

**Shady Grove Elementary School**  
**Reading Olympics**

## LEVEL ONE

### **Animal Stories**

**Realistic Fiction:** Stories that take place in modern times. The characters are involved in events that could happen.

### **Science**

### **Funny Stories**

**Fantasy:** Fiction that contains elements that are not realistic, such as talking animals and magical powers.

**Fairy Tales, Legends and Fables:** Folklore or stories that people told each other over the years. Later they wrote them down.

**Poetry and other patterns:** Poetry is verse written to evoke thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to convey the message.

**Beginning readers:** Short chapter books.

**Biography:** Factual stories about real people from the past or present.

**Texas 2 x 2 Awards:** Award books for children age 2 to Second grade.

**\*\*\* Award Books are marked with an asterisk! \*\*\***

## **ANIMALS**

### **HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOG**

Describes how dogs communicate with people through their behavior and sounds, and explains how to talk back to them. RL 4 636.7/George

### **\* WHO IS THE BEAST ?**

When a tiger suspects he is the beast, he tries to... Parents' Choice Honors. RL 1.7 E/ Baker

### **THE MITTEN**

Several animals snuggle into Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. Also try other books by Jan Brett, including The Hat, The Dog and Comet's Nine Lives. RL 2.5 E/ Brett

THE ARMADILLO FROM AMARILLO.

An armadillo travels Texas. RL 3.5 E/ Cherry

CORDUROY and POCKET FOR CORDUROY.

In Pocket for Corduroy, Corduroy, the bear searches for pocket material at the laundromat. RL 2.9 E/ Freeman

PINKERTON, BEHAVE!

Pinkerton, the Great Dane, follows his own commands. Also try other books by Kellogg including Can I Keep Him? and Chicken Little. RL 3.1 E/ Kellogg

WHOSE MOUSE ARE YOU?

A little mouse wants to be loved. RL 1.5 E/ Kraus

\* MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS.

A policeman stops traffic for Mrs. Mallard as she leads her family through Boston's city streets to the pond in the Public Garden. Caldecott. RL 3.8 E/ McCloskey

\*THE BIG SNOW

The animals get ready for winter, but an unexpected snowfall catches them unprepared. Two kind people come to the rescue. RL 3.2 E/ Hader

THE BIGGEST BEAR.

A little boy wants a bearskin but gets a real bear instead. Caldecott. RL 3.7 E/ Ward

\* NOAH'S ARK.

Only one page of text is included in this version of the familiar Bible story of the Ark: a translation of Jacobus Revius' poem "The Flood". The illustrations tell the story of the ark. E/ Spier

\* THE GIRL WHO LOVED WILD HORSES.

A girl's love of horses drives her to calm them during a storm. RL 4.7 E/ Goble

\* OWL MOON.

A father and child go for a walk during a silent winter night. RL 2.9 E/ Yolen

SWIMMY.

Swimmy saves a school of fish. Caldecott. Also try the many other Leo Lionni books. RL 3 E/ Lionni

ARTHUR'S COMPUTER DISASTER.

After Arthur disobeys his mom and uses her computer to play his favorite computer game, he breaks it. Another of Marc Brown's books about Arthur the aardvark, his family and friends. RL 2.2 E/ Brown

BOOMER'S BIG DAY.

Boomer, the golden retriever is unhappy when he finds out his family is moving. RL 3 E/ Whyte

CLIFFORD THE SMALL RED PUPPY

Clifford, the red puppy, grows up. Be sure to try the other Clifford books. RL 1.5 E/ Bridwell

HOT-AIR HENRY.

Henry, the independent Siamese cat, accidentally goes up in a hot air balloon alone. Also Cross Country Cat and High Wire Henry. RL 4.3 E/ Calhoun

VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR and VERY QUIET CRICKET.

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. RL 2.6 E/ Carle

NO ROSES FOR HARRY.

Harry, the dog is unhappy with his birthday present from Grandma. One In a series including Harry by the Sea and Harry the Dirty Dog. RL 3.4 E/ Zion

#### LOST.

On his way to school, a boy befriends a bear who is lost. One of many wonderful McPhail books including The Bear's Toothache and The Bear's Bicycle. RL 1.4 E/ McPhail

#### LEAH'S PONY.

A young girl sells her pony and uses the money to buy back her father's tractor when the family's belongings are put up for auction. RL 2.8 E/ Friedrich

#### CURIOUS GEORGE.

Curious George was curious. And, being a monkey, his curiosity led him to be captured by a nice man with a yellow hat who wanted to take him home from Africa to the zoo. One in a series. RL 2.1 E/ Rey

#### SPOT GOES TO A PARTY.

Lift the flaps to discover who is underneath the costumes at a party with Spot, the puppy and his friends. One in a series. RL 1.1 E/ Hill

#### OH TUCKER!

Tucker causes chaos bounding through the house, knocking things over. RL 1.5 E/ KroIl

#### A WEEKEND WITH WENDELL

Sophie doesn't enjoy assertive Wendell's weekend visit until the very end. RL 3 E/ Henkes

#### ELMER.

All the animals of the jungle are gray except Elmer. One in a series about a patchwork elephant Including Elmer Again. Elmer and Wilbur. Elmer in the Snow and Elmer Takes Off. RL 2 E/ McKee

#### ONLY ONE WOOF.

Story of a dog that doesn't bark by James Herriot, author of All Things Bright and Beautiful and other stories about a vet in Scotland. RL 3.5 636.7/ Herriot

#### AARDVARKS DISEMBARK

After the flood, Noah calls a variety of little-known animals out of the ark, many of which are now endangered. RL 3.5 421/ Jonas

#### APPELARD AND LIVERWURST

Aided by a wayward rhinoceros, Appelard and his motley farm animals finally have a successful harvest. RL 3.7 E/ Mayer

#### DETECTIVE MOLE AND THE HAUNTED CASTLE MYSTERY

Detective Mole investigates the mystery of hidden treasure, strange noises, and disappearing guests at the castle of the Rabbit family. E/Quackenbush

#### I SWAPPED MY DOG

A farmer makes a series of trades and ends up with the dog he had at the start. RL 1.5 E/Ziefert

#### JUNGLEWALK

A little boy falls asleep after reading a book about animals in a jungle, and then he meets them all in his dream. E/Tafari

#### A MOUSE IN MY HOUSE

The young narrator imagines that his house contains a menagerie of active animals, which get into all kinds of mischief and trouble – but really, they are all manifestations of himself. E/Van Laan

### NATIONAL WORM DAY

Three humorous episodes in the lives of a worm, snail, rhinoceros, and their animal associates. E/Stevenson

### ONE WOOLLY WOMBAT

“A Cranky Nell book” Humorous illustrations depict fourteen Australian animals, introduced in rhyme, along with the numbers from one to fourteen. RL 3.0 513/Trinca

### PIGS IN THE MUD

A feisty grandmother and her family struggle to get an assortment of farm animals out of the road so the family can pass in their Model T Ford. RL 1.5 E/Plourde

### THE BABY BEEBEE BIRD

The zoo animals find a way to keep the baby beebie bird awake during the day so that they can get some sleep at night. RL 1.9 E/Massie

## REALISTIC FICTION

### THE OTHER SIDE

Before the Civil Rights movement, people of all colors longed for the fence between them to be torn down. Living on opposite sides of a fence, Annie Rose and Clover find their own way of tearing down the giant that stands between them. RL 2.4 E/ Woodson

### THE RAFT

Nicky was sure of one thing: he didn't want to go! But, spending a summer in the country with his “river rat” grandmother might change Nicky's attitudes toward everything! Will he take a giant step and discover the beauty and wonder of nature by walking in her shoes? RL 2.2 E/ LaMarche

### THE YELLOW STAR: THE LEGEND OF KING CHRISTIAN X OF DENMARK

Tiny Denmark finds itself in a dangerous position: take away the freedom of some of its citizens or bear the wrath of the giant Nazi Germany. Will King Christian X's compassion, responsibility, loyalty, and wisdom be enough to stop the evil invasion? RL 4.6 FIC/ Deedy

### RADIO RESCUE

In the early years of the twentieth century, Morse code was as essential to communications as the telephone is today. Robert was determined to learn the complicated code and become a ham radio operator, but isn't he too young to do such a difficult job? How does his perseverance pay off against the giant task before him? How will his determination save lives? RL 3.4 E/ Barasch

### GOOD LUCK, MRS. K!

Based on a true story, the students in Mrs. Kempezinski's class grow joyful in learning, discover music in words, and find strong roots in compassion. In the face of change and sadness, they spread their wings to use their learning and share their compassion. RL 3 E/Bordon

### ABBIE AGAINST THE STORM

A fictionalized account of an incident in the life of a seventeen year -old girl who tends her family's lighthouse during a fierce storm on the coast of Maine in the winter of 1856. RL 4 E/Vaughan

### THE BOY OF A THOUSAND FACES

Obsessed with horror films, ten- year -old Alonso dreams of transforming himself into “The Boy of a Thousand Faces” and gets his wish in an unexpected way. RL 4 FIC/Selznick

### \* SONG AND DANCE MAN.

Grandpa demonstrates his vaudeville act for his grandchildren. Caldecott. RL 3.8 E/ Ackerman

GHOST'S HOUR, SPOOK'S HOUR.

A little boy and his dog have a scary night together. RL 3 E/ Bunting

NOW ONE FOOT, NOW THE OTHER.

Bobby's grandfather teaches him to walk. Then Grandpa suffers a stroke so Bobby becomes the teacher. RL 2.5 E/ DePaola

THE PATCHWORK QUILT.

Using scraps cut from their old clothes, a family creates a beautiful quilt that tells the family history. Coretta Scott King Award. RL 3.5 E/ Fiomoy

\* THE SNOWY DAY.

Peter spends the day experiencing the wonder and joy of new-fallen snow. Caldecott RL 3.2 E/ Keats

I HATE ENGLISH!

Mel Mei has a hard time living in New York after leaving Hong Kong. RL 1.8 E/ Levine

ALL THE PLACES TO LOVE.

A boy describes his favorite place. RL 3.5 E/ MacLachlan

ONE MORNING IN MAINE. Sally loses her first tooth. RL 3.8 E/ McCloskey

KEEPING QUILT

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of immigrant Jewish family. RL 3.8 E/ Polacco

STORM IN THE NIGHT.

Grandfather tells boyhood stories while sitting through a fearsome thunderstorm. RL 3.1 E/ Stolz

EARRINGS!

A girl uses various arguments to convince her parents to let her have her ears pierced. RL 2.5 E/ Viorst

IRA SLEEPS OVER.

Ira has reservations about spending the night at a friend's house. RL 3.5 E/ Waber

MY MAMA NEEDS ME.

Jason wants to help when his mother brings the new baby home. RL 3.7 E/ Walter

A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER.

Rosa's mother deserves to relax after waitressing all day. Caldecott. RL 3.8 E/ Willams

WILLIAM'S DOLL.

A little boy wants a doll but the other children call him a sissy. RL 3 E/ Zolotow

MEI LI.

Mei Li, her brother, their dog and a thrush attend the New Year's Day Fair in Peking. Caldecott. RL 3 E/ Handforth

\* THE EGG TREE.

After Katy and her brother hunt for Easter eggs, Grand mom teaches them how to decorate the eggs and make an egg tree. Caldecott. RL 3 E/ Milhous

NINE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS.

A Mexican girl named Ceci chooses a beautiful star-shaped piñata. She's upset when she realizes it must be broken. Caldecott. RL 4 E/ Etse

GRANDFATHER'S JOURNEY.

