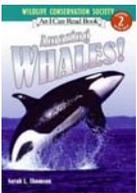




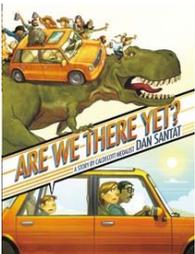
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***It is important to note that the titles on this list span a range of reading levels for students entering second grade. The Briarcliff Public Library and Todd Library librarians have selected these books to help you and your child develop a lifetime habit and enjoyment of reading.***



*Amazing Whales* by Sarah Thomson

Find out for yourself all about these amazing animals of the sea in this book from the "I Can Read" series.



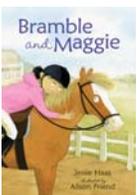
*Are We There Yet?* by Dan Santat

A boy's long boring car ride to his grandmother's house turns into an imaginative and humorous adventure.



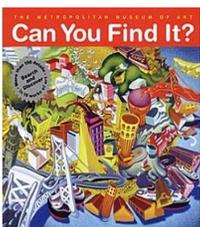
*Bink and Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile

Two roller-skating best friends — one tiny, one tall— share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.



*Bramble and Maggie* by Jennie Haas

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.



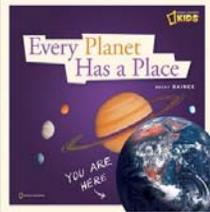
*Can You Find It?* Metropolitan Museum of Art

Find small details that the artists have hidden in well known paintings through the centuries.



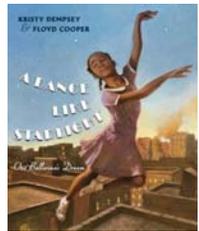
*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Marla Frazee

In this moving and funny celebration of young boys, childhood friendships, and the power of the imagination, Frazee captures the very essence of summer vacation and what it means to be a kid.



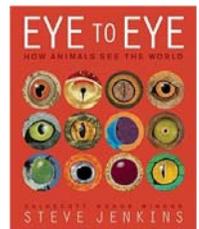
*Every Planet Has a Place: A Book about our Solar System* by Rebecca Baines

An eye-catching, accessible science book with basic information and interesting “factoids” about the planets.



*Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream* by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

Seeing ballerina Janet Collins--the first African American to perform at New York's Metropolitan Opera--gives a young girl in the segregated 1950s hope for her own dance future.



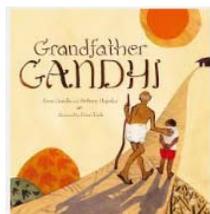
*Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins

Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes, and explains how such animals use their uniquely evolved eyes.



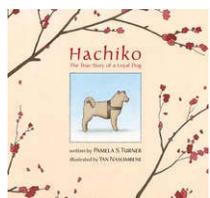
*Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems* selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Celebrated poet and anthologist Paul B. Janeczko pairs with Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet for a collection of short poems about the seasons to sample and savor.



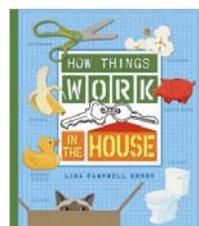
*Grandfather Gandhi* by Arun Gandhi with Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Evan Turk

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson tells the story of how his grandfather taught him to turn darkness into light in this uniquely personal and vibrantly illustrated tale that carries a message of peace.



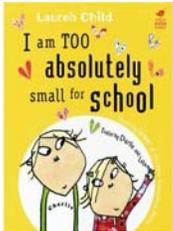
*Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog* by Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Yan Nascimbene

Relates the true story of a dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years.



*How Things Work in the House* by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Learn interesting facts about many items that fill your house.



*I am Too Absolutely Small for School* by Lauren Child

When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her in this humorous story.



*Ice Cream Summer* by Peter Sis

A little boy writes a letter to his grandfather about all the reading and studying he is doing this summer--and all his activities revolve around ice cream.



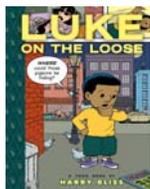
*Insect Detective* by Steve Voake

Tells where to look for different insects, including wasps, ants, bees, beetles, and others, and provides illustrations and facts about each six-legged creature.



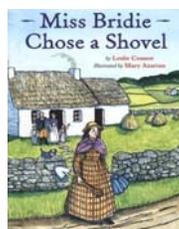
*Jack the Builder* by Stuart Murphy, illustrated by Michael Rex

Presents an introduction to simple addition, as Jack uses his imagination and builds a variety of things with blocks. A MathStart book.



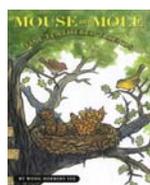
*Luke on the Loose* by Harry Bliss

A young boy's fascination with pigeons erupts into a full-blown chase around Central Park, across the Brooklyn Bridge, through a fancy restaurant, and into the sky. This is a "Toon Books" graphic novel for young readers.



*Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel* by Leslie Connor, illustrated by Mary Azarian

When Miss Bridie moved to America in 1856, she brought with her a shovel that came in quite handy in many different ways throughout her life.



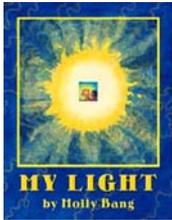
*Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends* by Wong Herbert Yee

This charming pair finds a unique way to bird watch.



# 2017 Summer Reading List

## Entering 2nd Grade



*My Light* by Molly Bang

A refreshingly accessible science book that is both beautifully illustrated and engagingly written exploring how the sun's light translates into energy.



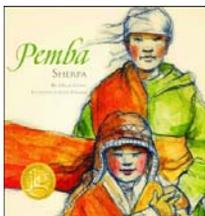
*The Night Gardener* by Eric Fan, illustrated by Terry Fan

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



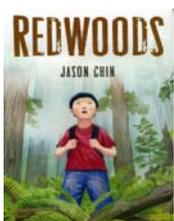
*One Minute till Bedtime: 60-Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep* edited by Kenn Nesbitt, illustrated by Christoph Niemann

A collection of poems that can be read in sixty seconds features the work of celebrated writers, including Jon Scieszka, Nikki Grimes, and Lemony Snicket.



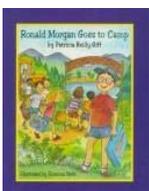
*Pemba Sherpa* by Olga Cossi

In Nepal, Pemba is angry when his sister follows him carrying wood. She wants to train to be a Sherpa too and will not be deterred when he tells her girls cannot be guides. It turns out he needs her more than he realizes.



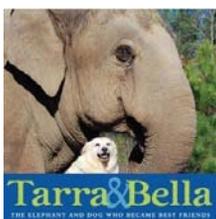
*Redwoods* by Jason Chin

A boy finds a book on the subway about redwood trees and ends up in the same forest he is reading about.



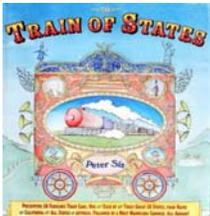
*Ronald Morgan Goes to Camp* by Patricia Reilly Giff, illustrated by Susanna Natti

Ronald Morgan is afraid he won't win a medal at camp. He discovers what he is really good at on Medal Day.



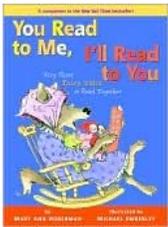
*Tarra & Bella* by Carol Buckley

Recounts the true story of Tarra, an elephant who befriended a stray dog named Bella, at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.



*Train of States* by Peter Sis

Ride the circus train and enjoy this creative introduction to all of the United States, learning basic state information as well as fun facts.



*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Michael Emberly

This collection of silly "fractured" fairy tales invites parents and children to read together.

### SUGGESTED SERIES:



**Amelia Bedelia** series by Peggy Parish, illustrated by Lynn Sweat

Amelia Bedelia never gets anything right, but she always means well — and this makes for a series of very funny and sweet tales.

**The Buddy Files** series by Dori Hillestad Butler

Buddy the dog is on the case! He is always solving mysteries for his new humans while on the lookout for his old humans' mysterious disappearance.



**Cork & Fuzz** series by Dori Chacones, illustrated by Lisa McCue

A possum and a muskrat become friends despite their many differences. Repeated sentences and words help readers feel successful.



**Dragon Slayers Academy** series by Kate McMullan

The students of this school encounter challenges involving ghosts, gold, wizards, knights, and, of course, dragons.

**Fly Guy** series by Tedd Arnold

Who says a fly cannot be a pet? Watch Buzz prove to everyone how much fun a fly can be.



**Henry and Mudge** series by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Sucie Stevenson

Henry and his dog Mudge are best friends and never run out of new adventures together.



**SUGGESTED SERIES (cont.):**



***Hopscotch Hill School*** series by Valerie Tripp, illustrated by Joy Allen

Join this group of kids (and their great teacher!) in their classroom as they learn valuable life lessons.

***Minnie and Moo*** series by Denys Cazet

Enjoy life at the farm with two lively and wacky cows who are best friends and who never run out of ideas to have fun and enjoy human activities.



***Mr. Putter and Tabby*** series by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Arthur Howard

Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby are happy companions who share many sweet and comical times together.

***Nate the Great*** series by Marjorie Sharmat, illustrated by Marc Simont

This young detective has a new case to solve in every story.



***Stink*** series by Megan McDonald, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Get to know the shortest kid in second grade (maybe in the world!), James Moody, also known as Stink.

***Young Cam Jansen*** series by David Adler, illustrated by Susanna Natti

Each story contains a new mystery for Cam to figure out using her detective skills and her photographic memory.

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