

A note about choosing books for your child

Whether your child is currently reading independently or not, it is important that they are a part of the book selection process. When choosing a book to read together, let your child look inside the book. Read the first page or two together. Keep in mind that your child's taste in books may fluctuate greatly from day to day or minute to minute. If you want to be sure to read specific titles with your child, compromise by letting your child choose a portion of the books you read together.

If your child is reading independently, have them read a page or two from a book aloud to you before committing to reading the whole book. You want your child to be able to read most of the words, so he does not get discouraged in his reading abilities. It is okay to provide some help. If you're not sure if the book is too hard or not, ask your child. Readers usually know what is and is not appropriate for them.

Remember that most picture books will be too difficult for your child to read independently. They are intended to be shared with a more advanced reader. Your child may also be very interested in non-fiction topics and yearn for the information contained in books far beyond his reading level. To satisfy your child's longing to learn, it is better to read difficult non-fiction materials together than limit your child to books within his reading level.

Most books for newly independent readers are indicated in some way on the front or back cover of the book. Popular publishers' series include Rookie Readers, Hello Reader, Welcome to Reading, Step into Reading, All Aboard Reading, I Can Read!, Ready-to-Read, Read-it Readers, DK Readers, Phonics Comics, My First Graphic Novel, etc. Popular author series include Alysa Capucilli's Bisuits books, Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie books, Tedd Arnold's Fly Guy books, Cythnia Rylant's Mr. Putter and Tabby and Henry and Mudge books, Herman Parish's Amelia Bedelia books, Else Holmelund Minarik's Little Bear books, any books by Arbold Lobel, Kyd Hoff, and Russell Hoban, and most books by Dr. Seuss.

For help finding books at the appropriate independent reading level for your child, visit bookadventure.org, bookwizard.scholastic.com or your local librarian.

For interactive reading activities online, check out these links:

BookFlix www.woslibrary.socsdblogs.org/links Username: sosd Password: bookflix

StarFall www.starfall.com

RIF www.rif.org/kids

Happy Reading!

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William O. Schaefer Summer Reading List

The supplied Summer Reading List is a mix of books suggested by the Association for Library Services to Children, the New York State Library, the International Reading Association, and the New York State Reading Association. The number which proceeds each title notates the book's DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) level. The accompanying letter notates the book's Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading Level. Additional suggestions for books to read with your child can be found at the following websites:

Caldecott Medal Books www.ala.org/alsc/caldecott.cfm

Notable Books for Children www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ncb/default.cfm

New York State Summer Reading www.summerreadingnys.org

International Reading Association www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants.aspx

New York State Reading Association www.nysreading.org/Awards/charlotte

Cassie's Word Quilt by Faith Ringgold 4D

Chicken and Cat by Sara Varon 4D

Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! by Geoffrey Hayes 4D

Little Mouse Gets By by Jeff Smith 7E

Citybook by Shelley Rotner 12G

The Fabulous Flying Fandinis by Ingrid Slyder 12G

Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day by Kate McMullan 12G

Billy Joel: New York State of Mind by Billy Joel 14H

The Inside-Outside Book of New York City by Roxie Munro 14H

Russell the Sheep by Rob Scotton 14H

The Babe and I by David Adler 15H

Silent Movie by Avi 16I

I Spy Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold 17I

Birds by Kevin Henkes 18J

Subway Sparrow by Leyla Torres 18J

The Erie Canal Pirates by Peter Spier 18J

Building Manhattan by Laura Vila 18J

Chinatown by William Low 18J

The Gingerbread Boy by Richard Egielski 18J

Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey by Maira Kalman 20K

Silver Seeds by Paolilli and Dan Brewer 20K

Thunder-Boomer! by Shutta Crum 20K

Uptown by Brian Collier 22K

The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Janet Stevens 24K

Is This a House for Hermit Crabs? by Megan McDonald 24K

One Leaf Rides the Wind by Celeste Davidson Mannis 24K

Niagara Falls by Sarah De Capua 24L

Junk Man's Daughter by Sonia Levitin 24L
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein 24L
Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends by Wong Herbert 24L
My Abuelita by Tony Johnston 24L
Mimmy & Sophie All Around the Town by Miriam Cohen 24L
The Erie Canal Pirates by Eric A. Kimmel 24L
Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson 24L
My Name is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz by Monica Brown 26L
The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal by Cheryl Harness 26M
Building on Nautre by Rachel Rodriguez 28M
All Aboard, Owney! The Adirondack Mail Dog by Jennifer Gordon Sattler 28M
Maiden of the Mist: A Legend of Niagara Falls by Veronika Charles 28M
Albert, the Dog Who Liked to Ride in Taxis by Cynthia Zarin 28M
Aero and Officer Mike by Joan Plummer Russell 28M
Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson 30N
Central Park Serenade by Laura Godwin 30N
Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building by Deborah Hopkinson 30N
More About Anything Else by Marie Bradby 32N
Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors by Joyce Sidman 34O
My Subway Ride by Paul DuBois Jacobs 34O
Under New York by Linda High 34O
A Walk in New York by Salvatore Rubbino 34O
Turtle's Race with Beaver: A Traditional Seneca Story by Joseph Bruchac 35O
A Nickel, A Trolley, A Treasure House by Sharon R. Baker 36P
Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold 38P
Abbie in Stitches by Cynthia Cotton 38P
The Wheat Doll by Alison L. Randall 38P
Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing by April Jones Prince 39P
The Top Job by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel 39Q
Theodore by Frank Keating 40Q
A Small Dog's Big Life: Around the World with Owney by Irene Kelly 40R
Zoe Sophia in New York: The Mystery of the Pink Phoenix Papers by Claudia Mauner 40R
Josua the Giant Frog by Peggy Thomas 40R
Liberty! by Allan Drummond 40S
Old Granny and the Bean Thief by Cynthia DeFelice 42S
The Pot That Juan Built by Nancy Andrews-Gobel 42S
Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson 42S
Manfish: The Story of Jacques Cousteau by Jennifer Berne 44T
This is New York by Miroslav Sasek 44U
City of Snow: The Great Blizzard of 1888 by Linda Oatman High 44V
River Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River by Hudson Talbott 45W
Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson Against the Odds by Robert Burleigh 45X
New York, New York!: The Big Apple from A to Z by Laura Krauss Melmed 45Z

Reading Log for _____

My teacher for the 2010-2011 school year is _____

You don't have to keep track of every book you read this summer, but I would love to know which books you really enjoyed. The BEST books I read this summer were:

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

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_____ by _____

_____ by _____

The winner of the 2010 3 Apples Book Award is
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

Write down your FAVORITE book from this summer here:

_____ by _____

and your Library Media Specialist will nominate it for the 2011 3 Apples Book Award!

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