Allan Say's grandfather's feelings are always torn between America, where he raised his children and Japan, where he was born. Caldecott RL 4.2 E/ Say

#### A. LINCOLN AND ME

With the help of his teacher, a young boy realizes that he not only shares his birthday and similar physical appearance with Abraham Lincoln, but that he is like him in other ways as well. RL 3.0 E/Borden

#### ALEXANDER WHO'S NOT (DO YOU HEAR ME? I MEAN IT!) GOING TO MOVE

Angry Alexander refuses to move away if it means having to leave his favorite friends and special places. RL 3.7 E/Viorst

#### AURORA MEANS DAWN

After traveling from Connecticut to Ohio in 1800 to start a new life in the settlement of Aurora, the Sheldons find that they are the first family to arrive there and realize that they will be starting a new community by themselves. RL 3.3 E/ Sanders

#### EDWARD GETS A PET

When Edward and his mother go to the pet store, there are more animals to choose from than his mother realizes. E/ Morgan

#### FIREFLIES

A young boy is proud of having caught a jar full of fireflies, which seems to him like owning a piece of moonlight, but as the light begins to dim he realizes he must set the insects free or they will die. RL 2.5 E/ Brinckloe

#### GETTING' THROUGH THURSDAY

Since money is tight on Thursdays, the day before his mother's payday, Andre is upset when he realizes that his report card and the promised celebration for making the honor roll will come on a Thursday. RL 2.8 E/ Cooper

#### HOME IS WHERE YOUR FAMILY IS

During the journey from Poland to America, a girl realizes that although she is leaving one home, she will find another as long as she is with her family. E/Kavanagh

#### IN MY TREEHOUSE

A child describes the pleasures offered by a tree house and the real and imaginary adventures to be enjoyed in one. E/Schertle

#### A LITTLE SHOPPING

Rosie, Lily, and Tess, three cousins who are living together with their aunt, decide to make a miniature flower shop just like Aunt Lucy's real shop, and give it to her as a gift. RL 6.3 FIC/Rylant

## SCIENCE

#### SPIDERS AND THEIR WEBSITES

Is a spider's web really like a website? What do spiders do to attract business? Creep on in and see! RL 5.1 595.44/ Facklam

#### THE LITTLE HOUSE.

The little house is built in the country and survives many seasons. Eventually a city grows up around it and the house is moved back to the country. Caldecott RL 3.8 E/ Burton

#### WE HIDE, YOU SEEK.

Can you find animals hidden in their natural habitat? RL 1.7 E/ Aruego

#### DIGGING UP DINOSAURS.

Find out how a skeleton is assembled for museum display. RL 5.3 567.9/ Alike

### IS THERE LIFE IN OUTER SPACE?

Truths and fallacies about life in outer space. RL 3.1 574.99/ Branley

### LOTS OF ROT.

Discover facts about mold, mildew and bacteria. RL 3.8 576/ Cobb

### HOW TO DIG A HOLE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD.

An amusing discussion of the layers of the earth. RL 4.7 551.1/ McNulty

### DINOSAUR TIME.

Easy to read facts on dinosaurs. RL 2.0 567.9/ Parish

### \* THE LITTLE ISLAND.

A kitten visits an island and learns about the changes of the plant and animal life there during the day and night, the seasons and a storm. Caldecott RL 3.5 E/ MacDonald

### WHITE SNOW, BRIGHT SNOW.

A mix of adults and children experience different reactions to a major snowfall. Caldecott RL 4.8 E/ Tresselt

### \* SONG OF THE SWALLOWS.

The gardener of the Mission San Juan Capistrano teaches a boy about the swallows that return each spring. Caldecott. RL 3.8 E/ Politi

### \* A TREE IS NICE.

The author tells a few of the many good things about trees including seasonal changes, bearing apples and making shade. Caldecott. RL 2.3 E/ Udry

### SHADOW.

The "Shadow" from African traditions is described as mute, blind, magic, a dance and a game among other things. Caldecott. RL 2.2 E/ Brown

### DINOSAUR IS THE BIGGEST ANIMAL THAT EVER LIVED AND OTHER WRONG IDEAS YOU THOUGHT WERE TRUE

Explains why many commonly accepted scientific "facts" – lightning never strikes twice, the sky is blue, snakes are slimy, etc. – are untrue. 500/Simon

### MAGIC SCHOOL BUS AT THE WATERWORKS

Class takes a field trip to the waterworks to learn about the water cycle. RL 3.9 553/Cole or 628.1/Cole

### HOW THINGS WORK

Projects, activities, and experiments explore such areas of technology as the wheel, rocket power, kite flying, and magnetism. 530/Kerrod

### ME COUNTING TIME FROM SECONDS TO CENTURIES

Describes the relationship between a second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, decade, century and millennium as measurements of time. RL 2.0 529/Sweeney

### FEEL THE WIND

Explains what causes wind and how it affects our environment. Includes instructions for making a weathervane. RL 2.2 551.5/ Dorros

### BIG ROCK

Traces the origins of a granite rock located near the Adirondack Mountains and describes how it reveals information about the history of the earth. RL 5.3 552/Hiscock

#### A FLOWER GROWS

Illustrates the life cycle of an amaryllis. 582.13/Robbins

#### HOW SPEEDY IS A CHEETAH

Presents facts about a variety of animals including the smallest, tallest longest, fastest and slowest animals. 590/Knapp

#### A VISIT TO THE ZOO

A group of children sees many different kinds of animals while on a class trip to the zoo. 590/Tester

#### DIGGING TO THE PAST

Describes the routines of archaeological field work as participants painstakingly search for information about the past; and discusses some assumptions about life long ago in the Middle East, based on discoveries made there. 930.1/Hackwell

#### TUT'S MUMMY LOST – AND FOUND

Describes the burial of the pharaoh Tutankhamen and the discovery of his long-lost tomb by archaeologists more than 3,000 years later. RL 3.9 932/Donnelly

#### MISTAKES THAT WORKED

Amusing accounts of forty accidental discoveries from donut holes to Silly Putty. RL 6.6 609.Jones

### **FUNNY STORIES**

#### SO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?

Curious tidbits of personal information and national history combine with humorously drawn caricatures to give a quirky appeal. RL 4 353.03/St. George

#### COME ON A WIND

While visiting their mother's ranch, two brothers who constantly try to best each other swap tales about big winds and are surprised by the fiercest wind they have ever seen. RL 3.5 E/White

#### PIGGYBOOK.

What happens when some of the people in a family act like pigs? RL 2.7 E/ Browne

#### MORRIS GOES TO SCHOOL.

One in a series about Morris the Moose and his friend, Boris. RL 2.1 E/ Wiseman

#### THE STUPIDS STEP OUT.

The Stupid family and their dog have a fun-filled day. One in a series. RL 3.3 E/ Ailard

#### MISS NELSON IS MISSING!

A well-liked teacher is replaced by an awful substitute. Also try Miss Nelson is Back and Miss Nelson has a Field Day. RL 3.1 E/ Allard

#### BENJAMIN'S PORTRAIT.

A hamster tries to paint with some unexpected results. RL 2.0 E/ Baker

#### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EGG IN THE WORLD.

Which of three one-of-a-kind eggs is the most beautiful? The King makes a creative decision. RL 3 E/ Heine

#### THE BIG SNEEZE.

A farmer sneezes a fly off his nose and causes havoc in the barnyard. E/ Brown

THE ESCAPE OF MARVIN THE APE.

A runaway from the zoo explores the world outside his cage and ... RL 2.1 E/ Buehner

WACKY WEDNESDAY.

The day begins with a shoe on the wall. RL 1.2 E/ LeSieg

WHY THE CHICKEN CROSSED THE ROAD.

A chicken crosses the road and sets off a series of outrageous events. RL 3.1 E/ Macaulay

THE BOY WHO WAS FOLLOWED HOME.

Hundreds of hippos follow Robert home. RL 3.5 E/ Mahy

THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH.

On his class field trip, Jimmy's boa escapes. RL 2.9 E/ Noble

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH.

A bored rancher goes to town but amazing things are happening back at the ranch. RL 3.0 E/ Noble

TEACH US, AMELIA BEDELIA.

Amelia takes everything literally. In this one of many books about her, Amelia is a very funny substitute teacher. RL 2.8 E/ Parish

\* THE STINKY CHEESE MAN AND OTHER FAIRLY STUPID TALES.

Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales. Caldecott. RL 3.9 E/ Scieszka

AND TO THINK THAT I SAW IT ON MULBERRY STREET.

Marco builds an extraordinary parade. RL 3.2 E/ Seuss

IMOGENE'S ANTLERS.

Imogene wakes up to discover a pair of antlers growing out of her head. RL 3.0 E/ Small

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY.

It seems like everything happens to Alexander. RL 3.9 E/ Viorst

SMALL PIG.

When the farmer's wife vacuums the pigpen, small pig runs away to the city. RL 1.8 E/ Lobel

KING BIDGOOD'S IN THE BATHTUB.

It's business as usual but King Bidgood's in the bathtub and he won't come out! Caldecott Honor Book RL 1.6 E/ Wood

THE REMARKABLE FARKLE MCBRIDE

The musical prodigy Farkle McBride tries a number of instruments before discovering that conducting the orchestra makes him happy. RL 3.2 E/Lithgow

100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF WORRIES

Jessica worries about collecting 100 objects to take to class for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. RL 2.8 E/Cuyler

CLEVER CAT

When Mr. And Mrs. Ford discover that Tibbs the cat can get his own food they give him a house key and a credit card, but when they make him get a job, do the shopping, and pay rent, he begins to wonder if he is really that clever after all. RL 2.5 E/Collington

BAD DOG

A free-spirited, bored, and hungry dog misunderstands an ad for free range chickens, and when he and a friend set out to get some, they discover that the chickens – and the police – have other ideas. RL 1.8 E/Laden

### WEMBERLY WORRIED

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school. RL 2.8 E/Henkes

### DAVID GOES TO SCHOOL

David's activities in school include chewing gum, talking out of turn, and engaging in a food fight, causing his teacher to say over and over, "No David!" RL 2.9 E/Shannon

### THE RAIN CAME DOWN

In pictures full of wit and good-natured humor, artist David Shannon captures the chaos that follows an unexpected downpout. RL 2.6 E/Shannon

## FANTASY

### \* ONCE A MOUSE.

A hermit with magical powers studies the idea of big versus little. Caldecott. RL 3.4 E/ Brown

### CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS.

It's raining Slant meatballs! RL 3.2 E/ Barrett

### \* WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE.

Mac dreams of going where the wild things are. Caldecott RL 4.4 E/ Sendak

### \*TUESDAY.

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air and explore nearby houses. Caldecott. RL 1.7 E/ Wiesner

### HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON.

Harold draws from his imagination. RL 2.4 E/ Johnson

### \* SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE.

Sylvester finds a pebble with magic powers. Caldecott. RL 3.8 E/ Steig

### THE COUNTRY BUNNY AND THE LITTLE GOLD SHOES.

A country bunny becomes the Easter Bunny. RL 3.0 E/ Heyward

### MORRIS'S DISAPPEARING BAG: A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Morris invents a bag that makes his family disappear. RL 2.2 E/ Wells

### MR. RABBIT AND THE LOVELY PRESENT.

Mr. Rabbit helps a little girl find a present. RL 3.8 E/ Zolotow

### \* GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

The Red Cross Knight battles a dragon again and again until he finally wins. Then he marries a princess and becomes known as "St. George". Caldecott. RL 4.5 398.2/ HOP

### \* THE POLAR EXPRESS.

Late one Christmas Eve, a boy travels by train to the North Pole. Caldecott. RL 4.9 E/ Van Allsburg

### \* HEY, AL.

A janitor and his dog escape to an island in the sky. One morning they awake to find themselves turning into birds. Caldecott. RL 4.8 E/ Yorinks

