

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-5TH GRADE SUMMER 2020 READING LIST

HISTORICAL FICTION

The War That Saved My Life by Bradley, Kimberley
Beyond the Bright Sea by Wolk, Lauren
I Survived (series) by Tarshis, Lauren (*H:A)
Lions of Little Rock by Levine, Kristin
Bud, not Buddy by Curtis, Christopher
The Journey of Little Charlie by Curtis, C
The Great Trouble by Hopkinson, Deborah
The World War II Invasion That Changed History by Hopkinson, Deborah (*H:E)
The Bicycle Spy by McDonough, Yona (*H:A)
The Hero Two Doors Down by Robinson, S (*H:A)

REALISTIC FICTION

The Penderwicks series by Birdsall, Jeanne
Mr. Terupt series by Buyea, Rob (*H:A)
Inside Out & Back Again by Lai, Thanhha
Wonder by Palacio, RJ
Home of the Brave by Applegate, Katherine
Shouting at the Rain by Hunt, Lynda
Lucky Broken Girl by Behar, Ruth
Save me a Seat by Weeks, Sarah (*H:A)
The One and Only Ivan by Applegate, K (*H:A)
A Boy Called Bat by Arnold, Elana
Restart by Korman, Gordon (*H:A,E)
The Insignificant Events in the Life of A Cactus by Bowling, Dusti (*H:A)
Towers Falling by Rhodes, Jewell
Breakout by Messner, Kate
Ban This Book by Gratz, Alan
Refugee by Gratz, Alan (*H:A)
Blended by Sharon Draper
Pax by Pennypacker, Sara (*H:A,E)
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Rauf, Onjali
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Medina, Meg
The Vanderbeekers series by Glaser, K (*H:E)

HUMOROUS FICTION

Origami Yoda series by Angleberger, Tom (*H:E)
Terrible Two series by Barnett, Mac (*H:A,E)
Mr. Lemoncello series by Grabenstein, Chris
Spy School series by Gibbs, Stuart (*H:A)
Matilda by Dahl, Roald
Demon Dentist by Walliams, David (*H:A,E)
Lulu series by Viorst, Judith
Meet the Dullards by Pennypacker, Sara (*H:E)

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

At the Bottom of the World by Nye, Bill
Jack and the Geniuses series by Nye, Bill (*H:E)
Percy Jackson series by Riordan, Rick (*H:E)
Land of Stories by Colfer, Chris (*H:A)
11 Birthdays by Mass, Wendy (*H:A)
Wings of Fire by Sutherland, Tui T.
Wild Robot series by Brown, Peter
Unwanted series by McMann, Lisa (*H:A)
City of Ember by DuPrau, Jeanne
School of Good and Evil series by Chainani, Soman (*H:A,E)
Artemis Fowl series by Colfer, Eoin (*H:E)
Dragon Pearl by Lee, Yoon Ha (*H:E)
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Barnhill, Kelly (*H:E)
The Last Kids on Earth series by Brallier, Max

GRAPHIC

New Kid by Craft, Jerry (*H:A,E)
Sisters/Smile/Ghosts/Babysitters Club by Telgemeier, Raina
Hazardous Tales books by Hale, Nathan (*H:E)
Amulet series by Kibuishi, Kazu
Squish/Babymouse by Holm, Jennifer
Bone series by Smith, Jeff
Secret Coders by Yang, Gene Luen
El Deafo by Bell, Cece (*H:E)
The Cardboard Kingdom by Sell, Chad
The Bad Guys series by Blabey, Aaron
Comics Squad series by Holm, Jennifer
Percy Jackson series by Riordan, Rick (*H:E)
Artemis Fowl series by Colfer, Eoin (*H:E)
Positively Lizzy by Libenson, Terri (*H:E)
Big Nate by Peirce, Lincoln (*H:E)

MYSTERY

Ballpark Mysteries series by Kelly, David
Eerie Elementary series by Chabert, Jack
A to Z Mysteries series by Roy, Ron
The Buddy Files series by Butler, Doris
Shadow Children series by Haddix, Margaret
The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle, Uss, C
The World's Greatest Detective by Carlson, Caroline (*H:E)
The Parker Inheritance by Johnson, V (*H:A)

BIOGRAPHY

Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History by Harrison, Vashti
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Harrison, Vashti
Brown Girl Dreaming by Woodson, Jacqueline
Before She was Harriet by Cline-Ransome, Lesa (*H:E)
Malala: Activist for Girls' Education by Fronty, Aurelia (*H:A)
Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America by Teri Kanefield (*H:E)
Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Kamkwambe, William (*H:A,E)
Who is? Who Was? Who Are? I Am..... Series
The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality Winter, Jonah (*H:E)
Some Writer! by Sweet, Melissa (*H:E)
Rad American Women A-Z by Schatz, Kate (*H:E)
The Girl With A Mind for Math by Mosca, Julia

NONFICTION

Separate is Never Equal: The story of Sylvia Mendez and her family by Tonatiuh, Duncan (*H:A,E)
Finding Winnie by Mattick, Lindsay (*H:E)
Hidden Figures: the true story of Four Black Women & the Space Race by Shetterly, Margot (*H:A,E)
Ada's Violin by Hood, Susan
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Favilli, Elena and Cavallo, Francesca
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Levy, Debbie
My Journey to the Stars by Kelly, Mark
Her Right Foot by Eggers, Dave (*H:E)
50 Cities of the U.S.A. by Balkan, Gabrielle
The 50 States by Balkan, Gabrielle
Lost on a Mountain in Maine by Fendler, Donn
Where Was ...series
What Was....series
Adventures to School by Baptiste, Paul
Sylvia's Book Shop by Burleigh, Robert
Follow The Moon Home by Cousteau, Phillippe (*H:E)
Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla by Applegate, Katherine (*H:A,E)
The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner (*H:E)
The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs (America's Test Kitchen) (*H:E)
Kind Activists by Stevenson, Robin (*H:A)

