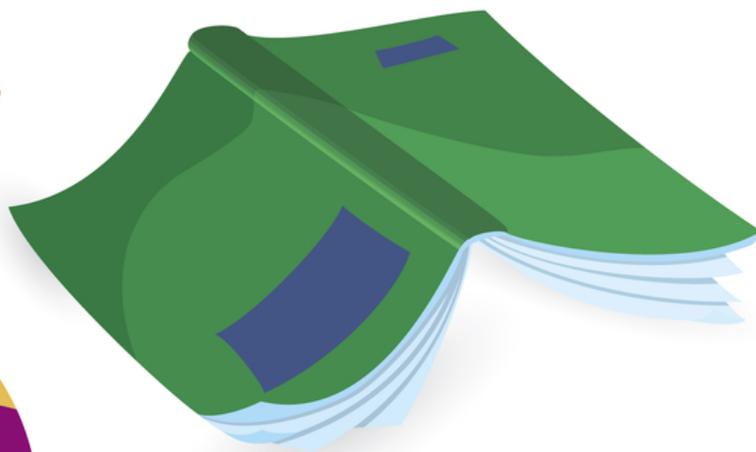


# SUMMER READING 2013



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Public Schools of Brookline, Massachusetts

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### Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Byrd, Robert. *Electric Ben: the Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* \*\*

Robert Byrd documents Franklin's numerous accomplishments, from framing the Constitution to creating bifocals.

DeCristofano, Carolyn Cinami. *A Black Hole is Not a Hole* \*\*\*  
Introduces black holes, describing their physical features, how they were discovered, what causes them, and where they exist in space.

Fern, Tracey. *Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown discovered the most famous dinosaur in the world* \*  
Barnum Brown's (1873-1963) parents named him after the circus icon P.T. Barnum, hoping that he would do something extraordinary, and he did. As a paleontologist for the American Museum of Natural History, he discovered the first documented skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus Rex, as well as most of the other dinosaurs on display there today.

Lewis, J. Patrick. *National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 poems with photographs that squeak, soar and roar!* \*\*

This book combines photography with lyrical text celebrating the animal world, in a compilation that includes works by such poets as Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost and Rudyard Kipling.

Lin, Grace. *Starry River of the Sky* \*\*

An innkeeper's young helper discovers that a visitor's stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.

McKay, Hillary. *Lulu and the Duck in the Park* \*

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

### Listen to This: Books for Families to Read Aloud

Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey* \*\*\*

This is an amazing, heartbreaking tale about a dog, a bulldog and a Siamese cat who brave the Canadian wilderness on their journey back to their home after they are placed temporarily with friends of their owners.

Dahl, Roald. *The BFG* \*\*

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan with him to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Jansson, Tove. *Comet in Moominland (series)* \*\*

Moomintroll and his friend Sniff travel to the Observatory on the Lonely Mountains to consult the Professors, worrying that the comet will hit their home.

Jarrell, Randall. *The Animal Family* \*\*

A lonely hunter living in the wilderness beside the sea gains a family made up of a mermaid, a bear, a lynx, and a boy.

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out* \*\*

Here is a peek into the secret lives of toys as Stingray, Lumphy and Plastic participate in a series of adventures.

### Take a Look: Picture Books for Older Readers

Mora, Pat. *Dona Flor: A Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart* \*

Dona Flor, a giant of a lady, sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal, but soon discovers the tiny secret behind the huge noise.

Muth, Jon J. *Zen Shorts* \*

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

Scieszka, Jon. *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

This amusing fractured fairy tale will tickle the funny bone and inspire readers to invent their own tales.

Shulevitz, Uri. *How I Learned Geography* \*

A book about a young boy who spends hours studying his father's world map, and escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan.

Steptoe, John. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* \*\*\*

This book retells the African version of Cinderella with magnificent illustrations of the Zimbabwe landscape.

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Jumanji* \*

This book is about two bored boys left on their own for an afternoon, find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

### Too Good to Miss: Classics

Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona the Brave* \*\*

Ramona Quimby has to deal with her mother's new job and a teacher who does not understand how hard it is for Ramona to grow up.

Enright, E. *The Saturdays (Melendy Quartet series)* \*\*\*

The Melendy Quartet has a Independent Saturday Afternoon Adventure Club and readers vicariously experience all of their fabulous adventures.

Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats* \*\*

This book relates the adventures and misadventures of the four Moffat children living with their widowed mother in the small town of Cranbury, Connecticut.

