

# Rising Kindergarteners



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## Fiction

**I Love Saturdays y domingos** by Alma Flor Ada

A girl has fun every Saturday with Grandpa and Grandma and cada domingo con Abuelito y Abuelita.

**When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry...** by Molly Bang

When Sophie gets angry, watch out!

**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel** by Virginia Lee Burton

Can Mike's steam shovel, Mary Anne, really dig as much in a day as a hundred men can dig in a week?

**Get Up and Go!** by Nancy L. Carlson

It doesn't matter if you are short or tall, skinny or round. Jumping and playing tag are fun—and good exercise, too.

**Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!** by Nancy L. Carlson

Henry's first day of school is finally here. He is ready to go. Look out kindergarten!

**Jamela's Dress** (or other *Jamela* books) by Niki Daly

Jamela didn't mean to ruin the cloth Mama bought to make a new dress. It was an accident, but everyone is cross with her and she is cross with herself.

**Go, Dog, Go!** by P.D. Eastman

Big dogs and little dogs, yellow dogs and green dogs—there are dogs everywhere.

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman

Corduroy, the bear, lives at the store with the other toys. He would like a home and a friend to hug him.

**Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes

Lilly's teacher says she must wait until recess or sharing time to show everyone her new purple purse. She doesn't want to wait. That is a big problem for Lilly.

**26 Letters and 99 Cents** by Tana Hoban

Two books in one—oh, what fun!

**Kipper's A to Z: An Alphabet Adventure** by Mick Inkpen

A is for ant and Z is for zebra. Join Kipper and Arnold as they frolic through the alphabet.

**Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson

One night before bed, Harold decides to go for a walk with a big purple crayon in his hand. What an adventure he has!

**Whistle for Willie** by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter wishes that he could whistle. He practices all day to make his wish come true.

**My Day** (or other *We Both Read* books) by Sindy McKay

Kids and parents can take turns reading this story together. If this one is fun, why not try others in the *We Both Read* series?

**I Stink!** by Kate McMullan

The garbage truck is big and noisy. It loves to gobble up stinky trash from all over town.

**Max Found Two Sticks** by Brian Pinkney

Buckets and boxes, bottles and cans—Max can tap out a beat on anything. How about you?

**Down by the Bay** (or other *Raffi Songs to Read* books) by Raffi

Did you ever see a moose kissing a goose or a fly wearing a tie? Try singing these silly rhymes; then, make up some of your own.

**Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann

The zookeeper says good night to all of the animals. They are not ready to go to sleep. Don't tell!

**Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina

Those naughty monkeys steal all of the peddler's caps. How can he get them back?

**Doctor De Soto** by William Steig

It isn't nice of the fox to want to eat the dentist and his wife after they cured his toothache, even if they are mice.

**Where Are You Going, Manyoni?** by Catherine Stock

What a long walk for Manyoni. Oh, the things she sees. Can you guess where Manyoni is going?

**I Love School!** by Philemon Sturges

Here are some of the things to love about going to kindergarten. Can you think of any more?

**My Kindergarten** by Rosemary Wells

From September to June, kindergarten is full of great things to do together.

**Apple Pie Fourth of July** by Janet S. Wong

The girl thinks that no one will want to buy Chinese food from her restaurant on the Fourth of July. She just might be surprised.

**Harry, the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion

Harry, the white dog with black spots, does not want to take his bath. He runs away from home and gets so dirty that he becomes a black dog with white spots!

## Nonfiction

**Lots of Feelings** by Shelley Rotner E 152.4

Sometimes our faces show how we are feeling inside—sad, grumpy, curious, or serious. The children in this book have lots of feelings and you do, too!

**Strega Nona: An Original Tale** by Tomie de Paola E 398.2

When Strega Nona goes to visit her friend, she warns Big Anthony to stay away from the magic pasta pot.

**The Gingerbread Boy** by Paul Galdone E 398.2

The little Gingerbread Boy is running away from everyone in town. If he runs as fast as he can, will they ever catch him?

**The Neighborhood Mother Goose** by Nina Crews E 398.8

Rhyme along with Little Miss Muffet, Georgie Porgie, Jack Be Nimble and all of the neighborhood kids.

**ABC for You and Me** by Margaret Gurnis E 411

Have fun with the alphabet.

**Exactly the Opposite** by Tana Hoban E 428

Push and pull. Open and shut. Look at the pictures to find the opposites.

**Fish Eyes** by Lois Ehlert E 511

Have you ever wished that you were a fish? Even if you haven't, take a look at this book and count all the swimmers.

**We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania** by Laurie Krebs E 513.2

Moja, mbili, tatu. One, two, three. Count the animals from one to ten in English and Swahili.

**Lemons Are Not Red** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger E 535.6

If lemons are not red, what color are they? See if you can guess all the colors in the book.

**Spicy Hot Colors=Colores Picantes** by Sherry Shahan E 535.6

You know your colors. Learn how to say them in Spanish.

**About Reptiles: A Guide for Children** (or other animal books) by Cathryn Sill E 597.9

They have dry, scaly skin. Some have no legs at all. Their babies hatch from eggs. What are they?

**May I Pet Your Dog?** by Stephanie Calmenson E 636.7

Say hello to dogs named Harry, Twigs and Chester. They will help you know the best way to make friends with dogs you meet.

**Bread Comes to Life** by George Levenson E 641.815

Loaves and rolls and pizza too—bread comes in all shapes, sizes and flavors.

**From Milk to Ice Cream** (or other *Start to Finish* books) by Stacy Taus-Bolstad E 637.4

Read how milk ends up flavored, frozen and sitting on an ice cream cone. Two scoops of chocolate, please!

**Can You See What I See? Cool Collections** (or others) by Walter Wick E 793.73

I spy a butterfly hiding in the buttons. Can you see what I see?

**Dinosaurs Galore!** by Giles Andreae E 811

Twelve poems about twelve different dinosaurs—have you heard of them all?



## Rising First Graders

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### Fiction

**Hi, Fly Guy!** (or other *Fly Guy* books) by Tedd Arnold  
Buzz has a new pet. It can say his name!

**We're Going on a Lion Hunt** by David Axtell

Travel through the African savannah with two brave sisters looking for a lion.

**Old Black Fly** by Jim Aylesworth

Follow a pesky old black fly through the alphabet and through a "very busy bad day."

**Bears in the Night** by Stan Berenstain

What a mysterious sound! The bears creep out of bed and up Spook Hill to find out what is making that noise.

**Sid and Sam** by Nola Buck

Sometimes things get silly when two good friends are having fun.

**Biscuit** (or other *Biscuit* books) by Alyssa Capucilli

It's time for bed, but puppy Biscuit would rather play.

