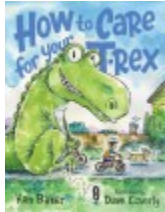


## **Summer 2021 Suggested Titles**

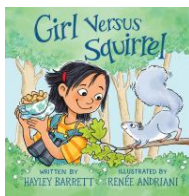
Please use the following suggested titles to help build your summer reading list. The goal is to read over the summer, and hopefully have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and graphic novels/graphic fact books. Happy reading!

Picture Books:



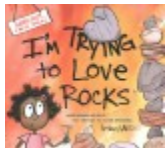
### ***How to Care for your T-Rex* by Ken Baker**

How to care for a pet that eats 300 pounds of meat per day, has tiny arms, and a lot of slobber.



### ***Girl vs. Squirrel* by Hayley Barrett**

A resourceful girl named Pearl matches wits with an intrepid squirrel in a rollicking tale of teacups, peanuts, and the satisfying surprise of learning something new"



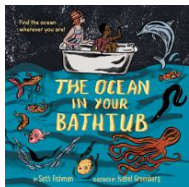
### ***I'm Trying to Love Rocks* by Bethany Barton**

A fun introduction into geology-- part of the "I'm Trying to Love....." series.



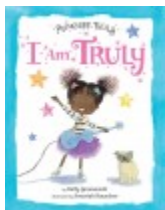
### ***Jabari Tries* by Gaia Cornwall**

Jabari is making a flying machine all by himself, but when it doesn't work the way he imagined, he learns about perseverance and problem-solving.



### ***The Ocean in Your Bathtub* by Seth Fishman**

The Earth's five oceans and its water cycle connect all of us in important and unexpected ways



### ***Princess Truly Series* by Kelly Greenawalt**

Princess Truly's rhyming adventures are a celebration of individuality, girl power, diversity, and dreaming big!



### ***Out the Door* by Christy Hale**

Follows a girl through her day in a busy city as she travels to school and back again.



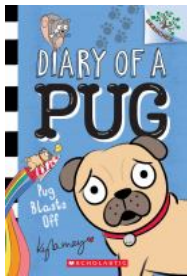
### ***Goodnight, Astronaut* by Scott Kelly**

Scott Kelly was born for adventure. But exploring takes a lot of energy--and sleep is the super fuel to turbocharge dreams. Luckily, sleeping can be exciting if you're drifting off in the right place. Scott has fallen asleep at the bottom of the ocean, in the cockpit of an F-14 fighter jet, in a yurt on Mount Everest, and of course in space! Join Scott on his many adventures, and maybe they'll inspire dreams of your own!



### ***Chapter Two is Missing* by Josh Lieb**

Chapter Two is Missing is a hilarious picture book mystery starring a hopelessly lost narrator, an unqualified detective, and a very sneaky janitor, who are all surprised to discover that second chapter of the very book of which they are a part is--gasp--missing!



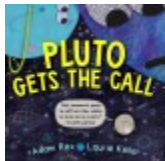
### ***Diary of a Pug Series* by Kyla May**

Baron von Bubbles (Bub) is a pug who wants nothing more than to help his human Bella in her craft projects for school, though he is a little apprehensive about the rocket she is making for the Inventor Challenge--so when he ruins the rocket while trying to get at Nutz the squirrel he needs to find a way to make it up to Bella.



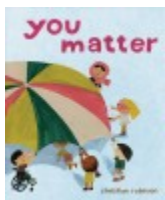
### ***A New Day* by Brad Meltzer**

After Sunday quits being a day of the week, the other days of the week try out all sorts of candidates, until an act of kindness reminds them all that a little appreciation can go a long way.



### ***Pluto Gets the Call* by Adam Rex**

In this creative nonfiction work, just after learning that Earth's scientists no longer consider him a planet, an unhappy Pluto takes a visitor from Earth on a tour of the solar system, sharing facts along the way.



### ***You Matter* by Christian Robinson**

No matter what happens or how one feels, he or she matters.