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Kipling, Rudyard. ***Just So Stories*** \*\*\*

This is a book with inventive tales from Indian mythology will delight any reader.

Lewis, C. S. ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*** \*\*\*

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, against the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Wilder, L. Ingalls. ***Little House in the Big Woods (series)*** \*\*

This classic historical fiction series provides rich history about westward expansion through the eyes of the Wilder family.

### Folklore & Mythology

Bruchac, Joseph. ***Rabbit's Snow Dance: A Traditional Iroquois story*** \*

A long-tailed rabbit who wants a nibble of the highest, tastiest leaves uses his special snow song in the summertime, despite the protests of the other animals.

d'Aulaire, Ingri. ***d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*** \*\*\*

This book is an introduction to the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece.

Husain, Shahrukh. ***The Wise Fool: Tales from the Islamic World*** \*\*

This book retells the story of twenty-two Middle Eastern folktales about Mulla Nasreddin Hoca, a wise man remembered for his insightful and humorous stories.

Lester, Julius. ***John Henry*** \*

This book retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Tales from the Odyssey (series)*** \*\*

Mythology lovers will be thrilled with these beautiful adaptations from the Odyssey.

### Get Real: Nonfiction

Barretta, Gene. ***Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin*** \*\*

This book looks at some of the many things invented by Benjamin Franklin that are still in use in the twenty-first century.

Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Lizards*** \*

This book introduces young nature enthusiasts to the beauty and diversity of lizards, in a volume that combines facts with full-page images and a double-gatefold spread.

Chin, Jason. ***Redwoods*** \*\*

This beautifully illustrated book offers information about redwood trees such as height, how the bark protect them from fires, average age, and the types of plant and animal life that live in them.

Floca, Brian. ***Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*** \*

This book gives a glorious account of the Apollo 11 mission, a story of adventure and discovery, a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away.

### It Could Happen: Realistic Fiction

Alvarez, Julia. ***How Tia Lola Came to Stay (series)*** \*\*\*

Miguel's Tia comes from Dominican Republic to help after his parents divorce. Is she magical?

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy & Bean (series)*** \*

Ivy and Bean are the opposite of each other in every way. Yet much to their amazement, become best friends.

Blume, Judy. ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*** \*\*

Peter, who is tired of having to keep mischievous two-year-old Fudge out of trouble, discovers that his pet turtle is missing.

Clements, Andrew. ***The Jacket*** \*\*

An incident at school forces sixth grader Phil Morelli to become aware of racial discrimination and segregation, and to seriously consider if he himself is prejudiced.

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War*** \*\*\*

Normally buddies, brother and sister Evan and Jessie find themselves at odds over trifles and increasingly determined to earn more money than the other before school starts.

Lin, Grace. ***The Year of the Dog*** \*\*

Grace is Taiwanese American, and she hopes the Year of the Dog is a lucky one. Embark on the year's journey with this spunky girl, and share the adventure. The newest addition to this series is Dumpling Days.

Look, Lenore. ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*** \*\*

A boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Springstubb, Tricia. ***What Happened on Fox Street*** \*\*\*

Fox Street means everything to Mo Wren and so she is very upset when a land developer offers to buy her father's house, especially since she has not yet found the fox she is sure lives in the nearby ravine.

### Life Stories: Biography

Aldrin, Buzz. ***Reaching for the Moon*** \*\*

An illustrated account of astronaut Buzz Aldrin's life and the determination and experiences that led him to be part of the first mission to land men on the moon.

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Davidson, Margaret. ***Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind*** \*\*

Blind at the age of three, Louis Braille created a system of reading for the blind when he was fifteen.

Holub, Joan. ***Who was Marco Polo?*** \*

A brief biography of the life and travels of thirteenth-century explorer, Marco Polo.

Krull, Kathleen. ***Marie Curie*** \*\*\*

Traces the life and work of the Polish-born scientist whose study of radioactivity led to her receiving two Nobel Prizes.

Lee, Paula. ***Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds*** \*\*\*

Sixteen seconds: the moment of a three-and-a-half somersault dive. Sammy Lee overcame formidable odds to become an Olympic diving champion in 1948.

Nivola, Clair A. ***Planting the Trees of Kenya: the story of Wangari Maathai*** \*

Relates the story of Wangari Maathai, a native Kenyan who taught the people living in the highlands how to plant trees and care for the land.

