

Non-Fiction

Jason and the Argonauts, Byrd

Deftly designed to accommodate glorious large pictures and captioned insets, this book is not only a great story, but a wealth of information about ancient Greece.

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle, Dennis

Nubs, a skinny mutt, befriends a group of marines stationed in Iraq, but when his human friends are relocated seventy miles away and must leave Nubs behind, Nubs undertakes an incredible journey to find a loving home.

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia, Paul

Isatou Ceesay found a way to recycle used and broken plastic bags and transform her community. This inspirational true story shows how one person's actions really can make a difference in our world.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems, Raczka

This collection shapes poems in surprising and delightful designs that show kids how to look at words and poetry in a whole new way.

To Dance: A Memoir, Siegal

A memoir of how one little girl realized her dream to become a ballerina told in graphic novel format.

Kid Athletes, Stabler

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up.

Action Presidents, Van Lente

U.S. history comes to life like never before! Historically accurate and highly entertaining, *Action Presidents* is perfect for curious minds. With timelines, maps, charts, and more, readers will keep reading and learning until the very last page.

4th Grade

2019

Rye City School District

Summer Reading Suggestions

Hello parents of future 4th 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. 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 public 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

The War That Saved My Life, Bradley

An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II, this masterful work of historical fiction is equal parts adventure and a moving tale of family and identity.

Saving Winslow, Creech

Perfect for fans of *Charlotte's Web* and *The One and Only Ivan*, *New York Times* bestseller and Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech brings us an uplifting modern classic in the making about a young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to health.

The Lemonade War, Davies

Upon learning that they will be in the same grade next year, two siblings begin rival lemonade stands, each one vying to be the first to make a hundred dollars.

Half Magic, Eager

Four children expecting an ordinary summer enjoy fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin.

Cabin Creek Mysteries, Gregory

Suspenseful mysteries that follow two brothers and their cousin. Every book reveals clues, adds layers, and finds the characters investigating, plotting, and unraveling clues. They'll need their wits, their courage, and their gadgets to get to the bottom of the many mysteries of Lost Island.

Zita the Spacegirl, Hatke

In this action-packed graphic novel series, loveable Zita the Spacegirl enjoys interplanetary fun with captivating tales of friendship and redemption. For more adventures try Hatke's *Mighty Jack* series as well.

Full of Beans, Holm

In 1934 Key West, in the middle of the Great Depression, 10-year-old Beans Curry helps his family make ends meet by doing odd jobs while trying to have some fun. Yet Beans' biggest plan to help his family has consequences that surprise even Beans himself.

Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker, Johannes

In the tradition of Ramona Quimby and Clementine, this chapter book series debut tells the story of a young girl dealing with the problems of friendship, family, and school.

Melonhead, Kelly

Melonhead is a hyperkinetic nine-year-old with a knack for finding trouble. This series chronicles his adventures in his Washington, D.C., neighborhood.

Ranger in Time, Messner

Ranger is a golden retriever trained as a search-and-rescue dog who finds himself traveling through time to save the day. A hit with young history buffs and dog lovers as well.

Jack and the Geniuses, Nye

Integrating real science facts with humor and suspense, this uniquely engaging series proves irresistible for middle-grade readers, great for both inquisitive kids and reluctant readers.

Upside Down Magic, Mlynowski, Myracle, Jenkins

Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are just a few students in Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class where lessons are unconventional, students are unpredictable, and magic has a tendency to turn wonky at the worst possible moments.

Knights vs. Dinosaurs, Phalen

This is a highly-illustrated, fast-paced adventure full of uproarious knightly hijinks, surprising secrets, and terrifying dinosaurs. With art on nearly every page, including an epic fight scene depicted in several graphic-novel style spreads, this engaging story is Monty Python for young middle-grade readers.

My Life as a..., Tashjian

This series is perfect for fans of the "Wimpy Kid" books wondering what to read next.