**Bigmama's** by Donald Crews

The best summers are spent playing, swimming and fishing with cousins at Bigmama's place.

**iPerros! iPerros! Dogs! Dogs!** by Ginger Fogelson Guy

"iMuchos perros! Lots of dogs!...¿A dónde van? Where are they going?"

**Tooth Fairy** (or other *My First Reader* books) by Kirsten Hall

Going to bed is more fun when you are expecting the tooth fairy.

**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins

Each time the doorbell rings, more friends arrive to share Ma's wonderful cookies. What will they do when they run out of goodies?

**Two Feet Up, Two Feet Down** by Pamela Love

"Two feet up. Two feet down. Swing the jump rope round and round."

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin

What happens when all of the letters of the alphabet race to the top of the coconut tree?

**Messy Bessey** (or other *Messy Bessey* books) by Pat McKissack

There's gum on the ceiling and jam on the floor, so Bessey gets busy cleaning her room.

**SuperHero ABC** by Bob McLeod

There is a superhero for every letter of the alphabet starting with Astro-man who is “always alert for an alien attack.”

**Martha Calling** (or other *Martha* books) by Susan Meddaugh

Martha the talking dog goes to a No Dogs Allowed hotel disguised as Grandma. When she orders a big meal from room service, she nearly causes a riot!

**Joshua James Likes Trucks** by Catherine Petrie

He likes big trucks and little trucks, trucks that go up and down. “Joshua James just likes trucks.”

**Mice and Beans** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Rosa María works all week to get ready for her granddaughter’s birthday party. She doesn’t realize that she has some helpers.

**Duck on a Bike** by David Shannon

The barnyard will never be the same after Duck learns to ride a bike.

**Hop on Pop** by Dr. Seuss

Can you read some of the words in this silly book?

**Wild About Books** by Judy Sierra

Molly the librarian starts something big when she drives the bookmobile to the zoo.

**Baa-Choo!** by Sarah Weeks

Sam the lamb starts to sneeze but can’t finish. He has the ahhh, but not the choo! Maybe his friends can help.

**I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly** by Nadine Bernard Westcott

Have you ever been hungry enough to eat a fly, a spider, or a bird? Sing along with this funny song about a lady who just can't stop!

**There Is a Bird on Your Head!** (or other *Elephant and Piggie* books) by Mo Willems

Elephant is not happy when some birds decide that his head is a good place for their nest.

**A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams

A young girl, her mother and her grandmother save their coins to buy a beautiful, comfy armchair after their furniture is destroyed in a fire.

## Nonfiction

**Who’s in Rabbit’s House?: A Masai Tale** by Verna Aardema E 398.2

The Long One, who eats trees and tramples on elephants, is in Rabbit’s house. How will she get it to leave?

**Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story** by Tomie de Paola E 398.2

“Hace mucho tiempo—a long time ago in a village in Mexico...” So begins a favorite story set in a new place.

**Uno, Dos, Tres=One, Two, Three** by Pat Mora E 468.1

Practice your counting in Spanish and English.

**Splash!** by Ann Jonas E 513.21

Try to keep track of all of the animals as they jump in and out of the pond. Splash!

**A Second Is a Hiccup** by Hazel Hutchins E 529.7

It takes a second to kiss your mom and a minute to sing a little song. In a month or a year a lot more can happen.

**Pop! A Book About Bubbles** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley E 530.42

Do you like to blow bubbles? Did you ever wonder why they are round?

**How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan E 582

Plant a seed and see what happens.

**Grandma Elephant’s in Charge** by Martin Jenkins E 599.6

“The most important member of an elephant family is...Grandma!”

**The Tooth Book: A Guide to Healthy Teeth and Gums** by Edward Miller E 617.6

Have you and your friends started losing teeth? What a good thing you're growing new ones because without teeth, it would be hard to eat, talk or learn to whistle.

**If You Decide to Go to the Moon** by Faith McNulty E 629.45

Three, two, one, BLAST OFF! Take an imaginary trip to the moon.

**Today Is Monday** by Eric Carle E 782.42

Do you like string beans on Monday, spaghetti on Tuesday, or a treat later in the week? Come and eat it up!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame** by Jack Norworth E 811

When you sing along with this old favorite, you'll feel like you're there in the crowd eating peanuts and cheering your favorite baseball team.

**Honey, I Love** by Eloise Greenfield E 811.54

This girl loves the way her cousin talks. She loves cool water from a hose on a hot and icky day. She loves lots of things.

**Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney E 912.014

"...in rooms, in houses, on streets, in towns, in countries all over the world, everybody has their own special place on the map."

**Johnny Appleseed** by Patricia Demuth E Bio Appleseed

The next time you bite into a juicy apple, think of John Chapman who traveled around the country planting apple trees.



## Rising Second Graders

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### Fiction

**A Bear for Miguel** by Elaine Marie Alphin

On market day, María is asked to trade her stuffed bear, Paco, for food to feed her family.

**The Adventures of Taxi Dog** by Debra Barracca

Maxi was once a sad dog without a home. Now he rides around New York City all day with his good friend, Jim the taxi driver.

**Inspector Hopper** by Doug Cushman

Inspector Hopper and his hungry partner, McBugg, may be insects, but they are very good at solving mysteries.

**Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown** (or other *A is for Amber* books) by Paula Danziger

Mrs. Wilson has moved away and Amber Brown doesn't know who the new teacher will be. Who will protect her from mean Hannah?

**Stinky: A Toon Book** by Eleanor Davis

A monster named Stinky is very happy living in a smelly, mucky and slimy swamp until a kid from town arrives. Stinky has to figure out how to get rid of him for good.

**Oh No, Gotta Go!** by Susan Middleton Elya

"Where is un baño? Dónde está? I really do need one,' I told mi mamá." Out for a ride, Papá must find un baño and fast!

**Digby** by Barbara Shook Hazen

Digby is an old dog. She can't run and play ball with the children, but she is better at doing other things. And she is still their friend.

**The Day of Ahmed's Secret** by Florence Parry Heide

All day long Ahmed keeps his secret to himself. What do you think his secret might be?

**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** (or other *You Read to Me* books) by Mary Ann Hoberman

Have fun reading together with a friend.

**The Mystery of the Missing Dog** by Gwendolyn Hooks

Alex is worried. He has looked everywhere he can think of for his dog, Jet. He isn't outside, in the basement or under the bed. What if Jet is really lost?

**A Sweet Smell of Roses** by Angela Johnson

Martin Luther King marched for freedom and equality and there were children who marched along with him.

**Lionel in the Summer** (or other *Lionel* books) by Stephen Krensky

Lionel and his big sister Louise can't agree about anything they want to do during the summer, but they both think ice cream is the best treat.

