

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-5TH GRADE SUMMER 2023 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
The World War II Invasion That Changed History by Hopkinson, Deborah
The Bicycle Spy by McDonough, Yona
The Night Diary by Veera Haranandani
Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
Words on Fire by Nielson, Jennifer

REALISTIC FICTION

Ways to Make Sunshine by Watson, Renee
Front Desk series by Yang, Kelly
Mr. Terupt series by Buyea, Rob
The Bridge Battle by Davies, Jacqueline
Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Yee, Lisa
A Boy Called Bat series by Arnold, Elana
Restart by Korman, Gordon
The Insignificant Events in the Life of A Cactus by Bowling, Dusti
Falling Short by Cisneros, Ernesto
Breakout by Messner, Kate
Ban This Book by Gratz, Alan
Refugee by Gratz, Alan
Blended by Sharon Draper
Pax by Pennypacker, Sara
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Rauf, Onjali
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Medina, Meg
The Vanderbeekers series by Glaser, K
Too Bright to See by Lukoff, Kyle
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Marks, Janae
Fast Pitch by Stone, Nic

HUMOROUS FICTION

Terrible Two series by Barnett, Mac
Mr. Lemoncello series by Grabenstein, Chris
Spy School series by Gibbs, Stuart
Matilda by Dahl, Roald
Demon Dentist by Walliams, David
Lulu series by Viorst, Judith
Meet the Dullards by Pennypacker, Sara
Alvin Ho series by Look, Lenore
Olga series by Elise Gravel

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Rick Riordan Presents series by Rick Riordan
Charlie Hernandez series by Ryan Calejo
Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series by Sayantani DasGupta
Jack and the Geniuses series by Nye, Bill
Percy Jackson series by Riordan, Rick

Land of Stories by Colfer, Chris
Wings of Fire by Sutherland, Tui T.
Unwanteds series by McMann, Lisa
School of Good and Evil series by Chainani, Soman
Artemis Fowl series by Colfer, Eoin
Dragon Pearl by Lee, Yoon Ha
The Last Kids on Earth series by Brallier, Max
Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series by Sanderson, B
The Twelve series by Lin, Cindy
The Ogress and the Orphans by Barnhill, Kelly
The Last Cuentista by Higuera, D.B.
A Wish in the Dark by Soontornvat, Christina

GRAPHIC NOVELS

New Kid, Class Act & School Trip by Craft, Jerry
Sisters/Smile/Ghosts/Babysitters Club by Telgemeier
The Bad Guys series by Blabey, Aaron
Camp Average series by Battle, Craig
El Deafo by Bell, Cece
I Survived graphic series by Lauren Tarshis
Emmy & Friends series by Libenson, Terri
The Sisters series by Cazenove and William Maury
Best Friends series by Hale, Shannon
Narwhal & Jelly series by Clanton, Ben
The Tryout by Soontornvat, Christina
Squished by Lloyd, Megan
Magic Tree House graphic series by Osborne, M
Marshmallow & Jordan by Chau, Alina

MYSTERY

The Sinister Summer series by White, Kiersten
Greetings from Somewhere series by Paris, H
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
The Parker Inheritance by Johnson, V
City Spies series by Ponyi, James

BIOGRAPHY

10 at 10 by Beccia, Carlyn
Fauja Singh keeps going by Singh, Simran Jeet
The fearless flights of Hazel Ying Lee / by Julie Leung
RESPECT: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul by Carole Boston Weatherford
Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Wang
On the Corner of Chocolate Avenue: How Milton Hershey Brought Milk Chocolate to America by Cohen
Nina: a Story of Nina Simone by Todd, Traci
The Rise (and Falls) of Jackie Chan by Giang, K

BIOGRAPHY(continued)

Little People, Big Dreams series by Vegara, Maria
Who is? Who Was? Who Are? I Am..... Series
The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality Winter, Jonah
She Persisted series by Clinton, Chelsea
Mae Makes a Way: The True Story of Mae Reeves,
Hat & History Maker by Rhuday-Perkovich, O
Nacho's Nachos by Nickel, Sandra
Just A Girl by Levi, Lia
Building An Orchestra of Hope by Oliver, Carmen

NONFICTION

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai
Boys' Soccer Team by Soontornvat, Christina
The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built
Their Own Soccer Field by Scott Riley
Separate is Never Equal: The story of Sylvia Mendez
and her family by Tonatiuh, Duncan
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls series by Favilli,
Elena and Cavallo, Francesca
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
Follow the Moon Home by Cousteau, P
The Blue Whale by Desmond, Jenni
Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping
Mall Gorilla by Applegate, Katherine
From An Idea to Nike by Sichol, Lowey
History Smashers series by Kate Messner
Wait? What? Series by Gutman, Dan

