

## Non-Fiction

*Older Than Dirt*, Brown

Geological activity continues to sculpt the earth's landscape, sometimes with terrible consequences for its inhabitants. In this one-of-a-kind wild but true history of Earth, Brown takes on big concepts with humor and ease.

*The Bee Book*, Chadwick

This book 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 and much more! Fully illustrated with full-color photographs throughout, this beautiful guide covers everything you need to know about bees.

*Saving the Baghdad Zoo*, Halls

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.

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, Kamkwamba

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.

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

An underdog sports story and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S.'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 obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

*Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented*, Stone

The fascinating story behind the invention of one of America's most loved board games. Boldness, imagination, and ruthless competition combine in this riveting picture book history of Monopoly,

*Brown Girl Dreaming*, Woodson

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

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

2019

## Rye City School District Summer Reading Suggestions

Hello parents of future 5th 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

*Ms. Bixby's Last Day*, Anderson

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.

*Crenshaw*, Applegate

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?

*The Wild Robot*, Brown

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.

*Lunch Money*, Clements

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

*Chasing Secrets*, Choldenko

In 1900, as the Bubonic Plague breaks out, Lizzie and her friend Noah must solve a mystery in a heart-stopping race to save the people they love before the city tries to quarantine Chinatown.

*Joey Pigza*, Gantos

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 hyperactivity and related disorders.

*Some Kind of Courage*, Gemeinhart

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.

*Eventown*, Haydu

The world tilted for Elodee this year, and now it's impossible for her to be the same as she was before. Not when her feelings have such a strong grip on her heart. Not when she and her twin sister, Naomi, seem to be drifting apart. So when Elodee's mom gets a new job in Eventown, moving seems like it might just fix everything. Everything may be "even" in Eventown, but is there a price to pay for perfection- and pretending?

*Swindle*, Korman

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.

*Savvy*, Law

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

*Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel*, Marsden

The magic of L.M. Montgomery's treasured classic is reimaged in a whimsically-illustrated graphic novel adaptation perfect for newcomers and kindred spirits alike. Anne's misadventures bring a little romance to the lives of everyone she meets. From triumphs and thrills to the depths of despair, Anne turns each everyday moment into something extraordinary.

*Merci Suárez Changes Gears*, Medina

Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, she's a scholarship student who has to do extra community service to make up for free tuition. Then when a bossy girl sets her sights on Merci's school-assigned buddy, Merci becomes the target of jealousy. Things aren't going well at home either, specifically with Merci's grandfather, and she is worried. This coming-of-age tale full of humor and wisdom won the 2019 Newbery Medal.

*The Seventh Most Important Thing*, Pearsall

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.

*Ghost*, Reynolds

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. Continue this remarkable series with *Patina*, *Sunny* and *Lu*.

*Tapper Twins*, Rodkey

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.

*Front Desk*, Yang

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. She lives in a motel and while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk tending to and befriendng the guests.. Her family could lose everything if the owner finds out her parents are hiding other immigrants there so It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through the year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, avoid Mr. Yao, and go for her dream of being a writer?