**Captain and Matey Set Sail** by Daniel Laurence

Captain and Matey are pirates. They squabble, argue and disagree about everything.

**Days with Frog and Toad** (or other *Frog and Toad* books) by Arnold Lobel

Toad leaves his house a mess; Frog likes things neat. Frog tells a scary story; Toad doesn't believe him. They are different, but they are still close friends.

**Gus and Grandpa and Show-and-Tell** (or other *Gus and Grandpa* books) by Claudia Mills

Gus tries and tries to think of something really cool to take for show-and-tell.

**Ruby the Copycat** by Peggy Rathmann

From her first day in Miss Hart's class, Ruby copies Angela. By the end of the week, Angela is angry. How can she get Ruby to stop being a copycat?

**Mr. Putter and Tabby Fly the Plane** (or other *Mr. Putter and Tabby* books) by Cynthia Rylant

While flying his new remote-control airplane, Mr. Putter has lots of fun and makes a new friend.

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss

"I would not like them here or there. I would not like them anywhere. I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-am."

**Detective Dinosaur** or **Detective Dinosaur: Lost and Found** by James Skofield

Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl work together, solving mysterious cases.

**Alicia's Happy Day** by Meg Starr

Alicia greets her neighbors as she walks through the neighborhood to a special party. On her way, the Ikey man gives her four scoops of Helado de Coco. Wow! What a happy day it is.

**Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day** by Jean Van Leeuwen

Amanda pig is hot and sticky. Her grape ice pop melts too fast, so she is hot and sticky and drippy. If only she could cool off.

**Grandma's Records** by Eric Velasquez

Summer for Eric means staying with Grandma. He spends happy days listening to music and hearing her stories about growing up in Puerto Rico.

## Nonfiction

**How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods** by Joost Elffers E 152.4

Happy, sad, jealous or angry—find the food that shares your mood.

**The Hatseller and the Monkeys: A West African Folktale** by Baba Wague Diakite E 398.2

A tired, hungry hatseller takes a nap under a mango tree. The monkeys in the tree take his hats. How will he get them back?

**I Saw You in the Bathtub, and Other Folk Rhymes** E 398.8

Some very silly rhymes can be found in this book! Try to say them without laughing.

**The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System** E 523.2 (or other *Magic School Bus* books) by Joanna Cole

Take a wild trip through the solar system with Ms. Frizzle and her class.

**Sounds All Around** by Wendy Pfeffer E 534

Which is softer, a whisper or falling leaves? Which is louder, a yell or the sound of a vacuum cleaner? Find out about sound and try some activities, too.

**How a Seed Grows Into a Sunflower** by David Stewart E 583.99

Sunflowers are beautiful to look at. Read all about them and learn how to grow one of your own.

**Amazing Snakes!** by Sarah L. Thomson E 597.96

“There are more than 2,000 different kinds of snakes. Some are shorter than a pencil. Some are almost as long as a school bus.”

**Do Dolphins Really Smile?** by Laura Driscoll E 599.53

Dolphins are friendly and they love to play. You may be surprised at how smart they are.

**All in Just One Cookie** by Susan E. Goodman E 641.86

Start with butter, sugar, flour and eggs. Two cups of chocolate chips go in last. Bake up a batch of Grandma’s delicious cookies. Yum!

**Ice Cream: The Full Scoop** by Gail Gibbons E 641.862

Summer is a great time to eat ice cream. Maybe you’ve wondered how ice cream is made. Find out in this book.

**Little Dog and Duncan** or **Little Dog Poems** by Kristine O’Connell George E 811.54

Spend a day with Little Dog and his BIG pal Duncan.

**The Bug in Teacher’s Coffee and Other School Poems** by Kalli Dakos E 811.54

Discover what the class goldfish, teacher’s cookie and school bell have to say about school.

**Capital!: Washington From A to Z** by Laura Krauss Melmed E 975.3

From the Air and Space Museum to the National Zoo, there are many places to see. Which ones would you like to visit?

**Helen Keller** by David Adler E Bio Keller

There was a little girl who could not see or hear. At the age of six, she got a teacher who helped her learn to read and write. Helen Keller grew up to be a famous woman who always cared about helping other people.

**Tomás Rivera** by Jane Medina E Bio Rivera

Tomás worked hard all day helping his family pick crops. He loved the stories that his grandfather told at night. Tomás became a famous author.

## Advanced Readers

Are you looking for something more challenging? The Prince George’s County Public Schools Talented and Gifted and Elementary Reading Office suggest these titles:

**Ivy + Bean Break the Fossil Record** (or other *Ivy + Bean* books) by Annie Barrows

**The Dog that Stole Football Plays** by Matt Christopher

**Mercy Watson to the Rescue** (or other *Mercy Watson* books) by Kate DiCamillo

**The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes

**The Honest to Goodness Truth** by Patricia Mc Kissack

**Tar Beach** by Faith Ringgold

**Marvin Redpost** (a series) by Louis Sachar

**Emma’s Rug** by Allen Say

**Maybelle in the Soup** or **Maybelle Goes to Tea** by Katie Speck

**Down Comes the Rain** by Franklyn M. Branley J 551.57

**I See a Kookaburra!** by Steve Jenkins E 591.7

**Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings** by Douglas Florian J 811.54

**26 Fairmount Avenue** by Tomie dePaola J BIO DE PAOLA



## Rising Third Graders

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### Fiction

**Secrets of Droon** a series by Tony Abbott

Go through the secret door with Eric and his friends. Adventures await you in the magical land of Droon.

**Young Cam Jansen** a series by David A. Adler

Cam closes her eyes, says "Click," and uses her special memory to solve mysteries.

**Franny K. Stein: Mad Scientist** a series by Jim Benton

Franny is not like the other kids. She likes bats and tarantulas and knows how to use science to save the day.

**Wagon Wheels** by Barbara Brenner

The three young Maldie brothers are left to take care of themselves on the frontier while their daddy looks for better land.

**Shipwreck Saturday** (or other *Little Bill* books) by Bill Cosby

Little Bill builds a boat and proudly sails it on the lake. Then disaster strikes!

**Donavan's Word Jar** by Monalisa DeGross

Some people collect cards; some collect dolls or stamps or rocks. Donovan collects words, which he keeps in a jar.

**Zero Grandparents** (or other *Jackson Friends* books) by Michelle Edwards

Grandparents Day is coming and Calliope has no grandparents. Even Stinky Stern, the worst kid in the class, is bringing his grandpa to school. Calliope hates Grandparents Day.

**The Village That Vanished** by Ann Grifalconi

The slavers are on their way. The people of Abikanile's village must make a plan to save themselves.

**From Slave to Soldier** by Deborah Hopkinson

Johnny hated being a slave, but is he ready to be a Civil War soldier?