### THE LIBRARY DRAGON.

Why are teachers so incensed about Miss Lotta Scales library tactics? RL 5.5 E/ Deedy

### CAN I KEEP HIM?

And all the other fanciful books by Stephen Kellogg. RL 4.4 E/ Kellogg

### \* MAY I BRING A FRIEND?

A boy visits a friendly king and queen. On each visit, the boy takes a different animal visitor with him. Caldecott. RL 3.4 E/ deRegniers

### JUMANJI.

A brother and sister play a board game they find in the park. Each move results in a live-action jungle scene in their house. Caldecott. RL 4.4 E/ Van Allsburg

### BARTHOLOMEW AND THE OOBLECK

Bartholomew Cubbins saves the kingdom when the oobleck comes down green and sticky from the sky. RL 3.7 E/Seuss

### COME AWAY FROM THE WATER SHIRLEY

Shirley's adventures at the beach are interspersed with familiar parental warnings. E/ Burningham

### ENCHANTER'S DAUGHTER

An Enchanter and his beautiful daughter live all alone. The daughter yearns for a different life and she uses all her wit and bravery to find it. E/ Barber

### JEREMIAH IN THE DARK WOODS

A little boy sets out to find the thief of his grandmother's strawberry tarts and meets a number of unusual characters on his search. RL 4.0 E/ Ahlberg

### THE PAPER PARTY

A small boy goes through the television screen for a party with the puppets from his favorite program and is asked to stay. E/Freeman

### TERRIBLE TROLL

A small boy fantasizes about being a squire for the bravest knight in the kingdom 1,000 years ago, including rescuing fair damsels, fighting dragons, and encountering trolls. E/ Mayer

### WHINGDINGDILLY

Tired of a dog's life, Scamp visits the wicked little witch in the woods and becomes a whingdingdilly. RL 3.7 E/ Peet

## **FAIRY TALES, LEGENDS AND FABLES**

### AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

Oh, no! The dish ran away with the spoon, and now the rhyme can't be read! Will the cat, the dog, and the cow be able to rescue them from the Beanstalk Giant and the Big Bad Wolf? Their adventure through nursery rhyme land is peppered with puns! RL 2.9 E/ Stevens

### \* THE GOLDEN MARE, THE FIREBIRD, AND THE MAGIC RING

Alexi shows compassion to a golden mare which becomes his servant and advisor, but can she stop the tsar from destroying him and taking the princess as his wife? Bluebonnet RL 4.5 398.2/ Sanderson

### PERSIAN CINDERELLA

A retelling of the traditional Persian tale in which Settarah, neglected and abused by her stepmother and stepsisters, finds her life transformed with the help of a little blue jug. RL 3.5 398.2/Cimo

\* CINDERELLA OR THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER.

A poor girl becomes a princess for just one night. Caldecott. RL 3.0 398.21/ Perrault

\* THE TALKING EGGS.

A Southern folk tale. Caldecott. RL 3.5 398.2/ San Saud

THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.

The wolf gives his version. RL 2.5 E/ Scieszka

\*LON PO PO: A RED RIDING HOOD STORY FROM CHINA.

Three sisters who are home alone are threatened by a hungry wolf. Caldecott. RL 2.6 398.2/ Young

THE COWBOY AND THE BLACK-EYED PEA.

A wealthy Texas rancher's daughter makes a plan to find a real cowboy among her many suitors (adaptation of The Princess and the Pea). RL 5.1 E/ Johnson

\* STREGA NONA: AN OLD TALE.

Strega Nona leaves Anthony alone with her magic pasta pot. Caldecott. RL 4.4 398.2/ DePaola

STONE SOUP, an old tale.

Soup is made from stones. RL 3.2 398.21/ Brown

\* LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.

Caldecott. Retold and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. RL 3.5 398.2/ Hyman

RUMPELSTILTSKIN'S DAUGHTER

Rumpelstiltskin's daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom. RL 5.5 E/Stanley

JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT

A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments. RL 2.0 E/ Taback

JOHNNY APPLESEED.

RL 4.7 398.2/Kellogg

PAUL BUNYAN, A TALL TALE.

RL 3.8 398.2/Kellogg

AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

When Dish and Spoon run away, their nursery rhyme friends Cat, Cow, And Dog set out to rescue them in time for the reading of their rhyme. RL 2.9 E/Stevens

\* A STORY, A STORY.

Anase, the Spider Man, must capture a leopard, a hornet, and a fairy to pay for stories from the Sky God. Caldecott. RL 2.4 398.21/Haley

\* ARROW TO THE SUN.

An Indian boy leaves home to search for his father, the Sun. With the help of Arrow maker, the boy finds his father, but the Sun refuses to accept him until he survives three tests. Caldecott RL 2.6 398.2/ McDermott

WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS.

Mosquito tells Iguana a lie which sets off a chain reaction of events that leads to disaster. Caldecott. RL 4.2 398.2/ Aardema

\* ASHANTI TO ZULU: AFRICAN TRADITIONS.

Costumes, homes, artifacts, plant and animal life surrounding twenty-six African tribes are a few of the things depicted In words and pictures. RL 5.3 398.2/ Musgrove

\* FABLES.

Twenty fables in contemporary setting. Wonderful variety of animals teach lessons In fables similar to Aesop's. Caldecott RL 5 E/ Lobel

\* JOHN HENRY.

Retells the life of the hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain. Caldecott Honor. RL 4.5 398.2/Lester

\* RAPUNZEL.

Retold and Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Caldecott. RL 3.8 398.2/ Zelinsky

\* GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS.

Retold and illustrated by James Marshall, Caldecott Honor. RL 3.5 398.21/Marshall

SMOKY MOUNTAIN ROSE: AN APPALACHIAN CINDERELLA.

RL 4.8 398.2/ Schroeder

## **POETRY AND OTHER PATTERNS**

### THE UPSIDE DOWN BOY

The author recalls the year when his farm worker parents settle down in the city so that he could go to school for the first time. RL 3 811/Her

### A LUCKY THING

A collection of 14 poems about nature. RL 3 811.54/Schertle

### IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA?

A baby llama asks about mamas. RL 1.6 E/ Guarino

### A HOUSE IS A HOUSE FOR ME.

A rhyming book about different kinds of houses. RL 2.9 E/ Hoberman

### NEW KID ON THE BLOCK.

Great anthology of Prelutsky's funny poetry. RL 3.7 811/ Prelutsky

### CHICKEN SOUP WITH RICE.

Poetry and illustrations by Maurice Sendak RL 2.5 E/ Sendak

### IF I RAN THE ZOO.

A boy compares animals in the zoo to the zany ones in his imagination. RL 3.8 E/ Seuss

### SHEEP IN A JEEP.

Records the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep. RL 1.2 E/Shaw

### WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS and LIGHT IN THE ATTIC.

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated by the author. RL 3.2 811/ Silverstein

### DINOSAUR DANCES.

Seventeen whimsical poems featuring dinosaurs. RL 3.2 811/ Yolen

\* MADELINE.

The smallest, bravest and most adventurous of twelve little girls in a Paris boarding school faces a crisis. Caldecott Honor RL 3.8 E/ Bemelmans

\* MADELINE'S RESCUE.

A dog named Genevieve is banished from Madeline's boarding school because the girls are quarreling over her. Genevieve returns with a clever solution. Caldecott RL 3.4 E/ Bemelmans

FROG WENT A-COURTIN'.

Frog and mouse wed in spite of the old cat. Caldecott. RL 2.7 E/Langstaff

BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

A bear discovers other animals and colors. Also try Polar Bear. Polar Bear. What Do You See? RL 1.4 E/ Martin

CHICKA CHICKA, BOOM BOOM.

Tells about the whole alphabet climbing a coconut tree. RL 1.9 E/ Martin

IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE.

He will ask for milk, a straw.... Also try If You Give a Moose a Muffin. RL 1.8 E/ Numeroff

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD.

A little engine saves the day. RL 4.2 E/ Piper

\* DRUMMER HOFF.

Each soldier brings a part of a cannon, then the powder, rammer and the shot. Drummer Hoff fires it off in a splash of illustration. Caldecott RL 3 E/ Emberley

THE NAPPING HOUSE.

Funny chain reaction happens during nap time. RL 3.3 E/ Wood

THE COMPLETED HICKORY DICKORY DOCK.

The rest of the story—after the clock strikes one. RL 1.9 E/ Aylesworth

DINORELLA.

One of a series of stories packed with alliteration. RL 2.5 E/ Edwards

\* TO MARKET, TO MARKET.

ALA Notable Children's Book. In this story, patterned after the nursery rhyme, the author and Janet Stevens, the illustrator, take unruly animals to the supermarket. RL 1.5 E/ Mir

ONE OF EACH.

Fun, rhyming text about a dog who realizes that it's better to have two of everything and share. RL 2.5 E/ Hoberman

\* THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY.

This award winning version was written and illustrated by Simms Taback Caldecott Honor Book RL 1.9 E/ Taback

ANTARCTIC ANTICS: A BOOK OF PENQUIN POEMS.

A collection of poems celebrating the habits and habitat of Emperor penguins. RL 3.5 811/ Sierra

ANIMALS THAT OUGHT TO BE

A collection of short poems about all kinds of unusual animals, including the Backtalk Bat, the Roombroom, and the Channel Changer. RL 3.2 811/Michelson

BEAST FEAST

A collection of humorous poems about such animals as the walrus, anteater, and boa. RL 3.9 811/Florian

#### CAT AT BAT

Presents fourteen rhymed verses describing the activities of animals such as “A duck and his truck are stuck.” RL 1.4 811/Stadler

#### CELEBRATIONS

A collection of poems on the holidays of the year, from New Year’s Day through Martin Luther King Day, Passover, Labor Day, Halloween, and others to Christmas Eve. RL 3.7 811/Livingstone

#### CLICK RUMBLE ROAR

A collection of eighteen poems about machines by Myra Cohn Livingsto, Eve Merriam, David McCord and others. 811/CLI

#### EATS

Reflections on the poet’s love of food and eating. 811/Adoff

#### FROG INSIDE MY HAT

A collection of short whimsical poems. RL 2.3 811/Robinson

#### PIECES: A YEAR IN POEMS AND QUILTS

To illustrate her original poems, the author created nineteen quilts. RL 3.2 811/Hines

## **BEGINNING READERS**

#### GOOD LUCK, MRS. K!

Based on a true story, the students in Mrs. Kempczinsky’s class grow joyful in learning, discover music in words, and find strong roots in compassion. In the face of change and sadness, they spread their wings to use their learning and share their compassion. RL 3 E/Bordon

#### \* HENRY AND MUDGE IN THE FAMILY TREES.

One in a series of books about Henry and his dog, Mudge. Children’s Books of the Year Award. RL 2.2 E/ Rylant

#### WHO’S AFRAID OF THE DARK?

A boy teaches his dog not to be afraid of the dark. Also try short mysteries by Bonsall including Case of the Hungry Stranger. Case of the Cat’s Meow. Case of the Double Cross. and Case of the Scaredv Cat. RL 1.6 E/ Bonsall

#### DON’T EAT TOO MUCH TURKEY.

Anna Maria becomes bossy when planning the first grade Thanksgiving play. Try other school stories including Starring First Grade, Second Grade Friends and Best Friends by same author. RL 2.1 E/ Cohen

#### ARE YOU MY MOTHER?, BEST NEST

and others by Eastman. RL 1.5 E/ Eastman

#### \* FROG AND TOAD TOGETHER.

Short chapters with charming illustrations that describe the adventures of two best friends. Newbery. Other popular books by Lobel include Frog and Toad All Year and Mouse Soup. RL 2.3 E/ Lobel

#### LOUDMOUTH GEORGE AND THE NEW NEIGHBORS.

Pigs are moving into this animal neighborhood and Loudmouth George, the rabbit, vows not to associate with them. One in a series of terrific books by Nancy Carlson. RL 2.8 E/ Carlson

THE DOG THAT PITCHED A NO HITTER.

