WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-5TH GRADE SUMMER 2024 READING LIST

HISTORICAL FICTION

The War That Saved My Life by Bradley, Kimberley
I Survived (series) by Tarshis, Lauren
The Bicycle Spy by McDonough, Yona
The Night Diary by Haranandani, Veera
Alan Gratz books
Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop by Duncan, A
Isla to Island by Castellanos, Alexis
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series by Hale, N
Turtle in Paradise by Holm, Jennifer
White Bird by Palacio, R. J.
Hoops by Tavares, Matt
Max in the House of Spies by Gidwitz, Adam

REALISTIC FICTION

Front Desk series by Yang, Kelly
Mr. Terupt series by Buyea, Rob
How to Win a Slime War by Respicio, Mae
The Lemonade War series by Davies, Jacqueline
Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Yee, Lisa
A Boy Called Bat series by Arnold, Elana
Save Me A Seat by Weeks, Sarah
Falling Short by Cisneros, Ernesto
Ban This Book by Gratz, Alan
The Unteachables by Korman, Gordon

HUMOROUS FICTION

How To Win A Slime War by Respicio, Mae
Demon Dentist by Walliams, David
Meet the Dullards by Pennypacker, Sara
Once Upon A Tim series by Gibbs, Stuart
Ice Cream Machine by Rubin, Adam
Treehouse series by Griffiths, Andy
Greetings From Witness Protection by Burt, Jake

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Dragon Pearl series by Lee, Yoon Ha
A Rovers Story by Warga, Jasmine
Charlie Hernandez series by Calejo, Ryan
Kiranmala & Kingdom series by DasGupta, S
Jack and the Geniuses series by Nye, Bill
Upside Down Magic series by Mylnowski, S
Percy Jackson series by Riordan, Rick
Unwanteds series by McMann, Lisa
School of Good and Evil series by Chainani, Soman
The Last Kids on Earth series by Brallier, Max
The Ogress and the Orphans by Barnhill, Kelly
The Last Cuentista by Higuera, D.B.
A Wish in the Dark by Soontornvat, Christina
The Wild Robot series by Brown, Peter

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Investigators series by Green, John Patrick
Pizza and Taco series
Baloney and Friends series
Swim Team by Christmas, Johnnie
Lightfall series by Probert, Tim
Frizzy by Ortega, Claribel A.
Allergic by Lloyd, Megan Wagner
Saving Sunshine by Faruqi, Saadia
Click series by Miller, Kayla
New Kid, Class Act & School Trip by Craft, Jerry
Cardboard Kingdom series by Sell, Chad
Booked; Crossover by Alexander, Kwame
The Bad Guys series by Blabey, Aaron
I Survived graphic series by Lauren Tarshis
Emmy & Friends series by Libenson, Terri
Best Friends series by Hale, Shannon
Narwhal & Jelly series by Clanton, Ben
The Tryout by Soontornvat, Christina
Magic Tree House graphic series by Osborne, M
Witches of Brooklyn series by Escabasse, Sophie

MYSTERY

Finally, Something Mysterious by Cornett, Doug
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
City Spies series by Ponyi, James
Funjungle series by Gibbs, Stuart
Spy School series by Gibbs, Stuart

GENERAL FICTION

Ivan & Friends series by Applegate, K
A Wolf Called Wander by Parry, Rosanne
Pax by Pennypacker, Sara

BIOGRAPHY

Arthur Who Wrote Sherlock by Bailey, Linda
On The Corner of Chocolate Avenue: How Milton Hershey Brought Milk Chocolate to America by Cohen
Cactus Queen: Minerva Hoyt establishes Joshua Tree National Park by Alexander, Lori
The Beatles Couldn't Read Music? Wait? What! Series by Gutman, Dan
The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned To Read by Hubbard and Mora
Button Pusher by Page, Tyler
Building an Orchestra of Hope: How Favio Chávez Taught Children to Make Music from Trash by Oliver
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls. 100 Inspiring Young Changemakers by Irwin, B

BIOGRAPHY(continued)

Just a girl : a true story of World War II by Levi, Lia
Big Apple Diaries by Bermudez, Alyssa
Dumpling Dreams: How Joyce Chen Brought the Dumpling from Beijing to Cambridge by Clickard & Wu
Little People, Big Dreams series by Vegara, Maria
Who is? Who Was? Who Are? I Am…… Series

NONFICTION

Ready, Set, Run!: The Amazing New York City Marathon by Leslie Kimmelman
The High Line: A Park to Look Up To by Tentler-Krylov
When Moon Became the Moon by Hodgson, Rob
When Cloud Became A Cloud by Hodgson, Rob
The Bone Wars: The True Story of an Epic Battle to Find Dinosaur Fossils by Kurtz and Vidal
The Boys In The Boat by Brown, Daniel James
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Soontornvat, Christina
What If You Had Animal …. Series by Markle, S
The Truth About…. Series by Whipple, Annette
Over and Under series by Messner, Kate
Where Was ...series
What Was….series
From An Idea to Nike by Sichol, Lowey
History Smashers series by Kate Messner
Wait? What? Series by Gutman, Dan
Who Would Win? Series by Jerry Pallotta
Hazardous Tales series by Hale, Nathan