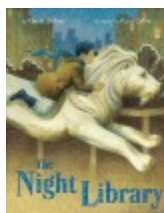
### ***Every Little Letter* by Deborah Underwood**

In a world where all the letters of the alphabet live in separate cities surrounded by walls, little h and small i's newfound friendship inspires all the divided communities to connect and form such words as courage, cooperate, and kindness. How do you tear down walls? With words at first, then brick by brick



### ***Bear Outside* by Jane Yolen**

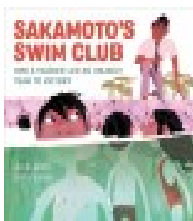
A little girl wears a bear on the outside to keep her safe and to be her friend, just as some people have a fierce animal inside to protect them.



### ***The Night Library* by David Zeltzer**

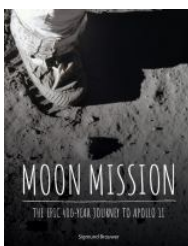
The Polar Express meets The Night at the Museum in this fantastical picture-book adventure about the magic of books and libraries, perfect for book lovers of all ages! After a young boy goes to sleep upset that he's getting a book for his birthday, he's visited in the night by Patience and Fortitude, the two stone lions who guard the New York Public Library.

## **Non-fiction:**



### ***Sakamoto's Swim Club* by Julie Abery**

The true story of science teacher Soichi Sakamoto, who formed a champion swim club consisting of the Hawaiian and Japanese children of impoverished sugarcane workers in the 1930s. Without a proper pool to swim in, Sakamoto trained his team in irrigation ditches and coached the kids to swim against the natural current, building up the swimmers' strength and endurance. The team overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles and surged onto the national swimming scene, dominating events both in the United States and across the world. Almost lost to history, the sugar ditch kids' story is an inspiration to athletes around the world.



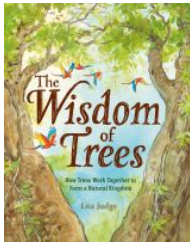
### ***Moon Mission* by Sigmund Brouwer**

A narrative told from the astronauts' points of view describes the story behind Apollo 11's moon landing, linking the innovations and discoveries from the past four centuries that made the mission possible.



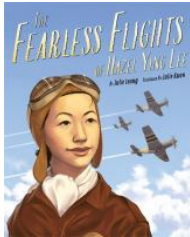
### ***Flash Facts* by Sholly Fisch**

Have you ever wondered what's at the bottom of the sea? Why polar ice melts? Or which tools forensic scientists use to solve a crime? Well look no further! Everyone's favorite Scarlet Speedster is here to answer all your burning questions! Barry Allen, with the help of some of his close friends, will take readers on an exciting journey that examines everything from the vast expanse of our galaxy to the smallest living organism known to man. Curated by award-winning actress and author Mayim Bialik, PhD, and featuring stories created by an all-star cast of writers and illustrators, this anthology aligns with Next Generation Science Standards and provides a helpful bridge between the lessons taught inside the classroom and our everyday lives.



### ***The Wisdom of Trees* by Lita Judge**

The story of a tree is a story of community, communication, and cooperation. Although trees may seem like silent, independent organisms, they form a network buzzing with life: they talk, share food, raise their young, and offer protection. Trees thrive on diversity, learn from their ancestors, and give back to their communities. Trees not only sustain life on our planet--they can also teach us important lessons about patience, survival, and teamwork.



### ***The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee* by Julie Leung**

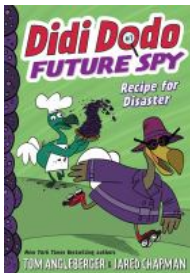
Hazel Ying Lee was born fearless--she was not afraid of anything, and the moment she took her first airplane ride, she knew where she belonged. When people scoffed at her dreams of becoming a pilot, Hazel wouldn't take no for an answer. She joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. It was a dangerous job, but Hazel flew with joy and boldness.