EASY READERS

Dodsworth books by Egan, Tim
Nate the Great by Sharmat, Marjorie
Elephant and Piggie by Willems, Mo (*H:A)
Minnie & Moo by Cazet, Denys (*H:A)
Bink and Gollie by DiCamillo, Kate (*H:A)
Zelda and Ivy by Kvasnosky, Laura
Ling and Ting by Lin, Grace
Frog and Toad by Lobel, Arnold (*H:A,E)
Henry and Mudge by Rylant, Cynthia
Pete the Cat series by Dean, James (*H:A,E)
Fancy Nancy series by O'Connor, Jane (*H:A,E)

BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

Princess in Black by Hale, Shannon
Critter Club by Barkley, Callie
Flat Stanley series by Brown, Jeff (*H:A,E)
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda
Mercy Watson series by DiCamillo, K (*H:A,E)
Owl Diaries series by Elliot, Rebecca
Magic Tree House series by Osborne, Mary P
Here's Hank series by Winkler, Henry
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series by Hunt, Elizabeth Singer (*H:A)
Ivy & Bean series by Barrows, Annie (*H:E)
Clementine series by Pennypacker, Sara
Roscoe Riley Rules series by Applegate, Katherine (*H:A)
Meet Yasmin series by Faruqi, Saadia
Greetings from Somewhere series by Paris, H (*H:A)
Lola Levine series by Brown, Monica

PICTURE BOOKS

Just Ask!: Be different, be brave, be you by Sotomayor, Sonia
Carmela Full of Wishes by De la Pena, Matt
The Undefeated by Alexander, Kwame
Rescue and Jessica by Kensky, Jessica (*H:E)
Beyond the Pond by Kuefler, Joseph
We Are All Wonders by Palacio, RJ
The Snail and the Whale by Donaldson, Julia
Stuck by Jeffers, Oliver (*H:A)
The Day the Crayons Quit by Daywalt, Drew
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Pearson, Emily
Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast by Funk, Josh
The Red Bicycle by Jude, Isabella (*H:E)
Flora's Very Windy Day by Jeanne Birdsall (*H:E)
I am Human: A Book of Empathy by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds (*H:E)

PICTURE BOOKS (CONTINUED)

Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner (*H:E)
Extra Yarn by Barnett, Mac (*H:A)
We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Higgins, R (*H:E)
Cece Loves Science series by Derting, K (*H:A,E)
Fry Bread: A Native American family story by Maillard,
Noble

M is for Melanin: A celebration of the black child by
Rose, Tiffany
The Proudest Blue: A story of hijab and family by
Muhammad, Ibtihaj
Lubna and Pebble by Meddour, Wendy
The Thank You Letter by Jane Cabrera

KEY: *H = available on Hoopla (digital platform); A = audiobook format; E = ebook format.

Visiting authors at Weston Public Schools

The following authors presented educational programs in our elementary schools during the 2019-20 school year. Ask your student about the authors and check out their selection of books:

1. **Chris Van Dusen** 9/18/2019 - combined presentation to 1st & 2nd Grade students from CS & WS, featuring his creative stories and illustrations for Kate DiCamillo (*H:E)
2. **Rob Buyea** 10/7/2019 - 4 sessions presented to 5th Grade students at Field School, including discussion about reading, recommended authors and the writing process (*H:E)
3. **Giles Laroche** 11/14-15 & 11/18-19/2020 - whole grade presentations and individual class workshops with all 2nd Grade classes at CS & WS (*H:E)
4. **Lyn Littlefield Hoopes** November-December 2019 - poet in residence for all 3rd Grade classes at CS & WS
5. **Brian Lies** 1/29/2020 - 4 sessions presented to 1st Grade students from CS & WS. Brian is a NYT best selling author of the *Bat* series, and he won a Caldecott Honor in 2019 for his book *The Rough Patch* (*H:A,E)
6. **Oge Mora** 2/4/2020 - combined presentation to all 2nd & 3rd Grade students from CS & WS by Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award winning author and Illustrator Oge Mora (*H:A,E)
7. **Greg Mone** 3/5/2020 - whole grade presentation followed by individual class writing workshops for 4th Grade students at Field School

March Madness: Our book brackets for 2020 featured a theme of Read Around The World.

Revisit the book brackets at Country & Woodland, and share the stories with your children:

Between Us and Abuela: A family story from the border by Perkins, Mitali
The Dress and the Girl by Andros, C (*H:E)
Where Are You From? By Mendez, Yamile
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Martinez-Neal, Juana (*H:A,E)

Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Wang, Andrea
My Grandma and Me by Javaherbin, Mina
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Kamkwamba, William (*H:A,E)
Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist by Leung, Julie

Weston Public Library:

<https://www.westonlibrary.org>

WPL is hosting a Summer Reading Program. All Weston residents and WPS students are eligible to join WPL.

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All MA residents are eligible to join BPL. The theme for Summer reading is "Imagine Your Story". Complete reading challenges and be eligible for gift certificates to local bookstores or comic book stores!