

## **PICTURE BOOKS (XXF)**

Child, Lauren. **But, Excuse Me, That Is My Book**

Charlie helps Lola learn to use the library. One of a series.

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

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

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

A goldfish gives his personal account as his bowl becomes crowded with fish and accessories, only to realize when he is relocated for cleaning that he misses them.

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.

Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia** series

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

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby** series

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

Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** series

Stories about Cowgirl Kate and her horse, Cocoa.

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

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

Thomas, Shelley Moore. **Happy Birthday, Good Knight**

The Good Knight tries to help three little dragons make a birthday present for a very special friend. One of a series.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Oliver Pig and Amanda Pig** series

Many adventures of Oliver and his sister Amanda.

## **EASY READERS (XXE)**

Adler, David A. **Bones and the Birthday Mystery**

Jeffrey Bones tries to discover the whereabouts of his grandfather's missing birthday present. One of a series.

Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen** series

Cam solves mysteries by remembering things with her photographic memory.

Hall, Katy. **Puppy Riddles**

Lots of riddles about puppies.

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad** series

Tales of Frog and his best friend Toad.

## **EASY CHAPTER BOOKS (BRIDGES XF)**

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**

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! One of a series.

Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina** series

Friendship stories about a dog and a cat.

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry** series

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

## Incoming Second Grade

### NONFICTION

Bishop, Nic. **Snakes** (X597.96 Bishop)

Introduces snakes, with information on how they hunt and why some are poisonous.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You (series)** (X811 Hoberman)

Invites children to read along with an adult using rhyme, rhythm and repetition.

Jenkins, Steve. **Just a Second: a different way to look at time** (X529 Jenkins)

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

Komiya, Teruyuki. **Life-Size Zoo** (X590.73 Life-Size)

See life-size photographs of various animals, with fold-out pages and charts of interesting facts.

Menotti, Andrea. **How Many Jelly Beans** (X513 Menotti)

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

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District  
Suggested Summer Reading 2015



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. Not every good book is included, but the lists have something for every reader. 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, and it is important to continue to read longer and more complex books to your child as well as helping them read on their own. 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 audio books 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 2015 is "**Read to the Rhythm!**" Have a wonderful summer vacation, and read, read, read!

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