

PICTURE BOOKS (XXF)

BROWN, Peter. **The Curious Garden**

Liam tends to a hidden garden, spreading color throughout the gray city.

CHILD, Lauren. **But, Excuse Me, That Is My Book (series)**

Charlie helps Lola learn to use the library.

KLASSEN, Jon. **I Want My Hat Back**

Follow a bear on his amusing search for his missing hat.

LUDWIG, Trudy. **The Invisible Boy**

Brian feels invisible at school, but when Justin arrives, everything changes.

SCILLIAN, Devin. **Memoirs of a Goldfish**

A goldfish complains that his bowl has become crowded but when he is relocated for cleaning, he realizes how much he misses it.

SNICKET, Lemony. **The Dark**

Laszlo is afraid of the dark which lives in his big, creaky house, until one night the dark pays him a visit.

WARDLAW, Lee. **Won Ton: a Cat Tale Told in Haiku**

A shelter cat settles in with a good family and finally shares his real name.

EASY READERS (XXE)

ADLER, David A. **Bones and the Birthday Mystery (series)**

Jeffrey Bones tries to find his grandfather's missing birthday present.

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

Cam's photographic memory comes in handy to solve mysteries!

LOBEL, Arnold. **Frog and Toad (series)**

Tales of Frog and his best friend Toad and their many adventures.

PARISH, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia (series)**

Follow Amelia Bedelia through a series of misunderstandings that arise because she follows instructions literally.

EASY READERS (XXE) CONTINUED

RYLANT, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)**

Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, try many new things.

SHARMAT, Marjorie W. **Nate the Great (series)**

Nate solves mysteries with the help of his dog, Sludge.

SILVERMAN, Erica. **Lana's World (series)**

An imaginative girl creates her own adventures!

THIESING, Lisa. **A Dark and Noisy Night**

Peggy wants to sleep, but spooky noises keep her awake.

THOMAS, Shelley Moore. **Happy Birthday, Good Knight (series)**

The Good Knight tries to help three dragons make a birthday present.

VAN LEEUWEN, Jean. **Oliver Pig and Amanda Pig (series)**

Many adventures of Oliver and his sister Amanda.

EASY CHAPTER BOOKS (BRIDGES XF)

CUMMINGS, Troy. **Notebook of Doom (series)**

Alexander has just moved and finds a notebook full of information about monsters.

DiCAMILLO, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue (series)**

After Mercy the pig falls asleep in the Watsons' bed, all three awaken to find the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole! (Also **Bink & Gollie**)

HOWE, James. **Houndsley and Catina (series)**

Friendship stories about a dog and a cat.

KLING, Suzy. **Horrible Harry (series)**

Harry and his classmates have an eventful year in second grade.

LIN, Grace. **Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same (series)**

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

NONFICTION

X513 MENOTTI

How Many Jelly Beans?

A fun and easy way to remember large numbers, as each page shows more and more colorful candies.

X529 JENKINS

Just a Second: a Different Way to Look at Time

With a series of amazing illustrations, this book explores things that can happen in a second, a minute, an hour, a month, and a year.

X590.73 LIFE-SIZE

Life-Size Zoo

See life-size photographs of animals, with fold-out pages and fun charts!

X595.4 BARTON

I'm Trying to Love Spiders

Learn fascinating facts about spiders in an entirely captivating way.

X597.96 BISHOP

Snakes

Learn how snakes hunt and why some are poisonous.

X811 HOBERMAN

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You (series)

Invites children and families to read each whimsical rhyme together.

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Incoming Second Grade

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

Suggested Summer Reading 2018



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 2018 is "**Reading Takes You Everywhere.**"

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

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