston Massacre.** Calkins Creek, 2009. (3-6)
Presents an illustrated discussion of the Boston Massacre of 1770, when British soldiers and American colonists fought in the street, leading to a series of conflicts and the eventual challenge of British rule.
- Gifford, Clive. **10 Kings & Queens Who Changed the World.** Kingfisher, 2009. (4-5)
Illustrations and text profile the lives of ten significant kings and queens throughout history.
- McCully, Emily. **My Heart Glow: Alice Cogswell, Thomas Gallaudet, and the Birth of American Sign Language.**
Hyperion, 2008. (2-5)
Describes the history of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut, and the invention of American Sign Language, with information on the school's founder and the young girl who inspired him.
- Mis, Melody S. **Exploring Islands.** PowerKids, 2009. (K-3)
Everything you want to know about this amazing landform! Discover the different kinds of islands, the most amazing islands, the most famous islands and more!
- Newton, Vanessa. **Let Freedom Sing.** Blue Apple Books, 2009. (K-3)
Adapts the lyrics of the song "This Little Light of Mine" to a look at how African-American men and women have let their own lights shine to make a better world.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Sit-in: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down.** Little, Brown, 2010. (K-3)
A picture book that celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-in at Woolworth's lunch counter as a protest against segregation.
- Rappaport, Doreen. **Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt.** Hyperion, 2009. (K-3)
A biographical tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt, who taught children in poor neighborhoods in New York City and worked as an ambassador, activist, and champion of civil rights.
- Shelton, Paula Young. **Child of the Civil Rights Movement.** Schwartz & Wade, 2010. (K-3)
Paula Young Shelton shares her memories of the civil rights movement and her involvement in the historic march from Selma to Montgomery.
- Smith, David J. **If America Were a Village: A Book about the People of the United States.**
Kids Can Press, 2009. (3-6)
Demographic details are presented in an understandable way, portraying the United States as a village of 100 people.
- Stark, Ken. **Marching to Appomattox: The Footrace that Ended the Civil War.** Putnam, 2009. (3-6)
Describes how geography, luck, perseverance, and diplomacy between Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant helped to change the course of history at the end of the Civil War.

BIOGRAPHY

Aldrin, Buzz. **Look to the Stars.** Putnam, 2009. (3-5)

Presents a history of man's exploration of space from the Wright brothers' first airplane to the inner workings of the International Space Station.

2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book

Barton, Chris. **The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-new Colors.** Charlesbridge, 2009. (3-5)

The story of two brothers, Bob and Joe Switzer, and how they invented fluorescent paint and colors.

2010 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book

Bolden, Tonya. **George Washington Carver.** Abrams, 2008. (4-5)

A biography of botanical researcher and educator, George Washington Carver, whose work to promote alternative crops in the post-war South played a major role in revolutionizing Southern agriculture.

Corey, Shana. **Mermaid Queen: The Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History!** Scholastic, 2009. (2-5)

The biography of Annette Kellerman, who overcame her childhood illness to become internationally recognized for her swimming, the invention of water ballet, and the modern swimsuit for women.

Kerley, Barbara. **What to Do About Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!** Scholastic, 2008. (2-5)

Alice Roosevelt Longworth's experiences while her father was President of the United States.

2009 Notable Social Studies Trade Book

Krull, Kathleen. **The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth.** Knopf, 2009. (3-5)

The story of Philo Farnsworth, who created the world's first television image in 1928.

2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya.** Simon & Schuster, 2010. (1-3)

A true story of the 1st African woman who won the Nobel Peace Prize for planting trees in Kenya.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. **Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal.** Carolrhoda, 2009. (3-5)

The story of a remarkable African-American hero of the Old West.

2010 Coretta Scott King Award.

Rockwell, Anne F. **Big George: How a Shy Boy Became President Washington.** Harcourt, 2009. (2-5)

George Washington was a shy boy who was afraid to talk to people, but grew up to lead an army against the British and serve as president of the new nation.