EASY READERS

Dodsworth books by Egan, Tim
Nate the Great by Sharmat, Marjorie
Elephant and Piggie by Willems, Mo
Minnie & Moo by Cazet, Denys
Bink and Gollie by DiCamillo, Kate
Zelda and Ivy by Kvasnosky, Laura
Ling and Ting by Lin, Grace
Frog and Toad by Lobel, Arnold
Henry and Mudge by Rylant, Cynthia
Pete the Cat series by Dean, James

Tales From Deckawoo Drive series by DiCamillo
Flubby series by Morris, J.E.
Fox & Rabbit series by Ferry, Beth
A Jack Book series by Barnett, M and Pizzoli, G
Fergus & Zeke series by Kate Messner
Cece Loves Science series by Derting, K
Diary of A Pug series by May, Kyla

BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

Diary of an Ice Princess series by Christina
Soontornvat
Princess in Black by Hale, Shannon
Critter Club by Barkley, Callie
Flat Stanley series by Brown, Jeff
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda
Henry Heckelbeck series by Cover, Wanda
Mercy Watson series by DiCamillo, K
Owl Diaries series by Elliot, Rebecca
Magic Tree House series by Osborne, Mary P
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series by Hunt, Elizabeth
Singer
Ivy & Bean series by Barrows, Annie
Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol by Miedoso, Andres
Roscoe Riley Rules series by Applegate, Katherine
Meet Yasmin series by Faruqi, Saadia
Lola Levine series by Brown, Monica
Sadiq series by Siman Nuurali
Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner

PICTURE BOOKS

9 Kilometers by Aguilera, Claudio
Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme by
Monsen, Avery
It Fell From the Sky by Fan, Terry
If I Built A... series by Van Dusen, Chris
Room For Everyone by Khan, Naaz
Mina by Forsythe, M
Out of A Jar by Marcero, Deborah
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Pearson, E
Mel Fell by Tabor, Corey
Over and Under the Pond by Messner, Kate
Extra Yarn by Barnett, Mac
Cece Loves Science series by Derting, K
The Not-So Great Outdoors by Kloepper, Madeline
Watercress by Wang, Andrea and Chin, Jason
The Questioners series by Beaty, A and Roberts, D

Visiting authors at Weston Public Schools

The following authors presented educational programs in our elementary schools during the 2022-23 school year. Ask your student about the authors and check out their selection of books:

1. **Christina Soontornvat** 9/13/2022 - Whole school presentation to Field School. Christina won three Newbery Honors in 2021 for her books *A Wish in the Dark* and *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*, and in 2022 for *The Last Mapmaker*.
2. **Rob Buyea** 10/27/2022 - 4 presentations to 5th Grade students, including discussion about reading, recommended authors and the writing process.
3. **Lauren Tarshis** 3/13/2023 - 2 presentations to all 4th Grade students, featuring messages for struggling readers, the importance of showing a social-emotional side when writing characters, the inquiry and design process for creating a piece of writing and the impact of a story. Lauren is The New York Times best-selling author of the acclaimed historical fiction series *I Survived*.
4. **Josh Funk** 3/23/2023 - 4 presentations to all Kindergarten students. Josh is a New England native and a computer engineer. He is the author of the *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast* series, and the *How to Code* series.
5. **Jerry Craft** 4/5/2023 - Newbery Medal winning author and illustrator Jerry Craft presented to all 4th & 5th Grade students at Field School, the perfect culmination to our all-school read of *New Kid* and a celebration of Jerry's newest addition to the series, *School Trip*.
6. **Grace Lin** 4/11/2023 - 4 presentations to all 1st Grade students from The New York Times best-selling author and illustrator. Grace has won the Newbery Honor for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, the Theodor Geisel Honor for *Ling and Ting* and the Caldecott Honor for *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*.
7. **Loree Griffin Burns** 5/10/2023 - 4 presentations to all 2nd Grade students from an award-winning scientist and non-fiction author.
8. **Jerry Pallotta** 5/18/2023 - 3 presentations to all 3rd Grade students from author of the "Who Would Win" non-fiction book series, including about the research, writing, editing, and publishing process.
9. **Margaret Peterson Haddix** 6/1/2023 - Presentation to 5th Grade students Field School in connection to their fantasy ELA unit. Margaret has published 49 books and counting, including a title in the *39 Clues* series and the fantasy/science fiction sequel *Falling Out of Time*.

Summer Reading Programs:

Weston Public Library:

<https://www.westonlibrary.org>

The theme is "Find Your Voice". All Weston residents and WPS students are eligible to join WPL. Registration opens June 12th. Track the books you've read through the online reading log and complete challenges to win extra prizes!

Boston Public Library:

<https://www.bpl.org>

All MA residents are eligible to join BPL. The theme for Summer reading is "All Together Now". Registration opens June 1st. Download or pick up a bookmark, complete reading challenges and be eligible for prizes including books, toys & gift certificates!