Great introductions to the popular sports books by Matt Christopher. RL 4.1 E/ Christopher

THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE IS THE GREEN KANGAROO.

Performing in the school play gives Freddie confidence. RL 2.0 E/ Blume

JUNIE B. JONES AND SOME SNEAKY PEEKY SPYING.

Curious Junie gets in trouble in kindergarten when her fondness for spying on people leads her to try to find out about her teacher's private life. One in a series. (A First Stepping Stone book) RL 2.2 FIC/ Park

VACATION ON A VOLCANO.

Their magic tree house takes Annie and Jack to Pompeii just as Vesuvius is about to erupt. They must find a Roman scroll before everything is covered with burning ash. One in a series. RL 2.2 FIC/ Osborne

FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS.

Caldecott Medal Honor Book. RL 2.4 E/ Lobel

BERENSTAIN BEAR SCOUTS AND THE COUGHING CATFISH

When Lizzy catches Old Jake, the Catfish King of Lake Grizzly, the Bear Scouts discover that he is sick from pollution. RL 5.8 FIC/Berenstain

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS AND QUEENIE'S CRAZY CRUSH

When Queenie McBear gets a crush on her new art teacher, her boyfriend gets jealous, and learns how to paint in the process. RL 5.5 FIC/Berenstain

ARTHUR AND THE CRUNCH CEREAL CONTEST

Arthur really wants to enter a song in the Crunch Cereal Jingle Contest, but when he cannot come up with a good idea, he enters a song his sister wrote instead. RL 3.2 FIC/Krensky

SEBASTIAN (SUPER SLEUTH) AND THE BAFFLING BIGFOOT

Sebastian the dog and his detective master search for Bigfoot and other suspects when a guest is attacked by something "big and hairy" at the Sasquatch Inn. FIC/Christian

GARBAGE JUICE FOR BREAKFAST

Children go on a treasure hunt. RL 3.5 FIC/Giff

OLIVER AND THE AMAZING SPY

Oliver enlists the help of his friend's pet ferret to pull a prank on a blackmailing bully. RL 5.3 FIC/McBrier

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN AND THE CASE OF THE DEAD EAGLES

The solutions to ten mysteries solved by Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown are given in a separate section challenging the reader to match wits with the ten-year-old mastermind of Idaville's war on crime. RL 3.1 FIC/Sobol

MEET JOSEFINA AN AMERICAN GIRL

Nine-year-old Josefina, the youngest of four sisters living in New Mexico in 1824, tries to help run the household after her mother dies. RL 5.1 FIC/ Tripp

## **BIOGRAPHY**

FLY HIGH! THE STORY OF BESSIE COLEMAN

Bessie Coleman dreams of flying an airplane, but could this be anything more than a dream? After all, no other African American had ever been given a pilot's license before 1921! What would happen if she dared to step forward and say, "I can do it...no matter what!" Can she conquer this giant named "It's Never Been Done" and earn her wings? RL 5.1 92/Coleman

THE GLORIOUS FLIGHT: ACROSS THE CHANNEL WITH LOUIS BLERIOT JULY 25, 1919.

Louis Bleriot goes for a drive with his family and sees a huge white airship. He is inspired to build his own flying machine. Finally, on July 25, 1909, he makes a historic solo flight across the English Channel. Caldecott. RL 3.5 92/ Bleriot

\* LOU GEHRIG: THE LUCKIEST MAN.

ALA Notable Children's Books RL 3.5 92/ Gehrig

FRANCIS, THE POOR MAN OF ASSISI.

RL 5.7 92/Francis

KATE SHELLY: BOUND FOR LEGEND.

True story of a fifteen-year-old Iowa teenager who helped avert a train disaster In 1881 and became a national heroine. RL 5.9 92/Shelly

FINDING PROVIDENCE: THE STORY OF ROGER WILLIAMS.

After being forced to leave the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Roger travels south. With the help of Narragansett Indians, he founds Providence, Rhode Island. RL 2.8 92/Williams

MARIA DE SAUTUOLA: THE BULLS IN THE CAVE.

(Remarkable Children Series) The true story of Maria who discovers remarkable cave art when she is eight. RL 5.3 92/ deSautuola

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHIES by David Adlen

Picture book of ANNE FRANK

Picture book of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Picture book of MARTIN LUTHER KING

Picture book of LOUIS BRAILLE

Picture book of THOMAS A. EDISON

BICYCLE RIDER

Focuses on the first cycling victory in the career of champion bicyclist Marshall Taylor. 92/ Taylor

POCAHONTAS

A biography of the Indian girl who helped the early settlers in Jamestown and eventually went to England to live with her English husband. RL 2.7 92/Pocahontas

NELSON MANDELA

A biography of the son of a Thembu chief who became a civil rights activist, political prisoner and president of South Africa. RL 4.8 92/Mandela

THE MAN WHO PAINTS NATURE

An author and illustrator of children's books, who particularly enjoys painting nature, tells how his creative work intertwines with his daily routine. RL 4.0 92/Locker

TOMIE DEPAOLA

Presents the life of the author-illustrator who has won numerous awards and prizes, including the Caldecott Medal, for his children's books. RL 3.1 92/DePaola

WE'LL RACE YOU HENRY

A brief biography tells how Ford developed fast and sturdy racing cars that eventually led to the Model T. RL 5.8 92/Ford

THE WRITING BUG

Noted children's poet Lee Bennett Hopkins recounts his life and describes how his daily activities and writing process are interwoven. RL 4.5 92/Hopkins

#### A BOOKWORM WHO HATCHED

Noted children's author and storyteller Verna Aardema recounts her life and describes how her daily activities and writing process are interwoven. RL 4.9 92/Aardema

#### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND HIS VOYAGE TO THE NEW WORLD

Describes the life of Christopher Columbus and how he came to discover the new world. 92/Columbus

#### JIMMY CARTER

Presents a biography of the United States president, from his childhood in Georgia to his current activities with the Carter Center and Habitat for Humanity, discussing important historical events that happened during his career. RL 4.3 92/Carter

#### KEEP THE LIGHTS BURNING, ABBIE

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself. RL 2.0 92/Bur

#### CLARA BARTON ANGEL OF THE BATTLEFIELD

A childhood biography of the girl who became known as a fearless battlefield nurse during the Civil War and the founder of the American Red Cross. 92/Barton

#### JOHNNY APPLESEED

Presents the life of John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, describing his love of nature, his kindness to animals, and his physical fortitude. RL 4.7 92/Appleseed

#### THROUGH MY EYES

In this book we are allowed to see through the eyes of six-year-old Ruby Bridges who, escorted by Federal Marshals through mobs of screaming segregationists, became the first black child to enter a white school. RL 4.5 92/Bridges

#### BOSS OF THE PLAINS

Who made the ten-gallon hat? Why did it become a popular addition to western dress? Follow the life of its creator, John Stetson. RL 3.5 92/Stetson

### **TEXAS 2 X 2 AWARDS**

#### FROG'S BEST FRIEND

Frog learns that even best friends can be shared. RL 0.0 E/Bauer

#### DREAM CARVER

A young Mexican wood carver named Mateo watches his father carve wood and dreams of carving brightly colored fanciful animals. RL 0.0 E/Cohn

#### AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS

Animals playing at the edge of the woods count up to ten and back again. RL 0.0 E/Cotton

#### HUNTER'S BEST FRIEND AT SCHOOL

Two raccoon friends learn important lessons about friendship. RL 0.0 E/Elliott

#### ALPHABET UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The alphabet is construction by a hard working mouse. RL 0.0 E/Fleming

#### MAGIC HAT

What happens to the people of a town when a magical hat blows in? RL 0.0 E/Fox

### TANYA AND THE RED SHOES

Tanya gets her new toe shoes and through hard work learns to dance. RL 0.0 E/Gauch

### A STORY FOR BEAR

Through the year, a bear learns to enjoy the magic of reading. RL 0.0 E/Haseley

### PEEKABOO MORNING

Share the world from a toddler's joy in the game of "Peekaboo". RL 0.0 E/Isadora

### I STINK!

Explore the wild and funny life of a garbage truck, a story filled with comical illustration and lively words. RL 0.0 E/McMullan

### EAGLET'S WORLD

Beautiful illustrations and gentle descriptions show eaglet's scary, but exciting journey from the cozy egg to first flight. RL 0.0 E/Minshull

### SONG OF NIGHT: IT'S TIME TO GO TO BED

Bedtime rhymes about little animals like bunnies, bears, and cats will fluff your pillows for you! RL 0.0 811/Nakamura

### MAX AND JAX IN SECOND GRADE

Twins, Jax and Max are second graders who love to fish, but Jax always catches more fish than Max. What's her secret? RL 0.0 E/Nolen

### A RAINBOW ALL AROUND ME

Photographs of children of all colors form a rainbow! RL 0.0 E/Pinkney

### OLIVER FINDS HIS WAY

What is a little bear going to do when chases a leaf into the woods and becomes lost? RL 0.0 E/Root

### WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S DOWN?

Nature takes the reader up and down to understand the world from underground, to the moon and back down to the deepest part of the ocean. RL 0.0 ?/Schaefer

### DUCK ON A BIKE

What do the animals on the farm think about Duck as he rides a bike one day? RL 0.0 E/Shannon

### FIRST THING MY MAMA TOLD ME

How does Lucy celebrate her special name? RL 0.0 E/Swanson

### SIXTEEN COWS

Will the Biddle cows and the Waddle cows get back where they belong after a wind blows down the fences between their ranches? RL 0.0 E/Wheeler

### APPLE PIE, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Chinese food, in America, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? A young Chinese girl learns that in America, you can! RL 0.0 E/Wong

# Shady Grove Elementary School

## Reading Olympics

### LEVEL TWO

**Realistic Fiction:** Stories that take place in modern times. The characters are involved in events that could happen.

**Mystery:** Stories containing a puzzle, problem, secret or riddle.

**Historical Fiction / Nonfiction:** Stories that take place in a particular time period in the past. Nonfiction is factual.

**Biography:** Factual stories about real people from the past or present.

**Classics:** Outstanding stories with enduring themes.

**Adventure and Science Fiction:** Two kinds of stories in one category. Science fiction often includes futuristic technology within a blend of scientific fact and fiction.

**Animal Stories**

**Science**

**The Arts**

**Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends:** Folklore or stories that people told each other over time. They were later written down.

**Fantasy:** Inventive stories with unrealistic elements.

**Bluebonnet Nominees:** Books nominated for the Texas Bluebonnet Award presented by the Texas Library Association, co-sponsored by the Children's Round Table and Texas Association of School Libraries.