Shange, Ntozake. **Coretta Scott.** Amistad/Katherine Tegen Books, 2009. (K-3)

An illustrated biography of Coretta Scott King, describing her childhood and marriage to Martin Luther King, Jr., and her civil rights efforts.

Stone, Tanya Lee. **Sandy's Circus: A Story About Alexander Calder.** Viking, 2008. (K-3)

An account of how artist Alexander Calder's miniature circus from found objects grew to fill multiple suitcases.

2009 Notable Social Studies Trade Book

Yaccarino, Dan. **The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau.** Knopf, 2009. (K-3)

An introduction to Jacques Cousteau, the world's ambassador to the oceans.

2010 Outstanding Science Trade Book

ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL FICTION

Alvarez, Julia. **Return to Sender**. Knopf, 2009.

After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, eleven-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

Appelt, Kathi. **The Underneath**. Atheneum, 2008.

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. **Anything But Typical**. Simon & Schuster, 2009.

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Berry, Julie. **The Amaranth Enchantment**. Bloomsbury, 2009.

Orphaned at age five, Lucinda, now fifteen, stands with courage against the man who took everything from her, aided by a thief, a clever goat, and a mysterious woman called the Witch of Amaranth, while the prince she knew as a child prepares to marry, unaware that he, too, is in danger.

D'Lacey, Chris. **Icerefire**. Orchard Books, 2006.

While researching the existence of dragons for an essay that could win him a trip to the Arctic, Chris opens himself to the possibility that a great, ancient treasure exists there, guarded by bears, and that he has some role in its protection.

Diamond, Emily. **Raiders' Ransom**. Scholastic, 2009.

In 22nd-century Great Britain, where climate change has caused vast flooding, piratical raiders kidnap the Prime Minister's daughter, and thirteen-year-old Lilly Melkun, an English fisher-girl, takes her seacat on a daring rescue attempt, with a mysterious talking jewel from a past computer age tucked in her belt as ransom.

Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me**. Random, 2009.

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source, which seems to defy the laws of time and space.

2010 Newbury Winner

Tarshis, Lauren. **Emma Jean Lazarus Fell In Love**. Dial, 2009.

Seventh-grader Emma-Jean Lazarus uses her logical, scientific mind to navigate the mysteries of the upcoming Spring Fling, her friend Colleen's secret admirer, and other love-related dilemmas.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Peace, Locomotion**. Putnam, 2009.

Through letters to his little sister, who is living in a different foster home, sixth-grader Lonnie, also known as "Locomotion," keeps a record of their lives while they are apart, describing his own foster family, including his foster brother who returns home after losing a leg in the Iraq War.

Sequel to National Book Award: Locomotion

ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL NONFICTION

Aronson, Marc. **If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge.** National Geographic, 2010.

Text, photographs, and explanatory maps and illustrations document archaeologist Mike Parker Pearson's study of Stonehenge and the surrounding area, describing what he found and what the artifacts reveal about the site and its history.

Deem, James M. **Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past.** Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

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Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit**. HarperTrophy. (K-1)
Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo**. HarperTrophy. (K-2)
Chaconas, Dori. **Cork and Fuzz**. Viking. (K-1)
DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson**. Candlewick. (1-3)
Guest, Elissa. **Iris and Walter**. Harcourt. (K-1)
Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina**. Candlewick. (K-1)
Lumry, Amanda. **Adventures of Riley**. Scholastic. (K-3)
Mills, Claudia. **Gus & Grandpa**. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. (K-2)
Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge**. Aladdin. (K-1)
Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton**. Blue Sky. (K-1)
Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great**. Yearling. (1-3)
Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate & Cocoa**. Harcourt. (K-2)
Willems, Mo. **Elephant and Piggie**. Hyperion. (K-2)

