

PICTURE BOOKS (XXF)

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 READERS (XXE)

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great** series

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

EASY CHAPTER BOOKS (BRIDGES XF)

Christopher, Matt. **Zero's Slider**

Zero discovers that he can throw a slider when there's a big bandage on his injured thumb. One of the Peach Street Mudders series.

Haas, Jessie. **Birthday Pony**

When Jane receives a pony named Popcorn for her birthday, she must learn how to tame her newfound friend.

McDonald, Megan. **Stink** series

Stink Moody, younger brother of Judy, always seems to get himself into some funny situations.

Speck, Katie. **Maybelle Goes to Tea** One of a series

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

CHILDREN'S FICTION (XF)

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

Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

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.

Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona** series

Ramona Quimby copes with life at home and at school.

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

Five lucky children discover entry tickets into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.

Goldberg, Whoopi. **Sugar Plum Ballerinas** series

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

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote** series

Owen and his friends play soccer, build a tree house, and find ways to get money.

Harper, Charise. **Just Grace** series

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

Holub, Joan. **Heroes in Training** series

Follows the adventures of the boy Zeus as he frees the rest of the Olympians.

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Oh No, Noah!**

Noah tries to impress the kids he meets when he and his family move to a new house.

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out**

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

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

Afraid he will always be an outsider, Oliver finally shows his parents that he is capable of doing great things.

McKissack, Patricia C. **Scraps of Time** series

Grandmother Gee tells her grandchildren 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 gains several unique hairstyles and helps her father banish pigeons from their apartment building.

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

Lulu's parents won't give her a brontosaurus for her birthday, so she sets out to find her own.

Incoming Third Grade

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District
Suggested Summer Reading 2015



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

Florian, Douglas. **Laugh-eteria: Poems and Drawings** (X811 Florian)

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.

Hatkoff, Juliana. **Winter's Tail** (X599.53 Hatkoff)

About the rescue and rehabilitation of a bottlenose dolphin who received an artificial tail.

Osborne, Will and Mary Pope. **Knights and Castles** (X940.1 Osborne)

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

Rockwell, Anne. **Who Lives in an Alligator Hole?** (X597.98 Rockwell)

Describes how these reptiles change the environment in a way that helps other plants and animals.

Dear Parents and Students,

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. 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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