- **\*\* Award Books are marked with an asterisk! \*\***

## REALISTIC FICTION

### EDWINA VICTORIOUS

How can a young girl expect to make important elected officials listen? Edwina is doubtful that she can, but she just so happens to have the same name as her ninety-year-old, highly respected aunt! What would be the harm in forging her aunt's name on the letters she writes to the mayor? Would they listen to her concerns then? Can she get the giant on her side? RL 4.6 FIC/ Bonners

### THE SCHOOL STORY

Natalie nelson's terrific story needs to get published, but how can a 12-year old kid be taken seriously? How can Zoe, her fireball friend, help? Two girls with very different talents use their determination, courage, and compassion to ferry the story through the gigantic publishing process. RL 6.1 FIC/ Clements

### THE RAFT

Nicky was sure of one thing: he didn't want to go! But, spending a summer in the country with his "river rat" grandmother might change nicky's attitudes toward everything! Will he take a giant step and discover the beauty and wonder of nature by walking in her shoes? RL 2.2 E/ LaMarche

### DEAR WHISKERS

Jenny hates to write, so why would her teacher ever give her a pen pal fro the second grade? To top it off, her pen pal won't even answer! When jenny discovers a gigantic difference between her and her pen pal, how will compassion and understanding build a bridge between them? RL 4.2 FIC/ Nagda

### THE GRADUATION OF JAKE MOON

Skelly was like a father to Jake, so how will Jake's life ever be the same after Skelly begins to lose his mind? Is Alzheimer's disease a giant that will destroy the whole family or will courage and compassion win out? How will Jake Moon graduate in two ways? RL 4.3 FIC/ Park

### ESPERANZA RISING

When Esperanza's world of beauty and wealth turns upside, she must face a giant she has never known before: poverty. Leaving her beautiful home in Mexico, she and her mother travel to California to lead the life of farm workers. Will she survive the hardships and discrimination of poverty or will the giant destroy her? RL 6.2 FIC/ Ryan

### COCKROACH COOTIES

Arnie, the school bully, is out to get Teddy and Bobby! How can the brothers use a bug named Hercules to bring down a giant and find common ground with him? They will need courage, compassion, self-reliance, and ...a cockroach... to find justice! RL 5.1 FIC/ Yep

### \*BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

Ten year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. RL 5.8 FIC/ DiCamillo

### THE LANDRY NEWS

A fifth-grade starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out teacher to really begin teaching again, but is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result. RL 4 FIC/Clement

### BUD, NOT BUDDY

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the depression, escaped a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father – the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. RL 4 FIC/Curtis

### MORGY MAKES HIS MOVE

When third-grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things to get used to before he feels comfortable. RL 3 FIC/Lewis

### THE BOY OF A THOUSAND FACES

Obsessed with horror films, ten-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into “The Boy of a Thousand Faces” and gets his wish in an unexpected way. RL 4 FIC/Selznick

### ABBIE AGAINST THE STORM

A fictionalized account of an incident in the life of a seventeen-year-old girl who tends her family’s lighthouse during a fierce storm on the coast of Maine in the winter of 1856. RL 4 E/Vaughan

### \* DEAR MR. HENSHAW.

Leigh begins writing to an author after his parents’ divorce. Newbery RL 5.O FIC/ Cleary

### MUGGIE MAGGIE.

Maggie was determined never to read or write in cursive, until she realized... RL 5.1 FIC/ Cleary

### \* UNCLE JED’S BARBERHOP.

A dream comes true. Coretta Scott King Award. RL 4.5 E/ Mitchell

### \* JUSTIN AND THE BEST BISCUITS IN THE WORLD.

Outnumbered by females in his family, Justin feels housekeeping jobs are out of his job description until... RL 5.2 FIC/ Walter

### TOOTHPASTE MILLIONAIRE.

Rufus and his friends produce and market a low cost toothpaste. RL 6.1 FIC/ Merrill

### JACKSON JONES AND THE PUDDLE OF THORNS.

When Jackson doesn’t get a basketball for his birthday, he comes up with a plan to make his wish come true. RL 5.1 FIC/ Quattlebaum

### \* THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR EVER.

Beth must think of a compliment for Imogene Herdman, but it won’t be easy. RL 5.4 FIC/ Robinson

### \* THERE’S A BOY IN THE GIRLS’ BATHROOM.

An eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself. RL 5.O FIC/ Sachar

### CHICKEN SUNDAY.

Three children sell decorated eggs to buy Miss Eula an Easter hat. RL 4.8 E/ Polacco

### TREE OF CRANES.

A Japanese boy learns of Christmas when his mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes. RL 4.5 E/ Say

### JENNY ARCHER, AUTHOR.

Faced with an assignment to write her autobiography, Jenny decides to enhance her life story. One in a series. RL 4.2 FIC/ Conford

### RAMONA AND BEEZUS, RAMONA AND HER FATHER

and other books in the series. Ramona grows up in this series. Her adventures and problems are realistic and funny. RL 5.3 FIC/ Cleary

### ANASTASIA KRUPNIK.

In this first book of a series, ten-year-old Anastasia resents the imminent arrival of a baby in the family. RL 5.4 FIC/ Lowry

#### HELLO, MY NAME IS SCRAMBLED EGGS.

A Vietnamese family learns English from Harvey. Also try DO BANANAS CHEW GUM? about a boy with a learning disability. RL 4.6 FIC/ Gilson

#### \* SKINNYBONES.

A wild sense of humor saves Little League's worst player. RL 4.1 FIC/Park

#### WANTED: MUD BLOSSOM.

Mud, the Blossom's golden retriever, is accused of killing Scooty, the school hamster. Other books in the series include BLOSSOM PROMISE, THE BLOSSOMS MEET THE VULTURE LADY, AND OTHERS. RL 4.8 FIC/ Byers

#### \* SUPERFUDGE. Peter describes the ups and downs of life with his younger brother, Fudge.

Sunshine State Young Readers' Award. Other Fudge books include TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING and FUDGE-A-MANIA. RL 4.2 FIC/ Blume

#### HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS.

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal. RL 2.6 FIC/ Rockwell

#### \* SUMMER OF THE SWANS.

Everything either irritates or embarrasses teenaged, Sara. She wants to escape from her life, but it is her brother who disappears. As she searches for him, she rediscovers her real values. Newbery. RL 5.0 FIC/ Byars

#### WALK TWO MOONS.

During Pheobe's cross country trip with her grandparents, she comes to grips with her mother's death. Newbery. RL 6.6 FIC/ Creech

AMELIA HITS THE ROAD. Ten-year-old Amelia records notes and pictures on a family trip. Also Amelia Writes Again and Amelia's Notebook. RL 3.8 FIC/Moss

#### JUST KIDS: VISITING A CLASS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Second grader Cindy is assigned to spend part of each day in the class for students with special needs. RL 3.5 FIC/ Senisis

#### HEY NEW KID!

Third grader Cody dreads going to school when his family moves. He decides to reinvent himself, hoping his new classmates will be impressed. Other books about Cody at our library are How to be Cool in Third Grade and Spotlight on Cody. RL 3.5 FIC/ Duffey

#### FRINDLE.

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word. This begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. RL 4.8 FIC/ Clements

#### THE KID WHO RAN FOR PRESIDENT.

With his friend as a campaign manager and his former babysitter as running mate, twelve-year-old Judson Moon sets out to become President of the U.S. RL 6.2 FIC/ Gutman

#### THE BIKE RACE.

Ernest Peterson's hope of winning the Washington DC Citywide Cup bicycle race are shattered when his grandmother gives him a huge, clunky yellow bike for his tenth birthday. RL 4.3 FIC/ Bledsoe

#### SEASON OF COMEBACKS.

Ten-year-old Molly competes for the attention of her father who seems to be interested only in cultivating the talent of her older sister, Allie, a star softball pitcher. RL 4.8 FIC/ Mackel

#### FLYING SOLO

Rachel, having chosen to be mute following the sudden death of a classmate, shares responsibility with the other sixth-graders who decide not to report that the substitute teacher failed to show up. FIC/Fletcher

#### AFTER THE RAIN

After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet. FIC/ Mazer

#### WHERE THE FIREFLIES DANCE

A girl and her brother spent their childhood in a small town on the Caribbean coast of Mexico. FIC/Corpi

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#### ANNIE PITTS, BURGER KID

Third-grader Annie Pitts loves hamburgers and is determined to become the Burger Barn's next poster child. FIC/DeGreat

#### DAVE AT NIGHT

When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music and culture filled world of the Harlem Renaissance. FIC/Levine

#### THE SILVER BALLOON

When fourth-grader Gregory releases a helium-filled balloon into the sky with his name and address attached, it leads to an unusual friendship and an exchange of mystery gifts. FIC/Bonnet

#### OH NO, IT'S ROBERT

Robert Dorfman strives to win a classroom achievement contest. FIC/Seuling

#### ALEXANDRA INGREDIENT

Just when she is trying her hardest to convince her parents that she is mature and responsible, Alexandra has to face a host of problems, including the illness of her "adopted" grandfather Mike. FIC/Strauss

#### HOW TIA LOLA CAME TO STAY

When his parents divorce, Miguel's life turns upside down. His family moves to Vermont, and Tia Lola, who is from the Dominican Republic, comes to visit to help out. RL 4.2 FIC/Alvarez

#### FLIPPED

How can two people experience the same event and have two totally different ideas about what happened? RL 5.9 FIC/VanDraanen

#### WINGWALKER

This story is told through the voice of a young boy who reluctantly goes on an airplane ride not to disappoint his father. RL 5.6 FIC/Wells

## MYSTERY

#### THE MYSTERIOUS MATTER OF I.M. FINE

Franny and Beamer witness a series of very strange events and begin to investigate. To their horror, they uncover a sinister plot to destroy modern civilization. Will anyone listen to the evidence they uncover or will they have to tackle this giant themselves? RL 4.0 FIC/ Stanley

THE DARK STAIRS: A HERACULEAN JONES MYSTERY.

Herculean helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case. RL 5.3 FIC/ Byars

HELP! I'M A PRISONER IN THE LIBRARY.

When their dad's car runs out of gas in a blizzard, Mary Rose and JoBeth are told to stay in the car while he goes for help. The sisters soon leave in search of a bathroom, and end up locked in an empty old library. Blend of humor and mystery. RL 3.1 FIC/ Eth

FRANKENSTEIN MOVED IN ON THE FOURTH FLOOR.

Two boys suspect that their new neighbor is Frankenstein. —If you enjoy this one, try DRACULA IS A PAIN IN THE NECK, CASE OF THE MIND READING MOMMIES, and CASE OF THE TELL TALE HEART. All are written by Elizabeth Levy. RL 3.2 FIC/ Levy

SOMETHING QUEER AT THE BALL PARK

and other books in the series. Elizabeth Levy, the author of these popular mysteries, solicits titles for her new books from readers. You could give it a try! RL 3.0 E/ Levy

\* BLACK AND WHITE

Inspect this book again and again to solve the puzzle and enjoy the pictures. Is it only one story or are there really four? Caldecott Medal RL 4.3 FIC/ Macauley

BOXCAR CHILDREN.

Series about a family of children living in a boxcar. RL 2.2 -5.5 FIC/Warner

CAM JANSEN SERIES.

Cam sees something and "click" her mind saves a picture. She uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries. RL 2.4 - 4.8 FIC/ Adler

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN, BOY DETECTIVE SERIES.

The boy detective challenges the reader to work on the mystery with him. RL 2.2 - 5.0 FIC/ Sobol

THE DOLLHOUSE MURDERS.

Twelve-year-Old Amy yearns to be independent but her retarded sister is always around. She finally escapes for a two week visit with her Aunt Claire. When she is looking at her aunt's dollhouse, she witnesses a murder scene enacted by the dolls. Also try GHOST IN THE HOUSE and CHRISTINA'S GHOST by the same author. RL 5.5 FIC/ Wright

HANK THE COWDOG series.

RL 5.5 FIC/ Erickson

THE CLUE IN THE CRUMBLING WALL

While trying to locate a missing dancer who is about to gain a large inheritance, Nancy Drew finds a clue leading to the solution of a mystery. Choose one in the series. RL 5.4 FIC/ Keene

DAY OF THE DINOSAUR.

A new museum with a dinosaur park is under construction outside Bayport. Frank and Joe Hardy learn that a high-tech criminal is out to sabotage the museum. Choose one in the series. RL 5.3 FIC/ Dixon

A TIME FOR ANDREW: A GHOST STORY.

