

PICTURE BOOKS (XXF)

ENGLE, Margarita. **Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music**

A Cuban girl in the 1930s strives to become a female drummer in Cuba. Inspired by true events.

LEVINE, Ellen. **Henry's Freedom Box**

Fictionalized account of Virginia slave Henry "Box" Brown, who escaped by shipping himself in a crate to Philadelphia in 1849.

EASY CHAPTER BOOKS (BRIDGES XF)

ADLER, David A. **Cam Jansen (XMF series)**

Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

KELLY, David. **Fenway Foul-Up (series)**

Cousins Mike and Kate investigate when a player's lucky bat is stolen.

McDONALD, Megan. **Stink (series)**

Stink Moody, younger brother of Judy, always gets into funny situations.

SPECK, Katie. **Maybelle Goes to Tea (series)**

Maybelle the cockroach goes to Mrs. Peabody's Ladies' Spring Tea.

TRINE, Greg. **Dinos Are Forever (series)**

Jo Schmo becomes a superhero, catching bank robbers and foiling Dr. Dastardly's plan to take over San Francisco using reanimated dinosaurs.

CHILDREN'S FICTION (XF)

AMATO, Mary. **Riot Brothers (series)**

Brothers Orville and Wilbur make adventures out of silly things.

BARROWS, Annie. **Ivy and Bean (series)**

Friendship adventures with Bean and her neighbor, Ivy.

BLUME, Judy. **Freckle Juice**

Andrew wants freckles, so he buys a freckle recipe for fifty cents.

CHILDREN'S FICTION (XF) CONTINUED

CLEARY, Beverly. **Ramona (series)**

Ramona Quimby copes with life at home and at school.

DAHL, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Five lucky children enter Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.

GOLDBERG, Whoopi. **Sugar Plum Ballerinas (series)**

Follow Sugar Plum Ballerinas at Harlem's Nutcracker School of Ballet.

GREENE, Stephanie. **Owen Foote (series)**

Owen interests include: soccer, science and spies.

HARPER, Charise. **Just Grace (series)**

Misnamed by her teacher, Just Grace prides herself in being helpful.

HOLUB, Joan. **Heroes in Training (series)**

Follow boy Zeus as he frees the rest of the Olympians.

JENKINS, Emily. **Toys Go Out**

A collection of stories follows the adventures of three curious toys.

MILLS, Claudia. **How Oliver Olson Changed the World**

Oliver finally shows his parents that he is capable of doing great things.

McKISSACK, Patricia C. **Scraps of Time (series)**

Grandmother Gee tells stories about African-American ancestors.

OSBORNE, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House (series)**

Siblings Jack and Annie travel through time on exciting adventures.

PENNYPACKER, Sara. **Clementine (series)**

Clementine gets into trouble for paying attention to all the wrong things.

VERNON, Ursula. **Hamster Princess (series)**

Harriet the hamster princess slays ogres, goes cliff-diving, and more. (Also **Dragonbreath** series)

VIORST, Judith. **Lulu and the Brontosaurus**

Lulu doesn't get a brontosaurus for her birthday, so goes out to find one.

CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVELS (XGN)

BEARD, George. **The Adventures of Ook and Gluk: Cavemen from the Future**
Friends Ook and Gluk are always in trouble, until they find a portal to the future, learn kung fu, and free their people.

BELL, Cece. **El Deafo**

In this graphic novel memoir, Cece finds her "superpower" while going to school and making friends wearing a bulky hearing aid.

NONFICTION

X005.1 PRATT

What is Computer Coding?

Find out how computers follow instructions written in code instead of human language.

X599.53 HATKOFF

Winter's Tail

Follow the story of a bottlenose dolphin who received an artificial tail.

X599.78 MATTICK

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear

The true story of the bear who inspired A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

X811 FLORIAN

Laugh-eteria: Poems and Drawings

Karate Kids: One was a black belt. One was a brown. One had a loose belt; His pants fell down. Silly, irreverent, and always clever poems.

X811 SILVERSTEIN

Where the Sidewalk Ends

A collection of humorous poetry including a boy who turns into a TV set.

X940.1 OSBORNE

Knights and Castles

A Magic Tree House Research Guide in which Jack and Annie learn the facts about knights and castles.

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Incoming Third Grade

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

Suggested Summer Reading 2017



Dear Parents,

Summer reading should be fun. These reading lists have been prepared by the librarians of the Santa Monica Public Library in collaboration with the Elementary Library Coordinators and Librarians of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The lists provide a selection of good books that kids enjoy. Reading levels are suggestions only, as every student learns to read at his or her own speed.

You can help by reading with your child and encouraging his or her own interests. Reading takes lots of practice and encouragement. Set aside 15 to 30 minutes every day for your child to read with you. Have fun with the books and help instill the joy of reading in your child. Some titles are also available as audiobooks so families can enjoy a good book together.

For extra summer fun, visit your local public library for reading programs, many of which offer activities and prizes. Santa Monica Public Library's theme for 2017 is "**Build a Better World.**"

Have a wonderful summer vacation and read, read, read!

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