Middle Grades

Abbott, Tony. **Secrets of Droon**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean**. Chronicle. (2-4)
Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake**. Aladdin. (2-4)
Denton, Shannon. **Boxcar Children Graphic Novels**. Magic Wagon. (2-4)
DiTerlizzi, Tony & Holly Black. **Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles**. Simon & Schuster. (2-4)
Gutman, Dan. **My Weird School**. HarperCollins. (1-3)
Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny**. Raw Jr. (1-3)
Jones, Marcia Thornton. **Ghostville Elementary**. Scholastic. (1-3)
Kerrin, Jessica. **Martin Bridge**. Kids Can. (2-4)
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody**. Candlewick. (2-4)
McDonald, Megan. **Stink**. Candlewick. (1-3)
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House**. Scholastic. (1-3)
Ransom, Candice. **Time Spies**. Mirrorstone. (2-4)
Roy, Ron. **Capital Mysteries**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Runton, Andy. **Owly**. Top Shelf Productions (2-4)
Stilton, Geronimo. **Geronimo Stilton**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Various Authors. **DK Eyewitness Readers**. DK Press (2-5)
Various Authors. **Let's Read and Find Out Science**. HarperCollins (1-4)
Various Authors. **Math Matters**. Kane Press. (2-4)
Various Authors. **Matt Christopher Sports** (2-5)

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Barry, Dave. **Peter and the Starcatchers**. Hyperion. (4-5)
Buckley, Michael. **Sisters Grimm: Fairy Tale Detectives**. Amulet. (4-5)
Harper, Charise Mericle. **Just Grace**. Houghton. (3-5)
Holm, Jennifer. **Babymouse**. Random House. (2-5)
Horowitz, Anthony. **Alex Rider**. Philomel. (4-5)
Hunter, Erin. **Warriors**. HarperCollins. (3-5)
Jacques, Brian. **Redwall**. Penguin. (4-5)
Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose**. Yearling. (3-5)
Kinney, Jeff. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**. Amulet. (3-5)
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Tales from the Odyssey**. Hyperion. (3-5)
Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine**. Hyperion. (3-5)
Skuryznski, Gloria. **Mysteries in Our National Parks**. National Geographic. (4-5)
Sage, Angie. **Septimus Heap**. HarperCollins (4-5)
Smith, Jeff. **Bone**. Graphix. (3-5)
Stewart, Paul. **Edge Chronicles**. Yearling. (4-5)
Tanaka, Shelley. **I Was There**. Scholastic. (4-5)
Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Sammy Keyes Mysteries**. Yearling. (4-5).
Various Authors. **39 Clues**. Scholastic. (4-5)
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Various Authors. **Dear America**. Scholastic. (3-5)
Various Authors. **Girls of Many Lands**. Pleasant Co. (4-5)
Winkler, Henry. **Hank Zipzer**. Grosset & Dunlap. (3-5)



WEBSITES TO KEEP YOU READING, LEARNING, AND HAVING FUN

Activity TV <http://www.activitytv.com>

All ages can learn to create crafts by watching these online videos.

ALA Great Websites for Kids

<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

A searchable database of sites recommended by the American Library Association.

Animal Fact Guide <http://www.animalfactguide.com>

Avoid the ads and you will find short articles about interesting and endangered animals around the world. Explore “Fun Stuff” to find coloring pages, mazes and more.

Baseball Rox <http://www.baseballrox.com>

Ignore the annoying ads and you will discover a treasure trove of baseball statistics, online games, tips and coaching videos to help you improve your game.

Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr. <http://www.brainpop.com> ; <http://www.brainpopjr.com>

A subscription service accessible in most Newton schools for short videos on a variety of educational topics.

Check out the free movie of the month at home!

Children’s Room – Newton Free Library <http://www.newtonfreelibrary.net/?sec=childrens>

Find a wealth of information and activities selected by the Newton public librarians.

Exploratorium <http://www.exploratorium.edu/afterschool/activities/index.php>

Take a virtual field trip to San Francisco’s Exploratorium Museum of Science, Art and Human Perception. Explore the digital library of learning resources and enjoy (and learn from) video clips and hands-on activities.

Funbrain.com <http://funbrain.com>

Education and entertainment are linked through FunBrain, a great site for online educational games (math, grammar, science, spelling, history) for kids of all ages.