Drew Tyler spends the summer with his great aunt and discovers something in her attic that leads to adventure. RL 5.6 FIC/ Hahn

\*STEPPING ON THE CRACKS.

Two girls with brothers fighting in World War II uncover a mystery at home. Scott O'Dell Awar RL 5.9 FIC/ Hahn

### SEBASTIAN (SUPERSLEUTH) AND THE TIME CAPSULE CAPER.

A shaggy dog detective Investigates the disappearance of the contents from a wealthy family's time capsule. Other titles in the series include SEBASTIAN (SUPERSLEUTH) AND THE PURLOINED SIRLOIN and SEBASTION SUPERSLEUTH AND THE CLUMSY COWBOY RL 4.9 FIC/ Christian

### \* MUMMIES AND THEIR MYSTERIES.

Mummies are not only from Egypt...read this book to find out more on this fascinating subject. Bluebonnet Award RL 5.7 393/ Wil

### \* BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY.

Is the Monroe family's new pet really a vampire bunny who sucks the juice out of veggies? A wild story related by Harold, the family dog. RL 4.5 FIC/ Howe

### THE CELERY STALKS AT MIDNIGHT.

More adventures of Howard and Chester, the cat. RL 4.5 FIC/ Howe

### SILENT TO THE BONE

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his poer of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened. FIC/Konigsburg

### WAIT TILL HELEN COMES

Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister, Heather, but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom. FIC/Hahn

### DANGER AT THE FAIR

Ellen receives a spirit message during séance at the county fair, warning that her brother Corey is in danger and that she must rescue him. RL 5.5 FIC/Kehret

### THE BLIZZARD DISASTER

Warren and Betsy travel back in time via the Instant Commuter to get first-hand information for their report on the 1940 armistice Day Blizzard in Minnesota, but their chances for returning to modern day Washington grow dim when they find a small child stranded in the storm. RL 4.8 FIC/Kehet

### BERENSTAIN BEAR SCOUTS AND THE COUGHING CATFISH

When Lizzy catches Old Jake, the Catfish King of Lake Grizzly, the Bear Scouts discover that he is sick from pollution. FIC/Berenstain

### THE YELLOW STAR: THE LEGEND OF KING CHRISTIAN X OF DENMARK

Tiny Denmark finds itself in a dangerous position: take away the freedom of some of it's citizens or bear the wrath of the giant Nazi Germany. Will King Christian X's compassion, responsibility, loyalty, and wisdom be enough to stop the evil invasion? RL 4.6 FIC/ Deedy

## **HISTORIAL FICTION / NONFICTION**

### THE YEAR OF MISS AGNES

A new teacher comes to a remote Alaskan village that faces a dreaded giant: Illiteracy. Will she e able to offer hope through books, games, and projects? Why is compassion the stone that ultimately brings this giant down? RL 4.2 FIC/ Hill

The gigantic Japanese empire attacked a sleeping United States Navy on December 7, 1941. What was it like to live through the attack on Pearl Harbor? From multiple points of view, detailed maps, and primary source photos, relive the attack with real people from both sides who were there. RL 5.9 940.54/ Tanaka

### THE OTHER SIDE

Before the Civil Rights movement, people of all colors longed for the fence between them to be torn down. Living on opposite sides of a fence, Annie Rose and Clover find their own way of tearing down the giant that stands between them. RL 2.4 E/ Woodson

#### RADIO RESCUE

In the early years of the twentieth century, Morse code was as essential to communications as the telephone is today. Robert was determined to learn the complicated code and become a ham radio operator, but isn't he too young to do such a difficult job? How does his perseverance pay off against the giant task before him? How will his determination save lives? RL 3.4 E/ Barasch

#### NORY RYAN'S SONG

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nora Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive. RL 5 FIC/ Giff

#### SEESAW GIRL

Impatient with the constraints put on her as an aristocratic girl living in Korea during the seventeenth century, twelve-year-old Jade Blossom determines to see beyond her small world. RL 4 FIC/Park

#### SO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?

Curious tidbits of personal information and national history combine with humorously drawn caricatures to give a quirky appeal. RL 4 353.03/St. George

#### \* CADDIE WOODLAWN.

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860's. Newbery Medal. RL 5.3 FIC/ Brinks

#### LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE.

Laura's family moves west to build a house in Kansas. First in the series. RL 4.3 FIC/ Wilder

#### THE SHORES OF SILVER LAKE.

In this fifth Little House book, Laura's family moves to the shores of Silver Lake. Newbery. RL 4.3 FIC/ Wilder

#### DANDELIONS.

Zoe and her family make a new home in the Nebraska territory. RL 3.1 FIC/ Bunting

#### \* SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL.

A mail-order bride comes to live in Caleb and Anna's prairie home. Scott O'Dell Award. RL 3.9 FIC/ MacLachlan

#### \* SKYLARK.

Continues the story of Caleb, Anna and their stepmother, Sarah. They go to Maine when a drought and prairie fires threaten their lives on the prairie.. RL 3.3 FIC/ MacLachlan

#### PINK AND SAY.

Say Curtis tells about his meeting with Pikus Ayler, a black soldier, during the Civil War and their capture by Southern troops. RL 4.9 E/ Polacco

#### THE GENTLEMAN OUTLAW AND ME - ELI: A STORY OF THE OLD WEST.

In 1887, 12-year-old Eliza, disguised as a boy and traveling toward Colorado in search of her missing father, falls in with a "gentleman" outlaw. RL 6.7 FIC/ Hahn

#### THE RAID.

When his little brother is carried off by raiding Comanches and Kiowas, 14-yr-old Lige disguises himself as an Indian and joins a former slave in a bold rescue attempt. RL 5.9 FIC/ Wisler

#### ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY.

Set in Mississippi during the Depression, this story centers on Cassie's realization that black people are treated differently. Her family refuses to give in to the threats and harassments by white neighbors. RL 5.8 FIC/ Taylor

### PARADISE CALLED TEXAS.

The story of one family's immigration from Germany to Texas in 1845. RL 5.0 FIC/ Shefilman

### STRANDED AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION 1626.

A fictional diary of a young settler documents a year at the Plimoth colony in New England..

RL 6.1 973.2 /BOWEN

### CASSIE'S JOURNEY: GOING WEST IN THE 1860's.

A young girl relates the hardships and dangers of traveling with her family in a covered wagon from Illinois to California during the 1860's. RL 4.3 FIC/ Harvey

### AMERICAN GIRL SERIES.

Choose two in the series. FIC/ TRI, FIC/ POR, FIC/ SHA. If you like American girls, try GIRLHOOD JOURNEYS featuring girls from other countries —FIC/ KUD, FIC/ KIR, FIC/ THI.

### \* BIGGER.

Tyler goes in search of his father after the Civil War and encounters a mean, wild dog. RL 6.3 FIC/ Calvert

### \* JOHNNY TREMAIN.

A silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty. Newbery Medal. RL 5.5 FIC/ Forbes

### \* SWEET CLARA AND THE FREEDOM QUILT.

Sweet Clara, a slave, makes a quilt map to help guide her to freedom in the North. RL 4.5 E/ Hopkinson

### \* JIM-DANDY.

Follow a twelve-year-old boy, Caleb and Dandy, the horse, as they go from a Kansas homestead to General Custer's Seventh Cavalry. RL 6.3 FIC/ Irwin

### \* THE GREAT FIRE.

This is a factual account of the three day blaze in Chicago in 1871. First person accounts, archival photographs and maps allow us to follow the fire as it devours a city made mostly of wood. Newbery. RL 6.5 FIC/ Murphy

### \*PASSAGE TO FREEDOM.

The true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania in 1940. He risked the safety of his own family members and his job by issuing visas to as many as 10,000 Jews who were facing death at the hands of the Nazis. ALA Notable Best Books. RL 4.2 940.53/Mochizuki

### COMING TO AMERICA: THE STORY OF IMMIGRATION

Traces the history of immigration to the United States and tells people's reasons for choosing to move to America. RL 4.8 304.8/ Maestro

### JOURNEY HOME.

Hal returns to Vietnam, the land of her mother's birth, to discover both a new country and something about herself. RL 3.5 FIC/ McKay

### \*OUT OF THE DUST.

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression. Newbery Medal Honor

RL 4.5 FIC/ Hesse

### SEARCH FOR THE SHADOWEAN.

While working on a genealogy project for his seventh grade history class, Andy Bonner becomes determined to solve the mystery surrounding a distant relative who was accused of stealing the family fortune.

RL 6.5 FIC/ Nixon

#### AMELIA AND ELEANOR GO FOR A RIDE

A fictionalized account of the night Amelia Earhart flew Eleanor Roosevelt over Washington, D.C. in an airplane. FIC/Ryan

#### WILL'S CHOICE

Sent away on an orphan train by his self-centered father Jessie, Will keeps hoping Jessie will return to claim him, even though the people he lives with care for him far more. FIC/ Nixon

#### THEODORE ROOSEVELT: LETTERS FROM A YOUNG COAL MINER

Thirteen-year-old Frank Kovacs, a Polish immigrant working in the coal mines of eastern Pennsylvania, begins a correspondence with Theodore Roosevelt after he assumes the presidency on September 14, 1901. FIC/Armstrong

#### FIRE AT THE TRIANGLE FACTORY

Two fourteen-year-old girls, sewing machine operators at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, are caught in the famous Triangle Fire of 1911. FIC/Littlefield

#### MATILDA BONE

Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical. FIC/Cushman

#### FIRST TEST

Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight. RL 6.7 FIC/Pierce

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#### QUEEN ANNE'S WAR

While living in Boston in 1710, eleven-year-old Will faces challenges brought on by Queen Anne's War as well as by school, friendship, and his development. FIC/Grote

#### THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847. RL 5.6 FIC/Erdrich

#### MIRANDA'S LAST STAND

Because the Sioux had killed her papa at the Battle of Little Bighorn, eleven-year-old Miranda struggles with her mama's prejudice and her own experiences with Indians in the Wild West Show. FIC/Whelan

#### VOYAGE ON THE GREAT TITANIC

In her diary in 1912, thirteen-year-old Margaret Ann describes how she leaves her lonely life in a London orphanage to become a companion to a wealthy American woman, sailed on the Titanic, and experiences its sinking. FIC/White

#### COLOR ME DARK

Eleven-year-old Nellie Lee Love records in her diary the events of 1919, when her family moves from Tennessee to Chicago, hoping to leave the racism and hatred of the South behind. FIC/McKissack

#### A LIGHT IN THE STORM

In 1860 and 1861, while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, fifteen-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state. FIC/Hesse

#### OUR STRANGE NEW LAND

Nine-year-old Elizabeth keeps a journal of her experiences in the New World as she encounters Indians, suffers hunger and the death of friends, and helps her father build their first home. FIC/Hermes

#### 26 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

Children's author-illustrator Tomie dePaola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.  
FIC/DePaola

#### SHOELESS JOE & BLACK BETSY

Shoeless Joe Jackson earned his fame in baseball by having the highest batting average by a rookie (until 2001) and by once playing a game in his stocking feet. Black Betsy was his bat. RL2.1 E/Bildner

#### GOIN' SOMEPLACE SPECIAL

Tricia Ann is on her way to "someplace special," but the readers are held in suspense as the journey proceeds.  
RL4.2 E/McKissack

#### KITE FIGHTERS

In spite of the culture in Korea, where the older brother is favored and will inherit everything, two brothers combine talents as the annual kite-fighting contest draws near. RL6.9 FIC/Park

#### FAIR WEATHER

A letter from Aunt Euterpe arrives at the Beckett family, inviting them to the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago. That was the first of the surprises, with more to come. RL 6.3 FIC/Peck

#### WALKING TO THE BUS-RIDER BLUES

Twelve year old Alfa Merryfield learns ways to deal with his fears and follow the non-violent methods of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. RL 4.9 FIC/Robinet

#### LEONARD'S HORSE

Could a work of art really take 500 years to complete? Leonardo's horse did! RL 4.3 730/Fritz

#### MERCEDES AND THE CHOCOLATE PILOT

Mercedes, a young girl living with her mother in East Germany, hopes for chocolate in the Berlin Airlift. RL 4.5 943/Raven

## **BIOGRAPHY**

#### FLY HIGH! THE STORY OF BESSIE COLEMAN

Bessie Coleman dreams of flying an airplane, but could this be anything more than a dream? After all, no other African American had ever been given a pilot's license before 1921! What would happen if she dared to step forward and say, "I can do it...no matter what!" Can she conquer this giant named "It's Never Been Done" and earn her wings? RL 5.1 92/Coleman

#### THROUGH MY EYES

In this book we are allowed to see through the eyes of six-year-old Ruby Bridges who, escorted by federal marshals through mobs of screaming segregationists, became the first black child to enter a white school. RL 4.5 92/Bridges

#### BOSS OF THE PLAINS

Who made the ten-gallon hat? Why did it become a popular addition to western dress? Follow the life of its creator, John Stetson. RL 3.5 92/Stetson

\* SADAKO AND THE 1,000 PAPER CRANES.