### Out of This World: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd. ***The Book of Three*** \*\*\*

Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. ***The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles)*** \*\*

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

Eager, Edward. ***Half Magic*** \*\*

Faced with a dull summer in the city, four children suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after one of them discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

Erickson, Russell. ***A Toad for Tuesday*** \*

On Thursday a toad is captured by an owl who saves him to eat on Tuesday, the owl's birthday, but the intervening five days change his mind.

LeGuin, Ursula. ***Catwings (series)*** \*\*

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two kind children.

Levine, Gail Carson. ***The Princess Tales (series)*** \*\*

Readers will recognize elements of classic fairy tales in these humorous new versions.

Prineas, Sarah. ***The Magic Thief*** \*\*\*

A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard Nevery Flinglas.

### Page-turners: Mystery & Adventure

Babbitt, Natalie. ***The Search For Delicious*** \*\*\*

When the court can't agree on a meaning for the word delicious in the King's dictionary, young Galen is sent out to poll the kingdom and has unexpected adventures.

Berends, Polly. ***The Case of the Elevator Duck*** \*

This book chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Gilbert a self-styled private eye, who takes on his toughest case when he finds a duck in the elevator of his apartment building.

Butler, Dori Hillsetad. ***The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy (series)*** \*

Meet King, loyal dog detective, while searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.

O'Connor, Jane. ***Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth*** \*

In her chapter book debut, Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school.

Sobol, Donald. ***Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)*** \*\*

This book is about a neighborhood's star detective who helps his police chief dad solve big crimes. Readers are given clues along the way in order to join in the solutions.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Shredderman: Secret Identity (series)*** \*\*

Bubba is the bane of Nolan's existence. When Nolan is tapped to write articles for the school newspaper he chooses to write about the evil bubba, but smartly he does it through the creation of an alternate identity: Shredderman! A laugh out loud choice.

### Play Ball!: Sports Books

Barber, Tiki. ***Go Long!*** \*

The winning stars move up to middle school and there are many adjustments. Will Tiki and Ronde learn to work together with their new coach and team?

Golenbock, Peter. ***Teammates*** \*

Describes the prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Gutman, Dan. ***Baseball Card Adventures: Roberto & Me*** \*\*\*

Stosh travels in time to meet Roberto Clemente, legendary ballplayer and humanitarian.

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Hicks, Betty. ***Basketball Bats*** \*  
Henry and his basketball teammates, the Bats, take on the Tigers, and Henry learns a lesson about working as a team.

McKissack, Patricia. ***The Home-Run King (Scraps of Time)*** \*\*  
Eleven-year-old Tank and his older brother Jimbo, who both love baseball, can't believe their good fortune when Josh Gibson, home-run king of the Homestead Grays, stays at their house during a series in Nashville.

Wallace, Rich. ***Kickers #1: Ball Hogs (series)*** \*\*  
Brand new soccer player Ben has to learn how to deal with the Ball Hog on his soccer team.

### Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Avi. ***The Secret School*** \*\*  
Ida and her classmates decide to keep their one-room schoolhouse open in secret after it is closed by the school board.

Hermes, Patricia. ***Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Diary*** \*\*\*  
Nine-year-old Elizabeth keeps a journal of her experiences in the New World as she encounters Indians, suffers hunger and the death of friends, and helps her father build their first home.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. ***Strawberry Hill*** \*\*\*  
Ten-year-old Allie's family moves from urban New Haven to rural Stamford, Connecticut, in the midst of the Great Depression.

McKissack, Patricia. ***Away West (Scraps of Time series)*** \*\*  
In 1879, young Everett Turner leaves hard times on his family's farm and runs away to St. Louis, where he works in a livery stable before heading to the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Riding Freedom*** \*\*\*  
Disguised as a man her whole life, Charley Parkhurst became an expert horse rider and a legendary stagecoach driver at a time such things were outlawed for women.

Wells, Rosemary. ***Lincoln and His Boys*** \*\*  
Brothers Willie and Taddie share stories about their father, Abraham Lincoln, focusing on the years they lived in the White House.

### Just for Fun: Humor

Atwater, Richard. ***Mr. Popper's Penguins*** \*\*  
The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

Blume, Judy. ***The Pain and the Great One*** \*\*  
A realistic, humorous story of two siblings who struggle to get along, but deep inside love each other.

Cleary, Beverly. ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle (series)*** \*\*  
Ralph and Keith enjoy hilarious mouse-and-boy adventures in this series by a beloved author.

Lowry, Lois. ***The Willoughbys*** \*\*\*  
The four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Reese, Douglas. ***Uncle Pirate*** \*\*  
Wilson is one of the most bullied fourth-graders at the chaotic Very Elementary School until his long-lost uncle, Desperate Evil Wicked Bob, a pirate, and his talking penguin arrive and begin making everything ship-shape, one classroom at a time.

