

Beginning Non-Fiction

Why Am I Me?, Britt

Presented as a thoughtful, poetic exchange between two characters -- who don't realize they are thinking and asking the very same questions -- this beautiful celebration of our humanity and diversity invites readers of all ages to imagine a world where there is no you or me, only we.

How Much Does a Ladybug Weigh?, Limentani

This extraordinary picture book introduces children to a fascinating world of wildlife, weight, numbers, and comparisons. Kids- and parents- will be amazed and amused by every surprising and intriguing page.

Inky's Amazing Escape, Montgomery

Learn all about Inky the Octopus, an international sensation known for escaping from the New Zealand Aquarium in April 2016, in this fascinating picture book from National Book Award nominee and octopus expert Sy Montgomery.

Panda, Riggs

Where do pandas live and what do they eat? Beautiful photographs and simple text introduce readers to various topics in this non-fiction series.

Raindrops Roll, Sayre

In this gorgeous photo-illustrated picture book, this celebrated author sheds new light on the wonders of rain, from the beauty of a raindrop balanced on a leaf to the amazing water cycle that keeps our planet in perfect balance.

How to Share a Non-Fiction book with your child

1. Discover what your child knows about the subject before you even open the book.
2. Do not feel that you have to read the book from cover to cover.
3. If you wish, just look at the pictures with your child and discuss.
4. You may read only the captions under the pictures.
5. You may read only the parts of the book that interest your child.
6. Have fun!



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Rye City School District Summer Reading Suggestions For Entering Kindergarten

Hello parents of future kindergartners! 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, as children are not expected to be able to read upon entering kindergarten. Good, old fashioned nursery rhymes and fairy tales are always wonderful family reading. Books that have rhythm and rhyme, like stories by Dr. Seuss, are also invaluable tools to prepare children for kindergarten. Exposing children to the wonders of the public library can be the start of a lifelong adventure. Enjoy this time sharing these books with your children as they prepare for this exciting step in their lives!

The Rye City School District Elementary Librarians:

Amy Andrews - Midland

Cara Lipari - Osborn

Barbara Mehlman - Milton

Beginning-to-Read Series

See Fred Run, Bolger

Learning to read has never been more fun than it is with Ed and Fred! See Fred run, jump, and climb his way to safety in this hilarious beginning reader text. Fans can also brush up on sight words with *Fun With Ed and Fred*, short vowels with *Gran on a Fan*, and long vowels with companion book *Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear*.

Penny, Henkes

Meet Penny, an energetic young mouse, and her family in this charming series. Perfect for new readers, Henkes' artwork captures the warmth of families making memories.

Clara and Clem, Long

Embark on a reading adventure with the adorable and imaginative Clara and Clem! These books are filled with simple words, fun-filled adventures, rhyming, and visual cues to help instill confidence in early readers.

The Adventures of Otto, Milgrim

Join everyone's favorite robot, Otto, for fun and adventure with this beloved, award winning series of Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read stories.

Elephant and Piggie Like Reading, Willems, etc.

Gerald and Piggie are ready to share some of their favorite books. Titles like *It's Shoe Time* and *The Good for Nothing Button* are hits with beginning readers.

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.

Flip-a-Word, Ziefert

An interactive phonics series with fun-filled colorful illustrations. Flip a page, find a rhyme! It's learning through fun—every time!

Picture Books

Rock What Ya Got, Berger

When a drawing of a little girl comes to life, she boldly declares that she doesn't want to be erased, or put into a picture that doesn't feel like her true self. Instead, she decides to speak up in a powerful way. And she has some words of advice: embrace what you have, love yourself, and "rock what ya got."

When's My Birthday?, Fogliano

An excited narrator lists all the things that will make her birthday the BEST birthday. Bold collage enlivens delightful text.

Potato Pants, Keller

Potato is excited because today—for one day only— Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store is selling . . . POTATO PANTS! A potato and his eggplant nemesis struggle to find the perfect pants in this hilarious, heartwarming tale of forgiveness by this bestselling Geisel-Award winner.

Alma and How She Got Her Name, Martinez-Neal

What's in a name? For one little girl, her very long name tells the vibrant story of where she came from — and who she may one day be. A 2019 Caldecott Honor Book.

Reading Makes You Feel Good, Parr

This will inspire and encourage young children to delight in the joyful, rewarding experience of reading. With Todd Parr's trademark bright, bold pictures and silly scenes, kids will learn that reading isn't something that just happens at school or at home - it can happen anywhere!

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich, Sarcone-Roach

The bear's journey from forest to city and back home again is full of happy accidents, funny encounters, and sensory delights. The story is so engrossing, it's not until the very end that we begin to suspect this is a tall tale.