

## Nonfiction

Berne

### **On a Beam of Light**

Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery with this moving story of the powerful difference imagination can make in any life.

Bishop

### **Nic Bishop Frogs**

Fabulous photographs describe the characteristics and behavior of a variety of frogs around the world.

Fleming

### **Giant Squid**

The giant squid is one of the most elusive creatures in the world. As large as whales, they hide beyond reach deep within the sea, forcing scientists to piece together their story from those clues they leave behind.

Jenkins

### **Prehistoric Actual Size**

Besides the sheer visual impact of cut paper art, the illustrations highlight features mentioned in the brief text. Closing pages offer more information about each species in this oversized album.

## Nonfiction (cont.)

Markle

### **What if you had...**

This series talks about different animals features and the possibilities of what you could do if you had those parts.

Mattick

### **Finding Winnie**

Caldecott winner about Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers & horses during World War I. The inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

Meltzer

### **Ordinary People Change the World**

Beginning biography series highlighting famous people. Titles include I Am Jackie Robinson, I Am Helen Keller, and I Am Albert Einstein.



## Entering Grade 2

### Suggested Summer Reading 2017



Compiled by the  
Rye City School District  
Elementary Librarians:

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## Picture Books

Alexie

### **Thunder Boy Jr.**

Thunder Boy Jr. wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name...a name that is sure to light up the sky.

Beaty

### **Ada Twist, Scientist**

Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble!

Hoberman

### **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You**

The first in a series of books of children's poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult.

Perkins

### **Pictures from Our Vacation**

What begins as a long, boring road trip turns into a wonderful summer family vacation filled with good memories.

## Chapter Books and Series

Adderson

### **Jasper John Dooley**

An only child with active, loving parents, Jasper John Dooley is written for those who have just transitioned to chapter books. Young readers will identify with many of Jasper's comical issues.

Benton

### **Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist**

Franny is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy in this fun series!

Coven

### **Heidi Heckelbeck**

Careful to keep her powers hidden, Heidi's learning to live like any other kid—who just happens to be a witch. Easy-to-read language and illustrations.

Cronin

### **Chicken Squad**

These chicks are not your typical barnyard puffs of fluff, and they are not about to spend their days pecking chicken feed and chasing bugs. No sir, they're too busy solving mysteries and fighting crime.

DiCamillo

### **Tales from Deckawoo Drive**

Familiar secondary characters from the "Mercy Watson" books have their own stories told in this new series.

Hanlon

### **Dory Fantasmagory**

Dory is a girl with a very active imagination, which often tests her family's patience.

## Chapter Books and Series (cont.)

Kelly

### **Ballpark Mysteries**

Follow cousins Mike and Kate as they travel to famous ballparks around the country encountering mysteries to solve.

LaReau

### **The Infamous Ratsos**

Louie and Ralphie are tough, just like their father Big Lou, and they're going to prove it. But every time they try to show just how tough they are, the Ratso brothers end up accidentally doing good deeds instead. Perfect for emerging and reluctant readers, this clever and warmhearted chapter book shows that being tough all the time can be really tough.

O'Neal

### **Little Shaq**

Showing kids that anything is possible with the support of friends and family, this series by Shaquille O'Neal will inspire them to love reading, play fair, and have fun!

O'Ryan

### **Galaxy Zack**

Planet hop with Zack Nelson on his galactic adventures as he moves from Earth to Nebulon in the year 2120. Readers are sure to love this series that is packed with cool futuristic adventures.