

Non-Fiction

Mae Among the Stars, Ahmed

A great read-aloud, this is the perfect picture book for young readers who have big dreams and even bigger hearts! This book, about the first African American woman to travel in space, will inspire other young girls to reach for the stars, to aspire for greatness, and to persist with childlike imagination.

World of Sharks, American Museum of Natural History

Welcome to the incredible world of sharks! Meet 12 of the most fascinating species that swim in oceans around the world. Other great choices in this series include penguins, wolves, dolphins, and dinosaurs!

Fly Guy Presents..., Arnold

With straightforward fun facts, humorous illustrations of Fly Guy and Buzz, and vivid photographs throughout, these books are sure to be a hit.

Life-Size, Komiya

Throughout this series a collection of close-up photographs by a wildlife photographer are accompanied by detailed descriptions of different types of animals.

Otters Love to Play, London

It's spring and a litter of baby otters emerge from a den to play! Follow the otters through the seasons as they chase one another, slide down a mudbank, jump in a pile of leaves, and learn to swim.

My Happy Year by E. Bluebird (A Nature Diary), Meisel

With humor and charm, a bluebird narrates her first year of life -adventures, joys, and scary times too! The art is both beautiful and kid-friendly and provides detailed information for emerging readers.

Ordinary People Change the World, Meltzer

Beginning biography series highlighting famous role models. Titles include I am Jackie Robinson, I am Lucille Ball, I am Albert Einstein, and I am Jane Goodall!

1st Grade

2019

Rye City School District

Summer Reading Suggestions

Hello parents of future 1st graders! We want your child to feel comfortable and understand that reading is a joy to be learned over time. Please remember these are suggestions to assist your children. Classic fairy tales make for wonderful family reading. Books that have rhythm and rhyme, like stories by Dr. Seuss, are also invaluable tools. Exposing children to the wonders of the public library can be the start of a lifelong adventure. Summer is a great time to read what you like, to learn new things, and have fun with friends. Find free programs and events for all ages throughout the summer at your local library celebrating this year's theme, *A Universe of Stories*. Enjoy this time to read with your children as they prepare for this next step in their lives!

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Picture Books

Shape Trilogy- Triangle, Square, Circle, Barnett

This award-winning team nudges readers toward a more well-rounded way of looking at things with a unique approach to exploring shapes and friendship.

The Wall in the Middle of the Book, Agee

Agee nails pacing and punch lines, making inventive use of the famous fourth wall as a literary device in this modern fable. Most satisfying is his gentle reminder that preconceived notions about things and people, over a boundary or otherwise, are often distinctly wrong.

Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet, DiPucchio

With snappy, rhythmic text and the most irresistible goldfish in picture book history, this tale of fish woe and triumph will make readers long for a pet as lovable as Gilbert.

The Bad Seed/The Good Egg, John

Dynamic duo Jory John and Pete Oswald created these funny yet touching tales that reminds us of the transformative power of will, acceptance, just being you, balance, self-care, and accepting those who we love.

Barkus, MacLachlan

Barkus and his lucky young owner whirl and twirl across the pages of this delightful pre-chapter book series from this award-winning author. The accessible text is ideal for even the newest independent reader, while the warm, humorous story and energetic illustrations will appeal to all.

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read, Manley

It's not easy to teach a cat to read, but Nick tries to anyway in this sweet and silly picture book debut that captures the challenges and rewards of learning to read.

Beginning-to-Read Series

Pass the Ball, Mo!, Adler

Mo's latest obsession is basketball. Can Mo learn to pass in time to help his team win the big game? This Level 2 reader about a little boy with a big passion for sports is a funny motivational beginning reader.

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea, Clanton

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. Join them as they discover the whole wide ocean together. A wonderfully silly early graphic novel series.

Bink & Gollie, DiCamillo

Two friends, one tiny and one tall, share three comical adventures involving outrageously colored socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely companion.

Sofia Martinez, Jules

Follow 7-year-old Sofia as she deals with her family and daily life. From a missing class pet to her grandma's birthday, Sofia's fiery passion for everything she does makes each day an adventure.

Poppleton, Rylant

You'll fall in love with Poppleton the pig and his odd little band of friends. Young readers will enjoy the superb illustrations that accompany each book from award- winner Cynthia Rylant.

Ballet Cat, Shea

Great series for fans of the "Piggie and Elephant" books, with a similar sense of humor and heart.

Fox the Tiger, Tabor

Winner of the 2019 Geisel Award, fun-loving, mischievous Fox wishes he were a tiger. Tigers are big and fast and sneaky. So he decides to become one! In *Fox the Tiger*, this winning trickster character and his animal friends learn that the best thing to be is yourself.

Duck, Duck, Porcupine, Yoon

Told entirely through dialogue and visual storytelling with subtle humor throughout, these three friends always find a way to have lots of fun, despite their differences.