

Ms. Kathleen's Summer Picks

Primary Readers



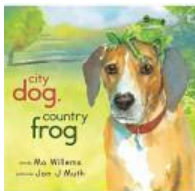
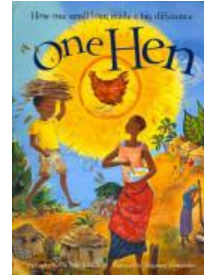
Art and Max by David Wiesner

Max and Arthur are friends who share an interest in painting.

One Hen

By Katie Smith Milway

One Hen tells the story of Kojo, a young Ghanaian boy who uses a micro loan to buy a chicken, so he can sell the eggs to make money. Through hard work, the one hen transforms Kojo's life.



City Dog, Country Frog By Mo Willems, Jon J. Muth

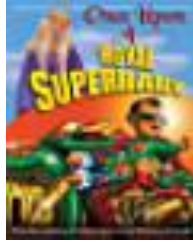
Through the seasons, whenever City Dog visits the country he runs straight for Country Frog's rock to play games with him, but during the winter things change for them both, and come spring, their friendship blooms a little differently.

Children Make Terrible Pets

By Peter Brown

When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train.





Once Upon a Royal Superbaby

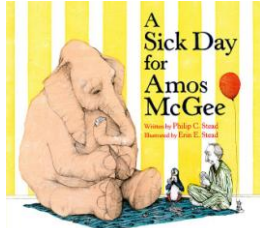
By Kevin O'Malley

Cooperatively writing a story for school, a girl imagines a king and queen who have a baby named Sweet Piper who can talk to birds, while a boy names the baby Strong Viper and gives him super-strength, cool wrestling moves, and a motorcycle.



Blue Chameleon By Emily Gravett

A lonely chameleon tries to change his color and shape to fit in with other animals, including the swirly snail, the pink cockatoo, and the green grasshopper, but he cannot find anyone that is just like him.



A Sick Day for Amos McGee By Philip Christian Stead

Amos McGee, a friendly zoo keeper, always makes time to visit his animal friends, but when he becomes sick and cannot come in to work, the animals pay him a visit instead.



The Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen

After courageously swimming to shore when the ship that they are traveling on sinks and the wretched captain does nothing to rescue them, circus animals find a way to become a valued part of a coastal community.



The Amazing World of Stuart

By Sara Pennypacker

This book by the same author of the Clementine books, contains two stories about Stuart: "Stuart's Cape" and "Stuart Goes to School."



The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow by Andy Griffiths

Presents ten humorous rhyming stories about exploding cows that go kapow, a rock-and-roll mole named Noel, and Klaus the mouse's very small house.



Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters

By Barack Obama

It is a treasure to cherish with your family forever. The American heroes honored in this book include Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Georgia O'Keeffe, Jackie Robinson, Sitting Bull, George Washington and Helen Keller.



A Birthday for Bear

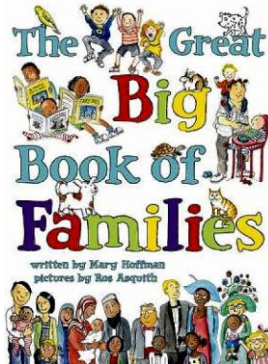
By Bonny Becker, Kady MacDonald Denton

Despite Bear's efforts to ignore his birthday, Mouse will not rest until his friend celebrates.



The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Basil By Wiley Miller

Bored with his life in a lighthouse, Basil sets out for adventure and soon arrives in a mysterious city in the clouds, where he discovers and tries to foil a plan that threatens the entire world.



Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman

Celebrating diversity and connections, this generously sized picture book celebrates families with a different theme—homes, school, jobs, holidays, food, clothes, pets, feelings.

Intermediate Readers

Fiction:



The Dreamer

By Pam Muñoz Ryan, Peter Sís

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.



The Emerald Atlas

By John Stephens

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, and a prophesied quest to find a magical book.



Dragon's Breath

By E. D. Baker

Having recovered their human shape, Emerald and Eadric try to help Aunt Grassina find the special objects needed to break the spell that turned Grassina's true love, Haywood, into an otter.



How to Steal a Dog

By Barbara O'Connor

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



Love That Dog

By Sharon Creech

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.



Riding Freedom

Pam Muñoz Ryan, Brian Selznick

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.



One day and one amazing morning on Orange Street

by Rocklin, Joanne

The last remaining orange tree on a Southern California street brings together neighbors of all ages as they face their problems and anxieties, including the possibility that a mysterious stranger is a threat to their tree.

Non-Fiction:



Here There Be Monsters: The Legendary Kraken and the Giant Squid

By Harvey Newquist

Weaves modern scientific discovery with historical accounts of the mythological Kraken to explore the nature of the giant squid which had eluded scientists for ages, but remains hidden no longer.



How come?

By Kathy Wollard

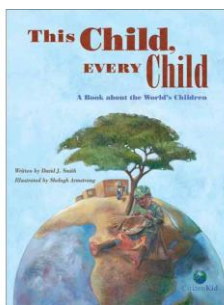
Answers questions about color and light, forces and particles, outer space, the solar system, the earth, weather, animals, and the human body.



Built to Last

By David Macaulay

By the Caldecott Medal-winning author of The Way We Work.



This child, every child : a book about the world's children by David Smith

The author's goal is to introduce children around the world and show how their lives measure up to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Wise at heart : children and adults share words of wisdom

by Brody Hartman

Members involved with this project spent a year collecting "words of wisdom" from children and "elders" around the globe.

Series



Artemis Fowl

By Eoin Colfer, Eoin

Twelve-year-old villain Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history.



The Ranger's Apprentice

By John Flanagan

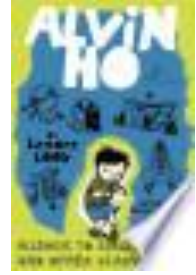
When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.



Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx

By James Rollins

When Connecticut middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported back to Pangaea, the strange world of lost civilizations, they must find the truth behind the mythic Fire Opal Eye in order to survive.



Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things

By Lenore Look, LeUyen Pham

A young 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.



Dealing with Dragons

By Patricia C. Wrede

Bored with traditional palace life, Princess Cimorene travels to the Mountains of Morning where she is befriended by a group of powerful dragons and joins in their struggle to protect their kingdom from being taken over by disreputable wizards.



Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit

By Nahoko Uehashi

The wandering warrior Balsa is hired to protect Prince Chagum from both a mysterious monster and the prince's father, the Mikado.