

## Non-Fiction (cont.)

### *Hoop Genius*, Coy

Here is the true story of how a physical education teacher invented the game of basketball in 1891.

### *How the Cookie Crumbled*, Ford

In this unique and clever picture book, Gilbert Ford sheds a little light on everyone's favorite sweet treat—the chocolate chip cookie—and reminds readers everywhere that just because a story is *told* doesn't mean it's *true*.

### *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay*, Hood

Ada Ríos grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. Music teacher Favio Chávez made the children instruments out of materials found in the trash. It was a crazy idea, but it would leave Ada and her town forever changed.

### *The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems*, Janeczko

Be they practical or fanciful, the poems in this book boast a flair and joy that you won't find in any instruction manual. Soft, evocative illustrations will encourage readers to look at the world with an eye to its countless possibilities.

### *Cute as an Axolotl: Discovering the World's Most Adorable Animals*, Keating

With her signature blend of humor and zoological know-how, *Pink Is for Blobfish* author Jess Keating shows how cute animals can be more than just a pretty face in this latest installment of the "The World of Weird Animals" series.

### *Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship*, Kensky

Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog - it's the family business, after all. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently than the way she'd imagined it, too. Now Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks. And it turns out that Rescue can help Jessica see after all: a way forward, together, one step at a time.

### *How to Speak Dog: A Guide to Decoding Dog Language*, Newman

A guide to help young pet owners decode canine vocalizations and body language. Includes training tips, fun facts and web resources.



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## Rye City School District Summer Reading Suggestions

Hello parents of future 3rd 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. 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 share books with your children as they prepare for this next step in their lives!

### **The Rye City School District Elementary Librarians:**

*Amy Andrews - Midland*

*Cara Lipari - Osborn*

*Barbara Mehlman - Milton*

## Chapter Books and Series

### *A Boy Called Bat*, Arnold

For Bixby (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Can he convince his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet? The first book in a funny, heartfelt, and irresistible young middle-grade series starring an unforgettable young boy on the autism spectrum.

### *Jasmine Toguchi*, Florence

Eight-year-old Jasmine Toguchi is a flamingo fan, tree climber, and top-notch mess-maker! Join her through these stories of friendship and sisterhood starring a Japanese-American girl.

### *Mallory*, Friedman

Realistic fiction series about an eight-year old girl as she moves, starts a new school, makes new friends and settles into her new life.

### *Princess in Black*, Hale

When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses. A humorous and action-packed series for young readers who like their princesses not only prim and perfect, but also dressed in black.

### *The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut*, Keller

As Mr. Bing's new pet "doughnut dog," Arnie couldn't be happier. Together with his team of goofball friends, there's some sleuthing and even some magic. Full of Laurie Keller's winning charm and silly humor, this series is sure to please her many fans.

### *Juana and Lucas*, Medina

Juana loves her dog Lucas, the best amigo ever. She doesn't love learning English. But when Juana's grandfather tells her they will be traveling to the United States, Juana thinks learning English might be a good idea after all. Hilarious, energetic, and utterly relatable, Juana will win over the hearts of readers everywhere.

### *Franklin School Friends*, Mills

Kelsey, Annika and Izzy are joined by Simon and Cody in this fun series. These friends may like different things, but they are always ready to help and support each other—because that's what best friends do!

### *Max and the Midnighters*, Peirce

Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. Magic and (mis)adventures abound in this hilarious illustrated novel from the *New York Times* bestselling creator of the Big Nate series.

### *Waylon: One Awesome Thing*, Pennypacker

Waylon is a likable boy with lots of ideas for making life more awesome through science. A humorous warm offshoot of the popular Clementine series about family and friendship.

### *Time Twisters*, Sheinken

There *is* some real history, but also hijinks, time travel and famous historical figures setting off on adventures that definitely never happened—until now. Time is getting twisted, and it's up to two kids to straighten things out.

### *Mr. Wolf's Class*, Steinke

Mr. Wolf has just started teaching at Hazelwood Elementary. This delightful new Graphic Novel series captures the everyday - and unexpected - ups and downs of a fourth-grade classroom.

### *Hamster Princess*, Vernon

Harriet Hamsterbone is not your typical princess. Perfect for fans of Babymouse, this laugh-out-loud new comic hybrid series will turn everything you thought you knew about princesses on its head.

## Non-Fiction

### *Aaron and Alexander*, Brown

Both Hamilton and Burr were patriots with common backgrounds, yet politics led them to a conflict that ended in Hamilton's death.

### *Elizabeth Queen of the Seas*, Cox

This is the true story of an elephant seal that made her home in a town in New Zealand.