

## Nonfiction

Bartoletti

**Terrible Typhoid Mary: A true story of the deadliest cook in America.**

In this biography that reads like a novel, award-winning author Bartoletti tells the story of "Typhoid Mary", the servant who spread typhoid in the U.S. and then was imprisoned in hospitals for most of her life. This book is as much about Mary as a time where the public misunderstood the spread and treatment of disease and news articles could ruin someone's reputation and life.

Chadwick

**The Bee Book**

This shows you step-by-step how to create a bee-friendly garden, get started in beekeeping, and harness the power of honey for well-being. Also how to harvest honey, beeswax, and propolis from the hive and use these ingredients in recipes for home remedies, beauty treatments, and candle-making. Fully illustrated with full-color photographs throughout, this beautiful guide covers everything you need to know about bees.

Halls

**Saving the Baghdad Zoo**

After the war in Iraq began, animals in the Baghdad Zoo faced an uncertain future until an American Army captain set out on a mission to save them.

Kamkwamba

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

After famine forced him to leave school, the author taught himself to build a windmill out of junk to bring electricity to his home in a poor village in Africa. This is an inspirational story of a boy's determination and love of science changing the world.

## Nonfiction (cont.)

Sheinkin

**Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**

An astonishing underdog sports story and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

Stamaty

**Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq**

This graphic novel was inspired by the true story of an Iraqi librarian who tried to save the books of the Basra Central Library from fire and bombing at the onset of the 2003 Iraqi War.

Sweet

**Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White**

Sweet mixes White's personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with her own exquisite artwork to tell the story of this American literary icon. Readers young and old will be fascinated and inspired by the journalist, New Yorker contributor, and children's book author who loved words his whole life.

Woodson

**Brown Girl Dreaming**

A beautiful memoir in verse about growing up African American in the 1960's and 1970's and the joy of becoming a writer.



# Entering Grade 5

## Suggested Summer Reading 2017



Compiled by the  
Rye City School District  
Elementary Librarians:

Amy Andrews- Midland  
Cara Lipari- Osborn  
Barbara Mehlman- Milton

Anderson

**Ms. Bixby's Last Day**

Topher, Brand, and Steve come up with a risky plan to give their favorite teacher, Ms. Bixby, the last day she deserves when she unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand what Ms. Bixby means to each of them, and what the three of them mean to each other.

Applegate

**Crenshaw**

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. Crenshaw is a large, outspoken cat that has come back once again into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

Barnett

**Terrible Two**

It's prankster against prankster in an epic war of trickery, until two boys finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen: a prank so huge that it would make the members of the International Order of Disorder proud.

Brown

**The Wild Robot**

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is but she knows she needs to survive. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home, until her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

Benjamin

**The Thing About Jellyfish**

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause must have been a rare jellyfish sting. Her heartfelt journey explores life, death, and the astonishing wonder of the universe.

Clements

**Lunch Money**

Greg's latest money-making project to sell hand-made comic books in school lands him in big trouble. This realistic novel deals with diverse issues in a warm, funny and appealing way.

Choldenko

**Chasing Secrets**

Lizzie Kennedy loves science and she discovers a hidden dark side of San Francisco that's full of secrets, rats, and rumors of the plague. Set in 1900, Lizzie and her friend Noah must put the pieces together in a heart-stopping race to save the people they love before the city tries to quarantine Chinatown.

DeFelice

**The Missing Manatee**

While coping with his parents' separation, eleven-year-old Skeet spends most of spring break in his skiff on a Florida river. There he finds a manatee shot to death and begins looking for the killer.

Gantos

**Joey Pigza Series**

In this antic yet poignant series, Gantos has perfect pitch in capturing the humor, the off-the-wall intensity, and the serious challenges that life presents to a kid dealing with hyper-activity and related disorders.

Gemeinhart

**Some Kind of Courage**

Joseph has lost everyone he's ever loved and now his beautiful pony Sarah has been taken away. The odds are stacked against him, but Joseph isn't about to give up. He hasn't lost the fire in his belly that says he's getting his Sarah back, no matter what.

Korman

**Swindle Series**

Griffin, the "man with a plan", with his dog Luthor and their group of friends solve mad-cap mysteries that seem to get them in trouble in this action adventure series.

Law

**Savvy Series**

Mibs has just turned thirteen, the age when each member of her family discovers his or her unique talent. What will her talent be?

Pearsall

**The Seventh Most Important Thing**

Arthur realizes the Junk Man around town is more than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something special in this redemptive novel about discovering what shines within us all, even when life seems full of darkness.

Reynolds

**Ghost**

If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. But he has been running for the wrong reasons until he meets Coach who is determined to help Ghost and his teammates reach their potential.

Rodkey

**Tapper Twins**

This series is a hilariously authentic showcase of what it's like to be in middle school in our digitally-saturated world, told as a colorful "oral history" with photos, screenshots, texts, chats, and online gaming art.

Stanley

**The Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy**

Franny and her friends investigate why most of the students at their exclusive boarding school are beautiful, brilliant, and perfectly behaved.

Weeks

**Honey**

Eleven year old Melody overhears her father calling someone "Honey" and suddenly it seems like everyone has a secret! Melody and a dog named Mo figure out where they came from and where they're going.