EASY READERS

Unicorn Diaries series by Elliott, Rebecca
Starla Jean series by Arnolod, Elana K.
Pedro series by Manushkin, Fran
Katie Woo series by Manushkin, Fran
Diary of A Pug series by May, Kyla
Cece Loves Science series by Derting, K
Elephant and Piggie by Willems, Mo
Bink and Gollie by DiCamillo, Kate
Zelda and Ivy by Kvasnosky, Laura
Ling and Ting by Lin, Grace
Pete the Cat series by Dean, James
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 Messner, Kate

BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

Tales From Deckawoo Drive series by DiCamillo
Unlimited Squirrels series by Willems, Mo
Diary of an Ice Princess series by Soontornvat, Christina
Critter Club by Barkley, Callie
Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol series by Miedoso, Andres
Mindy Kim series by Lee, Lyla
Heidi Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda
Henry Heckelbeck series by Coven, Wanda
Dory Fantasmagory series by Hanlon, Abby
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
Roscoe Riley Rules series by Applegate, Katherine
Meet Yasmin series by Faruqi, Saadia
Lola Levine series by Brown, Monica
Sadiq series by Nuurali, Siman

PICTURE BOOKS

Our Pool by Cummins, Lucy
A Friend for Eddy by Ha, Anna
What's Cooking at 10 Garden Street by Sala, F
Masala Chai, Fast and Slow by LaRocca, Rajani
If I Built A… series by Van Dusen, Chris
The Questioneers series by Beaty, A and Roberts, D
The Grand Hotel of Feelings by Brankovic, Lidia
Amy Wu series by Zhang, Kat
Dragons Love Tacos series by Rubin, Adam
The Bad Seed (food series) by John, Jory
Ice Cream Everywhere: Sweet Stories from Around the World by Campbell-Smith, Judy
Boys Don't Fry by Lee, Kimberly
Ramen for Everyone by Tanumihardja, Patricia
Luli and the Language of Tea by Wang, Andrea
Seoul Food by Russell, Erin
The Blue Bowl by Leung, Flo

Visiting authors at Weston Public Schools

The following authors presented educational programs in our elementary schools during the 2023-24 school year. Ask your student about the authors and check out their selection of books:

1. **Dr. Sayantani DasGupta** 10/13/2023 - Whole grade presentation to all 5th Grade students at Field School. Dr. DasGupta has co-authored a book in Chelsea Clinton's *She Persisted* short biography series. Dr. DasGupta's latest work is a fantasy series, *Secrets of the Sky,* featuring 10-year-old twins as the main characters.
2. **Bonnie Shao** 10/27/2024 - Country & Field School alumni presentation to all 3rd & 4th Grade students. Bonnie is the author of the Xia Trilogy.
3. **Rob Buyea** 11/16/2023 - 3 presentations to 5th Grade students, including discussion about reading, recommended authors and the writing process.
4. **Sophie Blackall** 1/12/2024 - 2 presentations to all Kindergarten & 1st Grade students. Author and illustrator Sophie Blackall is a two time Caldecott Medal winner (2016: *Finding Winnie* and 2019: *Hello Lighthouse*), and illustrator of the NYT best selling series, *Ivy + Bean*.
5. **Josh Funk** 3/4/2024 - 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.
6. **Greg Mone** 3/22/2024 - 3 presentations to 4th Grade students. Greg is an award-winning author or coauthor of 19 books including the NYT bestselling *Jack and the Geniuses* series with Bill Nye the Science Guy, *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* with Neil deGrasse Tyson, the *Atlantis* duology, and his latest *Sea of Gold* series.
7. **Oge Mora** 4/1/2024 - 3 presentations to all students at Country and Woodland schools. Oge is the 2024 Ben Sandalls Memorial Speaker. Oge won a Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award, Ezra Jack Keats Book Award and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Picture Book Award.
8. **Lisa Robinson** 5/3/2024 - 4 presentations to all 1st Grade students. Lisa shared with students the research tools and process behind writing her nonfiction picture book The Sweetest Scoop: Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution.
9. **Sarah Sax** 5/9/2024 - Whole grade presentation to all 5th Grade students at Field School. Sarah is the illustrator of the historical fiction graphic series *Escape This Book*, and her new graphic series is about friendship dynamics and navigating middle school. This opportunity coincided with the graphic/comic unit in Art and the 5th Grade ELA unit of graphic novels.
10. **Loree Griffin Burns** 5/15/2024 - 4 presentations to all 2nd Grade students from an award-winning scientist and non-fiction author.
11. **Jerry Pallotta** 6/6/2024 - 4 presentations to all 3rd Grade students from the author of the "Who Would Win" non-fiction book series, including about the research, writing, editing & publishing.

Summer Reading Programs

Weston Public Library:

https://www.minlib.net/ecard Register for a library card to check out books and access ebooks and audiobooks. The theme is “Adventure Begins At Your Library”. All Weston residents and WPS students are eligible to join WPL. Registration opens June 10th. 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/get-a-library-card/ Register for a library card with a parent’s photo ID and proof of address. All MA residents are eligible to join BPL. The theme for Summer reading is “Adventure Begins At Your Library”. Registration opens June 17th, in person at all branches of BPL. Prizes included new book giveaways at each branch!