**Pinky and Rex** (or other *Pinky and Rex* books) by James Howe

Pinky and Rex are best friends and like having everything the same. Sometimes that is hard to do.

**Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle** by Richard Jacobson

Andy would like to stay home with Granny Webb, but he has to go to school where Dolores Starbuckle is always trying to run the show.

**Jenius: The Amazing Guinea Pig** by Dick King-Smith

Pets' Day is coming to Judy's class. Finally she can bring in her guinea pig Jenius and prove to the kids that he really does all the tricks she's bragged about.

**Soccer Sam** by Jean Marzollo

When Sam's cousin, Marco, comes to visit from Mexico, he doesn't know how to play basketball—he keeps bouncing the ball on his head!

**Magic Tree House** a series by Mary Pope Osborne

Enter the Magic Tree House and travel back in time, sharing adventures with Jack and Annie.

**Clementine** (or other *Clementine* books) by Sara Pennypacker

All day long she hears, "Clementine, you need to pay attention...Clementine, there's nothing funny about this...Clementine, I've told you a hundred times...." How can she always be in so much trouble when she tries so hard to be good?

**The Outside Dog** by Charlotte Pomerantz

There are many stray dogs near their home in Puerto Rico, but one keeps coming back. Marisol's grandpa says he can stay—if he is an outside dog.

**Rescue on the Outer Banks** by Candice F. Ransom

In the midst of a hurricane, can ten-year-old Sam and his horse, Ginger, rescue the shipwrecked people before they drown?

**Nate the Great** a series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

His name is Nate the Great. He is a detective. His dog's name is Sludge. Together they solve cases.

**Chato's Kitchen** by Gary Soto

Chato, the coolest cat in the barrio, cooks frijoles, fajitas and salsa for his new mice neighbors. His real plan is to eat the guests for his dinner. How rude!

**Good Night, Good Knight** (or other *Good Knight* books) by Shelley Moore Thomas

Good Knight is guarding the castle when he hears a very loud roar coming from a deep, dark cave.

## Nonfiction

**Vote!** by Eileen Christelow J 324.973

2008 was a big year for elections in the United States. How does an election work?

**Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock** (or other *Anansi* books) by Eric A. Kimmel E 398.2

Anansi the trickster spider is walking through the forest when he finds a magical rock.

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale** by John Steptoe E 398.2

A great king invites the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to come to the city so he can choose one of them to become his queen.

**Discover the Stars** by Cynthia Pratt Nicolson E 523.8

Did you know that the biggest star you can see in the sky is named Betelgeuse? Read about stars, constellations and galaxies.

**Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!** by Kathleen V. Kudlinski E 567.9

When dinosaur bones were first found in China, people thought they were the bones of dragons. Boy, were they wrong!

**Surprising Sharks** by Nicola Davies E 597.3

Don't be frightened! Every shark is not a human-eating giant. Sharks come in many different shapes and sizes.

**Giant Snakes** (or other *SeeMore Readers* books) by Seymour Simon E 597.96

Anacondas are the biggest snakes in the world. They can weigh over five hundred pounds!

**The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness** by Lizzy Rockwell E 612

Your body systems work to keep you moving. "A body that gets busy each day stays strong, healthy, and happy."

**Everybody Cooks Rice** by Norah Dooley E 641.6

It's dinnertime, but where is Anthony? He is tasting the food in the neighbors' houses. Whether they come from China, Puerto Rico or India, they all cook rice.

**Ancient Egypt** J 709.32 or **Ancient Mexico** J 709.72 by Kelly Campbell Hinshaw

In all times and places, people have made works of art. Some are beautiful. Some are strange.

**Summer: An Alphabet Acrostic** (or other *Alphabet Acrostic* books) by Steven Schnur E 793.73

Summer words are made into poems. Maybe you can write an acrostic poem with your name.

**Weather** E 811

Sun and clouds, wind and snow, here are poems about weather selected by poet Lee Bennett Hopkins.

**Meet Danitra Brown** E 811 or **Danitra Brown, Class Clown** J 811.54 by Nikki Grimes

Zuri writes poems about her best friend, Danitra Brown, who just happens to be "the greatest, most splendiferous girl in town."

**Tut's Mummy: Lost...and Found** by Judy Donnelly E 932

Long ago a young king of Egypt died. His mummy was buried for over three thousand years before it was found.

**Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa** by Veronica Chambers E Bio Cruz

She was born a poor girl in Cuba. When she sang lullabies to her brothers and sisters, people would gather at the door to listen. "Her voice is *tan dulce*, sweet like *azúcar*."

**I Am Rosa Parks** by Rosa Parks E Bio Parks

"Some people think that I kept my seat because I'd had a hard day, but that is not true. I was just tired of giving in." Rosa Parks tells the story of her life and how she helped to start the civil rights movement.

**George Did It** by Suzanne Jurmain E Bio Washington

He said yes when he was asked to fight for freedom. He said yes when he was asked to help design the government. When George Washington was asked to be our first President, he wanted to say no.

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**The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy** (a series) by William Boniface

**The Chocolate Touch** by Patrick Skene Catling

**Ralph S. Mouse** by Beverly Cleary

**I, Amber Brown** (or other *Amber Brown* books) by Paula Danziger

**Geronimo Stilton** (a series)

**Pippi Longstocking** by Astrid Lindgren

**Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!** by Stephen Manes

**Thank You, Mr. Falker** by Patricia Polacco

**Shh! We're Writing the Constitution** by Jean Fritz J 342.73

**Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella** by Paul Fleischman E 398.2

**Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Bessie Coleman** by Nikki Grimes J 81 I.54

**It's Raining Pigs & Noodles: Poems** by Jack Prelutsky J 81 I.54

**Mummies, Tombs, and Treasure** by Lila Perl J 932

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### Fiction

**Magic School Bus Science Chapter Books** a series

You never know what will happen on one of Ms. Frizzle's wild field trips in the Magic School Bus.

**The Case of the Elevator Duck** by Polly Berrien Berends

Who would leave a pet duck on the elevator of an apartment house? Gilbert is determined to find the duck's owner before the building inspector finds the duck.

**The Stories Julian Tells** (or other *Julian* or *Huey* books) by Ann Cameron

Father says, "Leave the pudding alone." Julian and Huey eat most of it anyway and are sure they will be in big trouble. Join Julian for this and five other stories.

**Ramona the Pest** (or other *Ramona* or *Henry Huggins* books) by Beverly Cleary

Ramona loves school and her teacher, but she cannot seem to stay out of trouble!

**Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts!** or **Phineas L. MacGuire—Gets Slimed!** by Frances O'Roark

Boy scientist Phineas MacGuire is interested in doing experiments about everything, but his special interest is mold and slime.

