Summer 2015 – Read to the Rhythm

3rd-4th Grade Booklist

J/SF Alexander, William

**Ambassador**

Gabe Fuentes is just a regular eleven-year-old kid living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Suddenly his life is turned upside down and he accepts a very important job – he is the new ambassador from Earth and it’s his responsibility to negotiate with aliens to keep his family and the rest of the world safe from harm. 222p

J/590 Broom, Jenny

**Animalium**

This is a natural museum in a book. Animal lovers will love the beautiful art work. This is also a wonderful resource book for research and information on animals. 95p

J/FICTION Bar-el, Dan

**Audrey (cow): An Oral Account of a Most Daring Escape, Based More or Less on a True Story**

Audrey the cow likes to dream big at Bittersweet Farm. She longs for freedom and greater pastures. Her dreams begin to shatter when she finds out that she is headed to the dreaded Abbot’s War. Can Audrey escape this fate with the help of her animal friends? This book is based on a true story. 232p

J/FICTION Barnett, Mac

**The Terrible Two**

Miles Murphy was the best prankster at his old school, and now his family has moved to boring Yawnee Valley where he fully expects to be the best prankster at his new school. Miles tries to pull pranks in his new town, but another prankster keeps foiling them. Can these two pranksters work together to pull off one epic prank? 214p

J/FICTION Barnhill, Kelly Regan

**The Witch’s Boy**

This fantasy tells the story of two children, Ned and Aine, who come from different kingdoms and seem unlikely to become friends. When Aine’s father seeks to control the magic in the realm, Aine decides to take action. 372 p

J/MYSTERY Blakemore, Megan Frazer

**The Spy Catchers of Maple Hill**

This historical fiction story, set in a small town in Vermont in 1953, is a bit of a mystery as well. Hazel Kaplansky, whose parents are caretakers of Maple Hill’s cemetery, befriends a newcomer to town, a boy named Samuel. Together, the pair work to become the “spy catchers” of Maple Hill. 312p

J/FICTION Bonder-Stone, Annabeth

**Shivers! : The Pirate Who’s Afraid Of EVERYTHING!**

Shivers the pirate comes from a family of very fierce pirates but he is afraid of everything. When his family is captured on a remote island, Shivers enlists his new friend, brave Margo, to help him find his parents. How can Shivers accomplish this if he is too afraid to get on the high seas? 178p

J/FICTION George, Kallie

**Clover’s Luck**

Series: Magical Animal Adoption Agency #1

Clover is a very unlucky girl who works at an animal adoption agency. This agency doesn’t have cats and dogs; it has magical animals like dragons and unicorns. The clients that Clover serves are princesses, princes, and wizards. Join Clover with her magical encounters. 128p.

J/612 Jennings, Ken

**The Human Body**

Leave it to Jeopardy champion and bestselling author Ken Jennings to take on a subject like the human body and present it in a fun and entertaining way**.** Even if you think you are already an expert, you will find new tidbits of information in this non-fiction text with great diagrams and illustrations. 160p

J/FICTION Jennings, Patrick

**Hissy Fitz**

Hissy Fitz the cat is always trying to escape his humans to get some much needed rest. Hissy Fitz’s human family really loves him and they are always interrupting Hissy as he tries to find a quiet place to nap. Will Hissy Fitz ever get some much deserved rest, or will he continue to be a grumpy cat? 103p

J/FICTION Larson, M.A.

**Pennyroyal Academy**

Pennyroyal Academy has trained young royalty for many years. As a battle with the witches becomes more and more likely, the Academy’s mission becomes even more important. Only a princess has enough “goodness” in her to challenge the spells of a witch. Join the newest group of recruits as they work to become the best that they can be. 314p

J/974.71 Lassieur, Allison

**Building the Empire State Building: An Interactive Engineering Adventure**

In this awesome story about how the Empire State Building was built in New York, you can make decisions about what you might have done if you were there. Then, the book reveals more details about the building’s planning process and construction based on the perspective of that character. 112 p

J/FICTION Litwin, Mike

**Lost in Bermooda**

To a young cow, a human kid looks just like a monster. And the cows thought hu’mans were extinct! But a boy named Dakota becomes friends with a cow as they investigate the island where the cows live and try to find Dakota’s way back to his own home. 140p

J/GN Lowriders

**Lowriders in Space**

In this graphic novel, three friends, Lupe Impala, El Chavo Flapjack and Elirio Malaria spend all of their time working on cars. They’d like to open their own repair shop someday. If they can build the best car in the universe, the prize money will be just what they need to start their new business! 111p

J/FICTION Martin, Ann M.

**Rain Reign**

Rose is a young girl who loves homonyms. She keeps lists of them and truly enjoys discovering new ones. The other kids at school don’t understand her obsession with words, and neither does her own father. Then, Rose meets a dog and everything in her life begins to change… 226p

J/FICTION Perkins, Lynne Rae

**Nuts To You**

The author of this book did not imagine this story. She met a squirrel in the park who told her about his adventures (so yes, this was a *talking* squirrel!) Jed is a young squirrel who journeys a long way from home, faces danger and learns about courage and friendship along the way. 259p

J/FICTION Ryan, Carrie

**The Map to Everywhere**

In this fantasy tale, Marrill accidentally crosses the border into another world, where magic and adventure await her. She meets a benevolent wizard, a thief, and other unique characters, each with a quest of their own, as she tries to navigate her way back home. 433p

J/GN Phoebe

**Phoebe and Her Unicorn: A Heavenly Nostrils Chronicle**

Phoebe was skipping rocks on the pond and accidentally hit a magical unicorn. The unicorn granted Phoebe one wish and Phoebe chose for the unicorn, Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, to be her best friend. Can an egocentric unicorn and a nine-year-old girl really get along? 222p

J/SF Scieszka, Jon

**Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor**

Frank Einstein is a smart kid who likes to invent and he wants to help his grandfather out by winning the Midville Science Prize. Frank’s accidental science project ends up with the creation of two robots, Klink, the smart robot, and Klank, the not-so-smart robot. Will these two robots help or hinder Frank’s mission to win the top prize? 179p

J/FICTION Sternberg, Julie

**Friendship Over**

On Celie’s tenth birthday, her father gives her a punching bag and a journal, hoping that these items will help her sort out her feelings. This book is her journal, and Celie has a lot to say about her life…her family, her school and her friends. 152p.

E/363.34 Tarshis, Lauren

**Five Epic Disasters**

If you enjoy reading the *I Survived* series of historical fiction by author Lauren Tarshis, you will probably love this book of *true* survival stories. The author chose to write about one of them because readers just like you wrote to tell her about their own experiences! 136p

J/FICTION Young, Jessica

**Original Recipe**

Finley, a third grade girl, is great at creating. Finley wants to get her friend, Henry, the best birthday gift ever. She enters a cooking competition in order to try to win a year’s worth of pizza for Henry. Finley begins to see that cooking is not as easy as it seems. This is the first book in the Finley Flowers series. 115p

J/FICTION Zeltser, David

**Lug and the Dawn Of The Ice Age**

 Lug is the story of a cave boy who is banished from his clan because he is too much of a wimp. Lug would rather paint on the cave walls. Along with Stony, another boy who is banished, they try to save themselves and their clan from impending doom; aka the Ice Age. 182p

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