Hospitalized with leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races to fold 1,000 paper cranes. RL 5.0 92/Sadako

\* LINCOLN: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY.

Lincoln's boyhood, young manhood, and political career are featured with many samples of Lincoln's writing. Newbery. RL 6.5 92/Lincoln

CAN'T YOU MAKE THEM BEHAVE, KING GEORGE?

Before England's King George the Third was either king, or the Third, he was just plain George-a bashful boy. RL 4.6 92/George

\* THE GLORIOUS FLIGHT: ACROSS THE CHANNEL WITH LOUIS BLERIOT JULY 25, 1919.

Louis Bleriot goes for a drive with his family and sees a huge white airship. He is inspired to build his own flying machine. Finally, on July 25, 1909, he makes a historic solo flight across the English Channel. Caldecott. RL 3.5 92/Bleriot

THOMAS ALVA EDISON: GREAT INVENTOR 92/EDI

Along came the model T: how Henry Ford put the world on wheels. RL 6.3 92/Edison

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, BEN FRANKLIN?

Ben Frankin was full of ideas: circulating libraries, elecricity, postal systems, and many more. RL 4.6 92/Fanklin

ON THE BUS WITH JOANNA COLE.

The author of the Magic School Bus series and many other books discusses her life, how she came to be a writer and how a book is produced. RL 5.9 92/ Cole

FRANCIS: THE POOR MAN OF ASSISI.

Written and illustrated by Tomle DePaola. RL 5.7 92/Francis

WHEN WILLARD MET BABE RUTH:

A story by Donald Hall. A boy meets the young Babe Ruth and follows the Babe's career. RL 5.5 92/Ruth

\* WILMA UNLIMITED: HOW WILMA RUDOLPH BECAME THE WORLD'S FASTEST WOMAN.

A biography of the woman who battled crippling polio as a child and went on to become the first woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympic season. A.L.A. Notable Best Book RL 4.8 92/Rudolph

MARIA deSAUTUOLA: THE BULLS IN THE CAVE.

An eight-year-old Spanish girl finds amazing drawings in a cave. RL 5.3 92/ deSeutuola

KATE SHELLY: BOUND FOR LEGEND.

The true story of a fifteen-year-old Iowa teenager who helped avert a train disaster in 1881 and became a national heroine. RL 5.7 92/Shelly

A CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

President Theodore Roosevelt does not approve of cutting down living trees just to be used for Christmas decoration. His two young sons try to sneak one into the White House anyway. RL 3.9 E/ Hines

\*SMALL STEPS: THE YEAR I GOT POLIO.

Peggy Kehret describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome the debilitating effects. ALA Notable Best Book. RL 5.6 92/ Kehret

SKY PIONEER. A PHOTO BIOGRAPHY OF AMELIA EARHART.

This biography, with personal photos and quotations by Amelia, traces the determined woman's life and interest in flying. RL 6.2 92/ Earhart

#### IN MY FAMILY/ EN MI FAMILIE.

Carmen Lomas Garza describes, in bilingual text and paintings, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas. RL 2.8 92/Garza

#### MICHELANGELO'S SURPRISE.

After a heavy snowfall in Florence, Italy, Sandro, the youngest page in the palazzo De'Medici tries to find out why the ruler has summoned the sculptor, Michelangelo. RL 4.8 E/ Parill

#### PLAYING WITH WORDS.

The author of the Bannicula books, the Pinky and Rex series, the Sebastian Barth mysteries, and other books for children describes his life and writing experiences. RL 4.3 92/ Howe

#### MOLLY BROWN

Relates the life story of Molly Brown, who rose from humble beginnings to great wealth through the Colorado Gold Rush, survived the sinking of the Titanic, and was active in social reform. 92/Brown

#### WHO'S THAT GIRL WITH THE GUN

Presents a biography of the famous sharpshooter, Annie Oakley, discussing her childhood, her success as a performer, and her relationships with such folk heroes as Buffalo Bill and Sitting Bull. 92/Oakley

#### DESMOND TUTU BISHOP OF PEACE

Profiles the life of the South African bishop who has worked energetically and courageously to improve the lot of black people in South Africa. 92/Tutu

#### PEOPLE OF PEACE

Eleven people who have worked to promote peace, within their countries or internationally, are profiled. Subjects include India's Mohandas Gandhi, South Africa's Desmond Tutu, America's Jane Adams and Jimmy Carter, and other historical and contemporary leaders. 92/Rose

#### MARK TWAIN AND THE QUEENS OF THE MISSISSIPPI

Focuses on this American author's connection with steamboats on the Mississippi River while also presenting a history of the craft. 92/Twain

#### GANDHI PEACEFUL WARRIOR

A biography of the Indian leader whose nonviolent passive resistance tactics influenced reformers in other countries. 92/Bains

#### MARIA DE SAUTUOLA

The true story of an eight-year-old Spanish girl who discovered the first known prehistoric cave paintings in 1879 while working with her father in Altamire Cave. RL 5.8 92/Sautuola

#### BULL'S-EYE: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY OF ANNIE OAKLEY

Although royalty and the nobility of Europe received Annie Oakley, she never forgot her roots in Ohio. She remains an inspiration to many. RL 8.8 799.3/Macy

#### BUFFALO NICKEL

By creating the Buffalo Nickel, James Earl Fraser was able to honor and preserve an important part of American history. RL 3.6 730/Morrison

#### WHEN MARIAN SANG

The opera singer, Marian Anderson, faced racism and overwhelming odds to triumph and become a great singer. RL4.6 782.1/Ryan

## CLASSICS

### THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER.

The adventures of a boy growing up in a nineteenth-century Mississippi River town. Tom witnesses a crime, hunts for pirate treasure, and becomes lost in a cave. RL 2.8 FIC/ CLEMENS

### ANNE OF GREEN GABLES.

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm. She proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. RL 2.8 FIC/ Montgomery

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

After harsh early years, Pip, an orphan growing up in Victorian England, is given the means to become a gentleman by an unknown benefactor. He learns that outward appearances can be deceiving. RL 3.5 FIC/ Dickens

### THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

The exploits of a young explorer and his Mohican Indian friends during the French and Indian war. RL 7.0 FIC/ Martin

### BLACK BEAUTY.

The story of a beautiful horse as it goes from one owner to another. RL 4.0 FIC/ Sewell

### LITTLE PRINCESS.

Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London school, is left in poverty when her father dies. She is rescued by a mysterious benefactor. RL 3.5 FIC/ Burnett

### LITTLE WOMEN.

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. RL 7.9 FIC/ Alcott

### PETER PAN.

Pinocchio, a wooden puppet full of tricks and mischief, wants more than anything else to become a real boy. RL 4.8 FIC/ Weir

### ROBIN HOOD.

Robin Hood, Maid Marian and the outlaws of Sherwood Forest repeatedly outwit the sheriff of Nottingham to help the poor. RL 4.2 FIC/Hayes

### THE SECRET GARDEN.

An orphaned girl discovers a magical garden. RL 4.5 FIC/ Burnett

### THE THREE MUSKETEERS.

In seventh-century France, young D'Artagnan initially quarrels with and then becomes friends with the three musketeers. He joins them in trying to outwit the enemies of the king and queen. RL 4.5 FIC/ Felder

### THE TIME MACHINE.

A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel to the year 802,701 A.D. There he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks. RL 5.1 FIC/ Martin

### TREASURE ISLAND.

An innkeeper's son finds a treasure map that leads him to a pirate's fortune. RL 3.5 FIC/Stephenson

### 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA.

The nineteenth century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain and the undersea world. RL 5.5 FIC/ Verne

#### WHITE FANG.

Part wolf, part dog, White Fang is an orphan cub in the frozen frontier of the Yukon. (Also by Jack London - CALL OF THE WILD) RL 5.8 FIC/London

#### ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Recounts the adventures of a young boy and an escaped slave as they travel down the Mississippi River on a raft. RL 6.8 FIC/Twain

#### ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE

A violent storm at sea destroys Robinson Crusoe's ship. He alone survives and is cast ashore on a deserted island. FIC/Defoe

#### ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

A collection of Sherlock Holmes mystery adventures, including A Scandal in Bohemia, The Red-headed League, and The Adventure of the Speckled Band. FIC/Doyle

#### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

Phileas Fogg, an English gentleman, bets 20,000 pounds that he can travel around the world in only eighty days. RL 4.5 FIC/Verne

#### CALL OF THE WILD

Buck, a powerful young dog, is snatched away from an easy life in California and transported to the Far North. FIC/London

#### DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

A London physician who leads a double life discovers a drug that alters his appearance. RL 7.0 FIC/Stevenson

#### FRANKENSTEIN

A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator. RL 4 FIC/Shelley

#### HEIDI

Heidi, a girl of the majestic Swiss Alps, finds beauty and simple wisdom in nature. Living in virtual isolation with her eccentric Grandfather, Heidi develops a special feeling for the plants and animals she finds in the hills and valleys. FIC/Spyri

#### POLLYANNA

An adaptation of Porter's story about orphaned, eleven-year-old Pollyanna who comes to live with her austere and wealthy Aunt Polly, and how her philosophy of gladness brings happiness to her aunt and other unhappy members of the community. RL 4.2 FIC/Porter

#### CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS

Harvey Cheyne, the son of an American millionaire, is swept overboard from the deck of a liner. Rescued by a fishing boat, Harvey must work with the others at their dangerous trade to earn his keep. RL 6.9 FIC/Kipling

## **ADVENTURE / SCIENCE FICTION**

#### THE DRAGON OF LONELY ISLAND

Three children spend the summer with their mother on a secluded island where they discover a three-headed dragon living in a cave and learn what it means to be a Dragon Friend. RL 5 FIC/Rupp

#### \* HATCHET

Lost and alone In the wilderness with only a hatchet, Brian works to survive. Newbery RL 6.3 FIC/ Paulsen

\* ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS.

An Indian girl spends eighteen years alone on an island. Newbery RL 5.5 FIC/ O'Dell

SUMMER OF THE MONKEYS.

Set in the Ozarks in Oklahoma, this story follows the adventures of Jay and his hound dog as they attempt to capture monkeys that escape from a circus train. RL 4.9 FIC/ Rawls

EARTHQUAKE TERROR.