Glossipedia <http://www.globio.org/glossopedia/Default.aspx>

A multimedia online interactive encyclopedia, connecting kids to the world.

Horizon Magic Portal <http://www.magicporthole.org>

Entering the magic portal will transport you to the fascinating and fragile world of coral reefs. Children can learn about the creatures that inhabit coral reefs through multimedia and fun activities.

International Children’s Digital Library <http://www.icdlbooks.org/>

An online library of children’s books from around the world.

Internet Public Library for Kids <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/>

Are you curious? Do you have questions? If so, visit the Kids section and explore the wide variety of websites for children!

Jack Prelutsky <http://www.jackprelutsky.com>

Jack Prelutsky has delighted children with his humorous poetry for thirty years and was named the first Children’s Poet Laureate in 2006. His highly interactive website will delight all who visit and foster a love of poetry.

Jon Scieska <http://jsworldwide.com>

The author is the National Ambassador of Young People’s Literature and has a website chock full of fun for readers. There is a direct link to his other site, “Guys Read”, with helpful tips for aiding parents in keeping their children reading.

Kids Click <http://www.kidsclick.org>

Annotated and searchable directory of websites created for kids by librarians.

Kids.gov <http://kids.gov>

The Official Kid's Portal to the U.S. Government with activities, games and more!

Kidsites.com <http://kidsites.com>

Organized by subject, each topic lists well-chosen sites for children to explore.

National Geographic for Kids <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Children can enjoy learning about the world of nature in a fun way by interacting with videos, games, and other activities at this site.

MyStoryMaker <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/>

Create your own stories that can be viewed at the Carnegie Library site. You can print and save your stories, too!

NASA Kids Club <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

Safe, fun and educational activities for space enthusiasts.

PBS Kids <http://pbskids.org/>

This award-winning site is designed for younger children, featuring games and activities from favorite shows.

San Francisco Symphony–Fun with Music <http://www.sfskids.org/templates/home.asp?pageid=1>

Learn about, listen to, and create your own music.

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

An online streaming video program in which actors and actresses read stories aloud. Accompanying activities add to the experience for children.

Tate Kids <http://kids.tate.org.uk/>

Sponsored by the Tate Art Museum in London, the site contains a wealth of art activities to inspire creativity, from creating crafts to making your own art gallery on the site.

TeachingBooks.net <http://teachingbooks.net>

A great site for information about authors, illustrators, and their books. Hear an author read the first chapter of his book, or watch a video clip! See your school library teacher for an ID and password for home use.

BOOKS I ENJOYED: MY READING LOG

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What I liked _____

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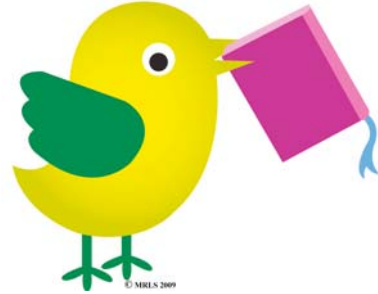
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Hey Kids, it's easy to be green this summer - all you need to do is visit the Newton Free Library.

We have all kinds of cool events planned for this summer's reading program, *Go Green at Your Library!* Registration begins on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Check out our new reading for charity program, *Readers Reach Out*. Keep track of your reading all summer, with our online log at

<http://www.readsinma.org/newton/>

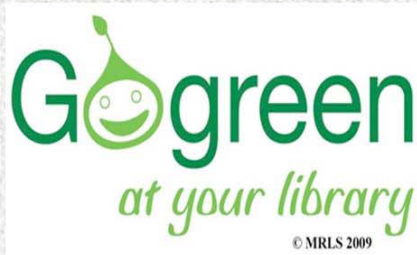
To get started, just click on the Kid's Summer Reading Program. You can keep track of your reading and write your own book reviews. Visit the library at the end of June to sign up so you can find out about the great books, programs and ice cream party that you can enjoy!

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