**Nikki & Deja** by Karen English

Nikki and Deja live next door to one another and are very best friends. Things are great until a new girl moves to their block and brings big time trouble.



**My Father's Dragon** (or other books in the series) by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Wild Island has many ferocious beasts. This does not stop Elmer, who is determined to find the captured baby dragon and rescue him.

**Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little** by Peggy Elizabeth Gifford

Moxy has the whole summer to write a book report for the first day of fourth grade. How did the last day of vacation come so quickly?

**Babymouse** a series by Jennifer Holm

Babymouse dreams big! Meet best friend Wilson, the hated Felicia Furrypaws and others in these fast and fun graphic novels.

**Horrible Harry and the Dragon War** (or other *Horrible Harry* books) by Suzy Kline

Song Lee, the nicest girl in the class, will not speak to her old friend Harry. You'd be angry too, if your friend called your project stupid.

**Ruby Lu, Brave and True** or **Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything** by Lenore Look

She's a girl with big ideas, lots to do and plenty to worry about. Meet Ruby Lu.

**Judy Moody** (or other *Judy Moody* books) or **Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid** (or other *Stink* books) by Megan McDonald

Join in the Moody family fun! Meet Judy, who really is very moody and her younger brother Stink. Do you suppose he really is stinky?

**Away West** (or other *Scraps of Time* books) by Pat McKissack

Thirteen-year-old Everett was determined to seek his fortune in the West—a place, he had heard, where black pioneers were free to follow their dreams.

**7 x 9= Trouble!** by Claudia Mills

Wilson Williams is having trouble learning his multiplication tables. He is on the 3s and one girl in his class is already on the 9s. To make things even worse, his little brother is great at math.

**A Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglish Day** by Marisa Montes

At home she is Gabi; at school she is Maritza Morales. At home she speaks Spanish; at school she speaks English. Sometimes she gets all mixed up.

**Nim's Island** by Wendy Orr

Nim's father is missing. Now, she is alone on the island with only her animal friends and her solar-powered computer.

**Solo Girl** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Cass is great at math, but not at Double Dutch jump rope. She loves to watch the Fast Feet Four, but her own feet are just too slow.

**Go Fish** by Mary Stolz

Thomas is bored. He tries everything to get Grandfather to stop reading and pay attention to him. Finally, Grandfather agrees to go fishing and Thomas knows his day will be a good one.

**Freedom on the Menu** by Carole Boston Weatherford

Life was different in 1960. It was a time when a girl wasn't allowed to sit at the lunch counter if she was African American, but times were changing.

## Nonfiction

**Cendrillon: a Caribbean Cinderella** by Robert D. San Souci J 398.2

Enjoy a favorite old story set in a new place and time.

**Working with Fractions** by David A. Adler J 513.26

One slice of pizza is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a pie. Learning fractions may not be as hard as you think.

**Mosquito Bite** by Alexandra Siy J 595.772

"She tastes the blood. She immediately sucks a drop into her miniature straw. Now the blood is flowing, drop by drop, into her stomach. Still the boy feels nothing."

**The Emperor Lays an Egg** by Brenda Z. Guiberson J 598.47

Mother penguin lays an egg. She and father penguin must keep it from freezing in the icy Antarctic weather. What a truly amazing accomplishment this is!

**The Cooking Book** by Jane Bull J 641.5123

Chop, roll, mix and blend some super-delicious treats to eat.

**Kids Draw Animals** by Christopher Hart J 743.6

Get some paper, a sharp pencil and open this book. You are ready to draw!

**Arithme-Tickle: An Even Number of Odd Riddle-Rhymes** or

**Scien-Trickery: Riddles in Science** by J. Patrick Lewis J 793.7

If you enjoy solving riddles, give these a try. Math and science have never been more fun!

**Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs: Poems and Paintings** by Douglas Florian J 811.54

"Chameleon, comedian / We never know which skin you're in."

**Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme** J 811.54

A poet named Ogden Nash wrote, "The cow is of the bovine ilk; One end is moo, the other, milk." Try writing some poems of your own using the "poemstarts" that you can find in this book.

**Celebrate the 50 States!** by Loreen Leedy J 973

Which state has the smallest population? Where is the National Teachers Hall of Fame? (The answers are Wyoming and Kansas. Did you get them right?)

**Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez** by Kathleen Krull J Bio Chavez

Cesar Chavez dedicated his life to improving working and living conditions for migrant farm workers who had the longest hours, lowest wages and shortest life spans of any group of Americans.

**Crazy Horse's Vision** by Joseph Bruchac J Bio Crazy Horse

As a boy he was quiet and small, but still brave, strong and determined. "He studied the world with serious eyes..." He was Crazy Horse, a great leader.

**Barack Obama: United States President** by Roberta Edwards J Bio Obama

Who thinks that they have heard everything about Barack Obama? You just might find out a few things you didn't know.

**Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker** by Kathryn Lasky J Bio Walker

Slavery was over, but the hard times for African Americans were not. Orphaned at an early age, Sarah grew up to be Madam C. J. Walker, a powerful and successful businesswoman.

## Advanced Readers

Are you looking for something more challenging? The Prince George's County Public Schools Talented and Gifted and Elementary Reading Office suggest these titles:

**A Lion to Guard Us** by Clyde Robert Bulla

**No Talking** by Andrew Clements

**Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech

**The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo

**Gone-Away Lake** by Elizabeth Enright

**Shoeless Joe & Me** by Dan Gutman

**The Year of Miss Agnes** by Kirkpatrick Hill

**Everything on a Waffle** by Polly Horvath

**From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg

**Anastasia Krupnik** (or other *Anastasia* books) by Lois Lowry

**Boys Rock!** or **The Girls Take Over** (or other *Boys Versus Girls* books) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh** by Robert C. O'Brien

**Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices** by Paul Fleischman J 811

**George Washington Carver** by Tonya Bolden J BIO CARVER



## Rising Fifth Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish.

### Fiction

**The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall

Adventures await the Penderwick sisters when they go on summer vacation.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** or **Superfudge** (or other *Fudge* books) by Judy Blume

If you think your family is a little crazy, spend some time with the Hatchers!

**The Crow-Girl** by Bodil Bredsdorff

A girl and her grandmother live alone by the sea. When the grandmother dies, the girl struggles to find a new life.

**Dear Mr. Henshaw** by Beverly Cleary

Leigh's life begins to change when his favorite author, Mr. Henshaw, answers his letter.

**A Week in the Woods** by Andrew Clements

Mark and his teacher, Mr. Maxwell, don't get along. Will this be a problem on the fifth grade camping trip?

**Mr. Chickee's Funny Money** or **Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission** by Christopher Paul Curtis

If the quadrillion dollar bill was real it would have a picture of a U.S. President on it— not a picture of soul singer James Brown. But if it is a fake, why is Federal Agent Fondoo so hot to get his hands on it?

**Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo

Opal explores her new town, making friends with some strange people and a big, ugly dog she names Winn-Dixie.

**The Birchbark House** or **Game of Silence** by Louise Erdrich

Life is full of joy and tragedy for Omakaya and her Ojibwa community.

**A Room with a Zoo** by Jules Feiffer

Julie really wants a dog, but her parents won't let her get one. So instead she gets a kitten. Then a hamster, a fish, a turtle, a rabbit...

**Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It** by Sundee T. Frazier

One summer day, 10 year old Brendan has a chance encounter with the white grandfather he has never met and his mother refuses to talk about it.

**Coraline** by Neil Gaiman

One day Coraline steps through a mysterious door into another house that seems to be like her house. There she meets her "other" parents and Coraline soon realizes that she wants to go home.

**Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story** by Mary Downing Hahn

Molly and Michael don't like their new stepsister Heather. She lies and misbehaves, but they are the ones who get in trouble with their parents. When they move to a new house, Heather discovers the ghost of a girl who died long ago.

**Bunnicula** (or other books in the series) by Deborah and James Howe

Life is good for Harold and his pal Chester—until a new pet moves into their house. If Bunnicula the rabbit is not really a vampire, why is he behaving so strangely? What's a dog to do?

**Shiloh** (or other *Shiloh* books) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Marty loves the dog that he finds in the woods near his house. It doesn't seem right that he has to return it to an abusive owner.

**Midnight for Charlie Bone** (or other *Children of the Red King* books) by Jenny Nimmo

Charlie was an ordinary ten-year old until the day he overheard the thoughts of people in photographs. Now he attends Bloor's Academy where all of the students are endowed with magical talents.

**Sienna's Scrapbook: Our African American Heritage Trip** by Toni Trent Parker

In North Carolina, Sienna and her family see a false-bottom wagon that was used to secretly move slaves on the Underground Railroad. History is more interesting than Sienna ever thought it could be.

**Safe at Home** or **Slam Dunk** by Sharon Robinson

After Jumper's father dies, he moves to New York City where his mother makes him go to baseball camp. Jumper's game is basketball.

**Knights of the Kitchen Table** (or other *Time Warp Trio* books) by Jon Scieszka

"Halt vile knaves. Prepare to die." Joe, Fred and Sam are sitting at the kitchen table looking at the birthday present that Uncle Joe sent. The next thing they know they are facing the Black Knight.

**Robot Dreams** by Sara Varon

Dog finally has a best friend, a robot he made from a mail order kit. A great day at the beach ends in tragedy when they find out that salt water is not good for robots. Graphics tell this story without words.

## Nonfiction

**The People Could Fly: The Picture Book** by Virginia Hamilton J 398.2

"They say the people could fly." So begins a timeless story from the days of slavery that is still powerful today.

**The Bug Scientists** by Donna M. Jackson J 595.7

Bugs that help solve crimes? Ants that have pets? Maybe bugs are more interesting than you thought!

**The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours** by Jane Goodall J 599.885

If you never cared about chimpanzees before, you will after you read this book. The photographs will astound you.

**Squirt! The Most Interesting Book You'll Ever Read About Blood** (or other *Mysterious You* books)

by Trudee Romanek J 612.1

Your body is a most amazing machine!

**Draw 50 Animals** (or other *Draw 50* books) by Lee J. Ames J 743

Bugs, birds, fish and mammals big and small—you can draw them all.

**A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems** J 811.008

Can a poem have a shape?

**From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems/Del Ombligo de la Luna y**

**Otros Poemas de Verano** (or other seasonal poem books) by Francisco X. Alarcón J 811.54

Summer is green grass, family vacations, hot sun and rain showers.

**Science Verse** by Jon Scieszka J 811.54

They're wild, they're silly and sometimes hilarious—can they be poems about science?

**African Beginnings** by James Haskins J 960

Once, the Sahara desert was a green and fertile land. Many cultures prospered on the continent. Explore African Beginnings.

**George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides** by Rosalyn Schanzer J 973.3

Some think that King George was a "Royal Brute." Others say that George Washington was a traitor. "There are two sides to every story."

**Capital** by Lynn Curlee J 975.3

We live so close to the U.S. Capitol, the White House and the Lincoln Memorial that sometimes we forget how special they are.

**When Marian Sang** by Pam Muñoz Ryan J Bio Anderson

Marian Anderson wanted to sing. She wanted to sing opera on big, grand stages all over the world. The prejudice of her time could keep her from realizing her dream.

**A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson** by Michelle Y. Green J Bio Johnson

Mamie Johnson had a dream to become a professional baseball pitcher. Can a girl do that?

## Advanced Readers

Are you looking for something more challenging? The Prince George's County Public Schools Talented and Gifted and Elementary Reading Office suggest these titles:

**Whittington** by Alan Armstrong

**Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key** (or other *Joey Pigza* books) by Jack Gantos

**Daphne's Book** by Mary Downing Hahn

**The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster

**The View from Saturday** by E.L. Konigsburg

**A Wrinkle in Time** (or **A Wind in the Door** or **A Swiftly Tilting Planet**) by Madeleine L'Engle

**Rules** by Cynthia Lord

**Jip: His Story** by Katherine Paterson

**The Lightning Thief** (or other *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* books) by Rick Riordan

**Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule** by Harriette Gillem Robinet

**Steal Away Home** by Lois Ruby

**Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices From a Medieval Village** by Laura Amy Schlitz J 812.6



## Rising Sixth Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish.

### Fiction

**How Tía Lola Came to (Visit) Stay** by Julia Alvarez

Miguel is worried about making friends in his new school. His Tía Lola is visiting from the Dominican Republic and he is sure his new classmates will think she is a nut case.

**Chasing Vermeer** by Blue Balliett

A valuable painting has been stolen, setting off a worldwide search. Petra and Calder both like solving puzzles. Will they be the ones to find it?

**Some Friend** by Marie Bradby

Pearl wishes she had a best friend to talk to—someone like Lenore, who always looks good and is the most popular girl in her class.

**Halfway to the Sky** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Her brother is dead; her parents are divorced. Dani can't stand her life anymore, so she runs away to hike the Appalachian Trail. It should take about six months.

**The Boggart** by Susan Cooper

Boggarts are invisible and full of mischief at home in Scotland. When one finds himself in Canada, he discovers chocolate, pizza and the tricky possibilities of electricity.

**Lionboy** a trilogy by Zizou Corder

Charlie Ashanti has always been able to talk to cats. When his parents are kidnapped, he takes off after them. His ability to talk Cat comes in handy as he attempts to rescue them.

**Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis

Bud runs away from a terrible foster home. Join him as he sets out on a journey to find his father.