### ***It Began with a Page* by Julie Morstad**

Gyo Fujikawa's iconic children's books are beloved all over the world. Now it's time for Gyo's story to be told--a story of artistic talent that refused to be constrained by rules or expectations. Growing up quiet and lonely at the beginning of the twentieth century, Gyo learned from her relatives the ways in which both women and Japanese people lacked opportunity. Her teachers and family believed in her and sent her to art school and later Japan, where her talent flourished. But while Gyo's career grew and led her to work for Walt Disney Studios, World War II began, and with it, her family's internment. But Gyo never stopped fighting--for herself, her vision, her family and her readers--and later wrote and illustrated the first children's book to feature children of different races interacting together.

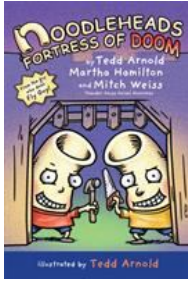
## **Chapter Books:**



### ***Didi Dodo Series* by Tom Angleberger**

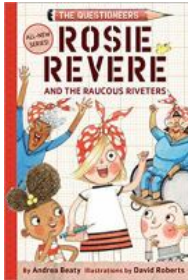
In this series opener, Koko Dodo the cookie chef has a big problem. Today is the day of the royal cookie contest, and someone has stolen his top-secret fudge sauce! Luckily, a spy enters the scene just in time (or rather, crashes in on her roller skates): Didi Dodo! This might be Didi's first case ever, but she has a daring plan to help Koko. Koko would prefer a safe, simple, sure-to-work plan, but without another option, he and the amateur sleuth take off on a wacky caper full of high-speed chases and big belly laughs that could only come from the mind of the inimitable Tom Angleberger. Each book in the series will focus on a food-related mystery.





### **Noodleheads Series by Tedd Arnold**

The Noodlehead brothers are back from the library with a joke book, a fantasy novel, and a dream- to build their very own Fortress of Doom. *If* they can stop bickering for long enough. And *if* they can defend it from their wily friend Meatball. Jump right in with this fourth title in an easy-to-read graphic novel series about more than two hollow pastas trying to have fun. *Noodleheads* has its roots in world folklore, making it a classic tale of fools.



### **The Questioners Series by Andrea Beaty**

Rosie Revere and her classmates Iggy Peck, Sofia Valdez and Ada Twist have an encore in this chapter-book series about inventing, engineering, and making the world a better place.



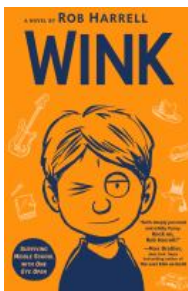
### **Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet by Megan Frazer Blakemore**

Frankie Sparks, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," does research and creates a tool to try to persuade her classmates that a rat would make the best class pet.



### **Snow Day in May by Christine Evans**

Raven is having the worst week ever. Her best friend Belle has just moved away, and tomorrow is Voices of History Day. Raven and Belle were working on their project together, and now Raven has to present alone—in front of the whole class. But when Raven stumbles upon the Wish Library and asks for school to be canceled, she faces a whole new challenge—and finds that just maybe she had the bravery she needed all along.



### **Wink by Rob Harrell**

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.



***Homer's Excellent Adventure* by PJ Hoover**

Homer is about to fail out of school unless he can come up with a story. An epic story. Oh, and it needs to be written in Dactylic Hexameter. No big deal ... except Homer has no idea what that is. But the Greek god Hermes has a story that needs a storyteller, and with a trick of immortal magic, he sends Homer and his best friend Dory back ten years to the end of the Trojan War. They meet up with the Greek hero Odysseus along with an entire crew of smelly sailors and set off on a journey filled with scary monsters, angry gods, and a very hungry cyclops. Can Homer get the story in time? Or will one wrong move leave Homer and Dory trapped in the past forever?



***Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian**

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.



***Red Panda and Moon Bear* by Jarod Rosello**

Red Panda and Moon Bear are used to handling lost cats and bullies, but they will need some new friends to deal with ghosts, robots, and alien invaders.



***Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?* By Stephen Shaskan**

Best friends Pizza and Taco agree on nearly everything until Pizza declares himself the best of all, leading to debating, voting, competing, and finally defining what being the best really means.