Spratt, R. A. ***The Adventures of Nanny Piggins*** \*\*\*  
When Mr. Green, a stingy widower with three children he cannot be bothered with, decides to find a nanny for his children, he winds up hiring a glamorous ex-circus pig who knows nothing about children but a lot about chocolate.

### A Way With Words: Poetry

Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: space poems and paintings*** \*  
A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.

Florian, Douglas. ***Insectlopedia*** \*  
Here are 21 nifty portraits of insects and their antics in verse and inventive paintings.

Gollub, Matthew and Kazuko G. Stone. ***Cool Melons-Turn to Frogs*** \*  
The title of the book comes from haiku by the Japanese poet, Issa. Told in prose interspersed with 33 of Issa's most delightful poems, the book is both a biography of the famed poet and an introduction to haiku.

Kennedy, Caroline (Selector). ***A Family of Poems: my favorite poetry for children*** \*\*  
An anthology of poems celebrating poetry's ability to connect us like family.

Worth, Valerie. ***All the Small Poems and Fourteen More*** \*  
These beautifully simple poems will stir your imagination in remarkable ways, as will the deft pen-and-ink illustrations.

### Books on Summer Math Calendar

Adler, David. ***Fraction Fun***

This book takes the fear out of math and fractions and puts the fun back in!

Burns, Marilyn. ***Spaghetti and Meatballs for All***

Mr. and Mrs. Comfort are having a family reunion! Mr. Comfort starts cooking up his famous spaghetti and meatballs, while Mrs. Comfort carefully arranges eight tables and thirty-two chairs so that everyone will have a seat. The tables look lovely, the food is ready, and here come the guests, with their own seating plans.

Friedman, Aileen. ***The King's Commissioners***

A delightful beginning book for those learning the concepts of counting, addition, and the place value system. This story encourages children to have fun while learning important math skills.

Hutchins, Pat. ***The Doorbell Rang***

Every time the doorbell rings, more people come to share Ma's wonderful cookies. Will there be enough to go around?

Leedy, Loreen. ***Measuring Penny***

Lisa has an important homework assignment to measure something in several different ways. She has to use standard units like inches and nonstandard units like paper clips to find out height, width, length, weight, volume, temperature, and time. Lisa decides to measure her dog.

Murphy, Stuart. ***Jump, Kangaroo, Jump!***

Kangaroo is back. In this story he and his friends at camp divide into halves, thirds, and fourths to form teams at field day.

Murphy, Stuart. ***Slugger's Car Wash***

The 21st Street Sluggers t-shirts are worn-out and dirty. They need new ones, but they have no money. How can they raise some cash, and fast? By having a car wash. Learning to count money and make change are important real-life math skills, but teamwork is the most valuable player in this sports story.

Murphy, Stuart. ***The Sundae Scoop***

How many different ice-cream sundaes can you make? With 6 ingredients to choose from, there are so many combinations. Read all about the sundaes they're making at the school picnic. Math has never been so delicious.

Neuschwander, C. ***Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream***

Amanda Bean loves to count everything, from the books in the library to the popcorn in her bowl. If only she could count faster. Her teacher tries to persuade her of the virtues of multiplication, but Amanda remains unconvinced until she has an amazing dream.

Pinczes, Elinor. ***A Remainder of One***

When the queen of her bugs demands that her army march in even lines, Private Joe divides the marchers into more and more lines so that he will not be left out of the parade.

Pinczes, Elinor. ***One Hundred Hungry Ants***

Hi dee ho! It's off to a picnic we go! One hundred very hungry ants hurry to sample the delights of a picnic, but marching in single file seems too slow for 100 empty tummies. The smallest ant of all suggests they travel in 2 rows of 50, four rows of 25 and the division begins.

Tang, Greg. ***Math for All Seasons: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles***

Teach children how to solve math problems intuitively, rather than relying solely upon formulas and memorization. Colorful illustrations will capture kids attention, and fun rhymes present addition/subtraction problems that kids will be able to solve with the help of clues in the verse.

Tang, Greg. ***The Best of Times***

Greg Tang takes on the times tables, teaching kids innovative ways to multiply numbers and derive answers without memorization.

Viorst, Judith. ***Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday***

Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar, and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all of that money. He could buy as much gum as he wanted, or even a walkie-talkie, if he saved enough, but somehow the money began to disappear.