**The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau

The underground City of Ember was built for people to live in for two hundred years. Now it is year 241 and the lights are going out.

**Zeely** by Virginia Hamilton

It might be the truth, or it might be Elizabeth's imagination. Is Zeely Tayber just a girl who tends hogs, or is she an African queen?

**Letters from Rifka** by Karen Hesse

Rifka and her family are looking forward to their new life in America after escaping the brutal treatment of Jews in their Russian homeland. When the doctors refuse to let Rifka board the ship, her family must leave her behind. Will she ever see them again?

**Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf** by Jennifer L. Holm

Learn all about Ginny's year in seventh grade by reading her stuff—letters, notes, report cards, IMs and more.

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

It starts with a foolish fairy who can't tell a gift from a curse. Before it is done, Ella finds adventure with ogres, giants, stepsisters, fairy godmothers and a very entertaining prince.

**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson** by Bette Lord

Brooklyn is very different from China. It's hard to make friends when you don't speak English, but Shirley Temple Wong is determined to make America her country.

**A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park

An orphan boy and an old man live under a bridge just trying to survive. One day, the boy sees something that makes him yearn for more and nothing will be the same again.

**The Legend of Bass Reeves** by Gary Paulsen

Based on the real life of Bass Reeves who escaped slavery and lived with the Creek Indians for many years before he was a free man. He became one of the greatest law men of the old west.

**A Long Way from Chicago** or **A Year Down Yonder** by Richard Peck

For Joey and Mary Alice, summer vacation means one thing—a visit with Grandma Dowdel that is sure to be full of unpredictable and wild adventures.

**Becoming Naomi Leon** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Naomi and her brother are happy living with their Gram at the Avocado Acres Trailer Rancho. All of that changes one day when their mother, who left them seven years ago, knocks at the door.

**The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick

Hugo is trying to survive alone and undetected in a Paris train station in this story told partly in words but mostly through pictures.

**Loser** by Jerry Spinelli

Zinkoff has always been slow and clumsy, but the teacher chooses him to run the anchor in the relay race anyway. He loses a big lead, the race and the entire championship. His classmates are angry. They call him Loser.

**The Secret of Gumbo Grove** by Eleanora E. Tate

What is the big mystery that no one in town wants to talk about? Old Miss Effie knows and Raisin is determined to find out.

**The Gold Cadillac** by Mildred D. Taylor

An African American family travels through segregated Mississippi in their beautiful 1950 gold Cadillac.

**Tripping Over the Lunch Lady**

Ten authors each tell a school story. They also look back at what they loved and hated from their real school days—the best cafeteria meal, the meanest thing someone ever did to them and, of course, the worst smell at school.

**The Red Rose Box** by Brenda Woods

While visiting her aunt in California, Leah is excited to experience a world different from her small Louisiana town. A family tragedy forever changes life for Leah and her sister.

**Millicent Min, Girl Genius** by Lisa Yee

Millie is eleven years old and going into twelfth grade. She wants to spend her summer studying poetry. Why are her parents making her join a summer volleyball league?

## Nonfiction

**From Rags to Riches** by Leslie Sills J 391.2

Take a look at hoop skirts, bloomers, shirtwaists and bustles. Retro is in, so one of these styles might come back.

**Go Figure!** by Johnny Ball J 510.76

Even if math is not your favorite subject, you will have fun with the magic tricks, brainteasers, puzzles and weird stuff about numbers in this book,

**Rascal** by Sterling North J 599.7

Sterling North had many pets and adventures growing up, but some of his best times were spent with his raccoon, Rascal.

**Team Moon** by Catherine Thimmesh J 629.454

In July 1969, half a billion people around the world watched Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin land on the moon. Two astronauts moonwalked that day, but 400,000 people made it possible.

**Emeril's There's a Chef in my Soup!** (or other cookbooks) by Emeril Lagasse J 641.59

Cook muffins or meatballs, corndogs or casseroles. Don't forget dessert!

**To Dance: A Memoir** by Siena Cherson Siegel J Graphix 792.8

By age nine, Siena knew she wanted to be a ballerina. Practices, studies, rehearsals and injuries did not diminish her passionate love of dance.

**iBéisbol! Latino Baseball Pioneers and Legends** by Jonah Winter J 796.357

Who do you think is the greatest baseball player of all time? Did you say Martin Dihigo? He could play every position, including pitcher, and was voted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in four countries!

**The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems** J 811.008

Old poems and new for reading quietly and out LOUD!

**Langston Hughes** by Langston Hughes J 811.52

He died in 1967, but his poetry still speaks out loud and clear. It speaks of freedom and dreams, the past and the future. Read a few poems by Langston Hughes and let him speak to you.

**Natural Disasters** by Claire Watts J 904.5

Tsunamis, hurricanes and other natural disasters are explored in this Eyewitness favorite.

**Kickoff!** by Tiki Barber J Bio Barber

Twins Ronde and Tiki are worried about the start of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be in different classes for the first time ever and will be trying out for the football team with much bigger kids.

**Maritcha: A Remarkable Nineteenth-Century Girl** by Tonya Bolden J Bio Lyons

"Born free in a nation stained by slavery, where free blacks had few rights and rare respect, here was a girl determined to rise, to amount to something, determined to overcome."

**The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane** by Russell Freedman J Bio Wright

On December 17, 1903, the world's first successful airplane flight took place. The Wright brothers had finally done it.

## Advanced Readers

Are you looking for something more challenging? The Prince George's County Public Schools Talented and Gifted and Elementary Reading Office suggest these titles:

**Ruby Holler** by Sharon Creech

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Yolonda's Genius** by Carol Fenner

**The Planet of Junior Brown** by Virginia Hamilton

**The Call of the Wild** by Jack London

**The Giver** by Lois Lowry

**Airborn** by Kenneth Oppel

**The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan

**Baseball in April and Other Stories** by Gary Soto

**Sammy Keyes** (a series) by Wendelin Van Draanen

## Rising Seventh Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish. Several can be found in both the Children's and Teen collections.

### Fiction

#### **Nothing But the Truth** by Avi

If Philip had any idea what he was starting when he hummed along with the Star Spangled Banner in homeroom, do you think he would have done it?

#### **Storm Warriors** by Elisa Carbone

When ships crash at sea, it is the men of the Lifesaving Service that rescue survivors. Nathan dreams of some day joining them—a hard dream to realize for an African American in 1895.

#### **Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko

It is 1935 and Moose and his family have just moved to Alcatraz Island where his father is a guard at the famous prison. He misses his friends, but hopes he will meet the famous gangster, Al Capone.

#### **The Midwife's Apprentice** by Karen Cushman

Brat is a homeless, hungry girl until Jane, the midwife, takes her in as a servant. Now Brat has a bed and food, but what she really wants is her own place and her own name.

#### **The Ear, the Eye and the Arm** by Nancy Farmer

The year: 2194; the place: Zimbabwe, Africa. Three mutant detectives use their powers to try to rescue three kidnapped children.

#### **Shadow Spinner** by Susan Fletcher

If Shahrazad runs out of stories to tell the sultan, she will die. Can Marjan the storyteller save Shahrazad's life without losing her own?

#### **The Thief Lord** by Cornelia Funke

Two brothers run away and live with a group of children in an abandoned movie theater.

#### **Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse

Billie Jo's Oklahoma is blowing away, bit by dusty bit and a horrible accident leaves her wounded inside and out. Only Billie Jo can cure herself.

#### **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

On Roy's first day of school in Coconut Grove, Florida, he sees a boy running barefoot beside the school bus. Roy follows him and becomes involved in a plan to save a colony of owls.

#### **Ghost Canoe** by Will Hobbs

No survivors! That is what everyone says about the crew of the sailing ship that crashed on the rocks one foggy night. Nathan doesn't believe it. He has noticed some strange and unexplained clues that lead him to believe that someone has survived.

#### **Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson

Maia has been living in an English boarding school since her parents died. She is excited to begin her new life with relatives in the Amazon jungle—until she meets her nasty twin cousins.

#### **Redwall** (or other *Redwall* books) by Brian Jacques

Brave mice and their friends are tested to their limits as they do battle to defend the animals of Redwall from evil rats and weasels.

#### **The Color of My Words** by Lynn Joseph

Ana Rosa wants to be a writer. In her village in the Dominican Republic, it is difficult just to get a piece of paper.

#### **Travel Team** by Mike Lupica

Danny's father was a basketball legend. Danny is too short to even make the team.



**The Moorchild** by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Saaski, part fairyfolk and part human, fits into neither life. Now her human family is threatened and only she can help them.

**Agnes Parker...Girl in Progress** by Kathleen O'Dell

At camp the summer before seventh grade, Agnes is not so happy that she and her best friend Prejean are assigned different cabins. When she hears how the other girls idolize Prejean, she starts to wonder if their friendship will change.

**Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues** by Harriette Robinet

The Montgomery bus boycott, started by Mrs. Rosa Parks, means Alfa stays off the bus and can't get to work. Alfa must do something because his family relies on the money he makes.

**Holes** by Louis Sachar

The family curse has struck Stanley Yelnats. He spends his days digging holes, 5 feet wide by 5 feet deep, at a detention camp for bad boys run by an evil warden. If only Stanley could figure out why they are digging those holes, maybe his luck would change.

**The Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt

Every Wednesday afternoon, Holling will be alone with his teacher while all of his classmates attend religious instruction. He isn't happy, especially since he thinks his teacher hates him.

**Out from Boneville** (or other *Bone* books) by Jeff Smith

The adventure begins after Fone Bone and his cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone are thrown out of Boneville in this first book in a graphic series.

**Taking Sides** by Gary Soto

Lincoln Mendoza has moved from the city to the suburbs. Now he's not sure which side he wants to be on when he plays basketball against his old school.

**Library Card** by Jerry Spinelli

It's a small blue library card that changes the lives of Mongoose the cool, Brenda the TV addict, Sonseray the homeless and April the adventurous.

**Locomotion** by Jacqueline Woodson

Lonnie Collins Motion (aka Locomotion) was seven years old when his parents were killed in a house fire. Now he and his sister are living in separate foster homes and Lonnie is learning to express his feelings about life.

## Nonfiction

**Every Minute on Earth** by Steve Murrle J 031.02

What happens in a minute? 55,555 Hershey's Kisses are produced; 1,900 iTunes songs are downloaded; 5 earthquakes occur and 51 acres of tropical forests are cut down.

**A Dream of Freedom** by Diane McWhorter J 323.1196

Explore the defining moments of the civil rights movement from 1954, when the Supreme Court heard the case for school integration, to 1968, when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

**Albino Animals** by Kelly Milner Halls J 572.59

You've probably seen an albino rabbit or rat, but did you know that there are albino alligators?

**Shark Life** by Karen Wojtyla J 597.3

Picture yourself in a flimsy cage in icy cold water watching a shark swim towards you, mouth wide open. Peter Benchley, the author of *Jaws*, shares his experiences with dangerous sea creatures.

**The New Way Things Work** by David Macaulay J 600

Most people watch TV every day. Most people don't know how that TV works. Hundreds of machines are explained in this well-illustrated book.

**An American Plague** by Jim Murphy J 614.541

It is 1793 and the deadly disease, yellow fever, has shut down Philadelphia, the capital of the new United States.

**Children's Quick & Easy Cookbook** by Angela Wilkes J 641.5123

Cook everything from chocolate truffles to Turkish meatballs. Mmmm!

**Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing** by Paul B. Janeczko J 652.8

Write a secret code. Break a secret code. The tips and tricks are all here for future agents, spies, or anyone who is furtive, sly and clever.

**A Kick in the Head** J 811.008

You might know the rules of basketball, checkers and other games, but do you know the rules of poetry?

**Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World** by Jennifer Armstrong J 919.89

Imagine yourself stranded in Antarctica, "the most hostile place on earth."

**Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti J 941.5081

Potatoes were the main food source for the poor people of Ireland. Then the potato crop failed.

**5000 Miles to Freedom** by Judith Bloom Fradin J Bio Craft

The Crafts had a bold and daring plan to escape slavery. The wife would pose as a wealthy Southern man while her husband would pose as her slave. Could it work?

**The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights** by Russell Freedman

J Bio Anderson

It was said that a voice like hers "is heard once in a hundred years."

**Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science** by John Fleischman J Bio Gage

In a terrible accident, a three-foot-long iron rod went through the head of Phineas Gage. He was knocked to the ground but sat up, talked to his co-workers and lived for twelve more years.

**Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit** by Laurie Lawlor J Bio Keller

She became blind and deaf before the age of two, but Helen Keller went on to graduate from college, write books and travel the world.

### **Advanced Readers**

Are you looking for something more challenging? The Prince George's County Public Schools Talented and Gifted and Elementary Reading Office suggest these titles:

***Rising Seventh to Ninth Graders***

**Kit's Wilderness** by David Almond

**Tangerine** by Edward Bloor

**Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury

**2001, a Space Odyssey** by Arthur C. Clarke

**Elijah of Buxton** by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Great Expectations** by Charles Dickens

**Inkheart (or Inkspell or Inkdeath)** by Cornelia Funke

**Anne of Green Gables** (a series) by Lucy Maud Montgomery

**The Glory Field** by Walter Dean Myers

**Around the World in Eighty Days** by Jules Verne

**Briar Rose** by Jane Yolen