An earthquake hits an isolated island In Northern California where twelve-year-old Jonathan Palmer and his family are camping. Suddenly, Jonathan must keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister and their dog alive until help arrives. RL 4.2 FIC/ Kehret

TORNADO.

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farm hand tell stories. He mesmerizes them with his saga of the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy. RL 3.5 FIC/ Byars

NIGHT OF THE TWISTERS.

In Grand Island, Nebraska, a twelve-year-old, his family and friends experience a night of freakish and devastating tornadoes. RL 4.0 FIC/ Ruckman

LOST IN THE BIG THICKET:

A Mystery and Adventure in the Big Thicket of Texas. Unexpected adventures await ten-year-old Missy and her twelve year old brother when they travel without their parents to the Big Thicket area of Texas in December 1913. RL 5.9 FIC/ Landry

\* ALIENS FOR BREAKFAST.

After finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes. One Drane is masquerading as a student in Richard's class Bluebonnet. RL 4.5 FIC/ Etra

ALIEN SECRETS.

Puck is on a spaceship leaving Earth for the planet Shoon to join her scientist-parents who are studying alien life. RL 8.9 FIC/Klause

ALIEN ALERT.

The Ghostwriter team must help a very scared boy, who lives in the past, protect his town from being invaded by aliens. One in a series. RL 4.8 FIC/Korman

SHAPE CHANGER.

Two seventh grade friends help a shape-changing policeman from the planet Rodinam as he tries to recapture an alien master criminal who can change form. RL 5.5 FIC/ Brittain

MIDNIGHT ON THE MOON.

Magic Tree House series. In this book, the magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to a moon base in the future where they continue to search for the fourth thing they need to free their friend, Morgan from the Magician's spell. RL 2.2 FIC/Osborne

INTO THE DREAM.

Disturbing dreams become reality for Paul and Francine when they are compelled to investigate the source of their shared nightmare. RL 5.5 FIC/ Sleator

FAT MEN FROM SPACE.

Through his radio tooth, William learns of an invasion by spacemen who are taking all of earth's supply of junk food. RL 5.3 FIC /Pinkwater

MIDNIGHT ON THE MOON

The magic tree house takes Jack and Anie to a moon base in the future where they continue to search for the fourth thing they need to free their friend Morgan from the magician's spell. RL 2.2 FIC/Osborne

#### LIONS AT LUNCHTIME

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to Africa where they meet up with wonderful wild animals, a very hungry warrior, and where they even solve a riddle. RL 2.8 FIC/Osborne

#### SILENT INVADERS

An invading army of humanoids threatens to blow up any colony whose inhabitants will not vacate. FIC/Abels

#### DANGER IN THE DESERT

Two brothers attempt to survive in the desert outside Scottsdale, Arizona, after they are abandoned there following a carjacking. RL 5.5 FIC/Fields

#### THE POOL OF FIRE

3<sup>rd</sup> volume of The Tripods Trilogy; the 1<sup>st</sup> of which is The White Mountains, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> The City of Gold and Lead. Will and a small group of free people plan to destroy the three great cities of the Tripods before the arrival of a space ship destined to doom the planet. RL 6.0 FIC/Christopher

#### WHITE MOUNTAINS

Three boys strive for freedom in a future society run by enormous metal robots called Tripods, who capture mature human beings and make them docile, obedient servants. R: 5/8 FIC/Christopher

#### THE MYSTERY OF Y'BARBO'S TUNNEL

Jesse and Doug search for a missing person in the tunnel beneath a drug store in Nacogdoches, Texas. FIC/Jones

2095

While on a field trip to New York's Museum of Natural History, Joe, Sam and Fred travel one hundred years into the future, where they encounter robots, anti-gravity disks and their own grandchildren. FIC/Scieszka

## ANIMALS

#### LOVE THAT DOG

Boys don't like poetry! Girls do. At least that's what Jack thinks before he meets Miss Stretchberry. How will his journal and his poetic expression help him to talk about the giant that is bothering him? Will poetry release a new power in him? RL 4.6 FIC/ Creech

#### ERETH'S BIRTHDAY

What is poor old grumpy porcupine Ereth Dorsathum to do when his mouse friend Poppy forgets his birthday? Leave home, of course. His decision takes him face to face with giants that seek to destroy animals of the forest. As old and slow as he is, what will he get for this birthday that will help him defeat these giants? RL 6.0 FIC/Avi

#### HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOG

Describes how dogs communicate with people through their behavior and sounds, and explains how to talk back to them. RL 4 636.7/George

#### WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS: THE STORY OF TWO DOGS AND A BOY.

A ten-year-old boy growing up in the Ozarks saves his money and buys a pair of hounds. He then takes on the task of training the dogs to be first class hunting dogs. RL 5.7 FIC/ Rawls

#### OLD YELLER.

A stray dog attaches himself to a family in the Texas hill country during the 1860's. Also try SAVAGE SAM by the same author. RL 5.4 FIC/ Gipson

KAVIK, THE WOLF DOG.

Andy rescues Kavik, a hardened sled dog, from plane wreckage. He nurses him back to health and a beautiful friendship is forged. RL 5.9 FIC/ Morey

OWLS IN THE FAMILY.

Canadian author, Fancy Mowat, describes his boyhood raising dogs, gophers, rats, snakes, pigeons and owls. RL 5.0 FIC/ Mowat

\* THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE.

Further adventures of Ralph S. Mouse. Laura Ingalls Wilder Award. RL 5.0 FIC/ Cleary

\* CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE..

Adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and befriends Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat. Newbery. RL 6.2 FIC/ Selden

RUNAWAY RALPH.

Ralph runs away looking for freedom but winds up a prisoner at a summer camp. RL 5.0 FIC/ CLEARY

\* THE GIRL WHO LOVED WILD HORSES.

An Indian girl has a special understanding and love for horses. Caldecott Medal. RL 4.7 E/ Goble

\* HAWK, I'M YOUR BROTHER.

A young boy wants a hawk to teach him to fly. Caldecott. RL 3.3 E/ Baylor

CHARLOTTE'S WEB.

The heartrending story about a young pig slated to be butchered in the fall. The farmyard animals conspire with the farmer's daughter to save the pig's life. RL 5.1 FIC/ White

STUART LITTLE.

The Adventures of the debonair mouse, Stuart Little, as he sets out in the world to find his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden. RL 5.4 FIC/White

BEWARE THE MARE.

Gramps gets a good bargain on an apparently perfect bay mare for Lily. But, because the horse is named Beware, he suspects that there may be something wrong with her. RL 4.4 FIC/Haas

RALPH S. MOUSE.

Adventures of a motorcycle mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation. RL 5.0 FIC/ Cleary

SILVER.

Even though he is the runt of the litter from her father's prize, sled-racing dog, ten-year-old Rachel plans to train her puppy to become a champion racer. Then, he mysteriously disappears. RL 4..2 FIC/ Whelan

STRIDER.

In a series of diary entries, Leigh tells how he comes to terms with his parents divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog and joins the track team at school. RL 5.6 FIC/ Cleary

POPPY. Poppy, the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. RL 5.8 FIC/ Avi

BEAUTY.

Unhappy about his parents splitting up and moving with his mother to Grandpa's farm, 11-year-old Luke finds comfort in riding and caring for a horse named Beauty. Also try other books by Bill Wallace— RED DOG, SNOT STEW, A DOG CALLED KITTY and FERRET IN THE KITCHEN, LIZARDS IN THE FRIDGE. RL 4.5 FIC/ Wal

### SHILOH.

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. RL 5.7 FIC/Naylor

### THERE'S AN OWL IN THE SHOWER.

Because protecting spotted owls has cost Borden's father his job as a logger, Borden intends to kill any spotted owl he sees. Then, he and his father find themselves taking care of a young owlet RL 5.5 FIC/George

### MUSH

Describes the annual Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska and the sled dogs who compete in it. 798.8/Seibert

### GREAT TURKEY WALK

In 1860, a somewhat simple minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit. FIC/Kart

### GHOST CATS

Eleven-year-old Peter and his three younger siblings rediscover their lost closeness when the ghosts of their dead pet cats begin to return mysteriously. FIC/Shreve

### AARDVARKS DISEMBARK

After the flood, Noah calls a variety of little-known animals out of the ark, many of which are now endangered. 421/Jones

### ANIMAL FACT ANIMAL FABLE

Describes common beliefs about animals and explains which are fact and which are fable. 591/Simon

### BUGS FOR DINNER

Recounts how squirrels, robins, grasshoppers, and other creatures in an urban environment find their food and avoid being eaten themselves. 591.53/Epstein

### CAN ELEPHANTS DRINK THROUGH THEIR NOSES?

Questions and answers examine and explain common myths and misconceptions about animals seen at the zoo. 591/Dennard

### COW EATING FISH AND OTHER AMAZING ANIMALS

Learn many fun and interesting facts about animals, such as, why flamingos are pink, and what a chimp's favorite snack is, and includes an animal mystery to solve in each chapter. RL 4.2 591/Wilsdon

### FOX IN A TRAP

Daniel looks forward to helping his Uncle Peter set traps for the foxes that have been plaguing the family farm, until the discovery of a severed fox paw makes him seriously question what he and his uncle are doing. FIC/Thomas

### ENDANGERED AND WETLAND ANIMALS

Takes a look at a variety of animals that make their homes in wetlands. 591.52/Taylor

### PETS WITHOUT HOMES

Text and photos present an animal shelter which cares for lost pets and also offers other community services. 636.08/Arnold

### POPPY AND RYE

When their home next to a brook is destroyed by beavers, a large family of golden mice is aided by Poppy the dear mouse and her grumpy porcupine friend, who in the process forges a relationship with the son he had abandoned. RL 6.0 FIC/Avi

## WIND AND THE WILLOWS

The reissue of the classic animal story featuring friends Toad, Mole, Rat and Badger celebrates the book's seventy-fifth anniversary.

## SCIENCE

### THE DINOSAURS OF WATERHOUSE HAWKINS

Who was the first person to create life-sized models of dinosaurs? How did he grow from drawing fossils to creating the giants? Brian Selznik's illustrations help you see what people had never seen before! RL 7.5 567.9/ Kerley

### SPIDERS AND THEIR WEBSITES

Is a spider's web really like a website? What do spiders do to attract business? Creep on in and see! RL 5.1 595.44/ Facklam

### HORSES.

Tells the history of horses in myth and reality. Also gives practical information about their care and advice on riding and competition. RL 5.8 636.1/ Budd

### \* THE BIG BUG BOOK.

Would you like to have a really big bug for a pet? This definitely is not your ordinary bug collection. Bluebonnet. RL 3.2 595.7/ Facklam

### DINOSAURS WALKED HERE AND OTHER STORIES FOSSILS TELL.

Also VOLCANO, THE STORY OF MT. ST. HELENS by Patricia Lauber. RL 5.3 560/ Lauber

### POSTCARDS FROM PLUTO.

A tour of the solar system. RL 3.9 523.2/ Leedy

### THE DINOSAUR IS THE BIGGEST ANIMAL THAT EVER LIVED AND OTHER WRONG IDEAS YOU THOUGHT WERE TRUE.

Fun book that sets the facts straight. RL 3.6 560/ Simon

### FLIGHT: THE JOURNEY OF CHARLES LINDBERGH.

RL 5.4 629.13/ Burleigh

### MAGIC SCHOOL BUS AND THE ELECTRIC FIELD TRIP.

Mrs. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip through the town's electrical wires so they can learn how electricity is generated and used. Series by Joanna Cole. RL 4.2 621.3/ Cole

### UNTIL I MET DUDLEY: HOW EVERYDAY THINGS REALLY WORK.

Dudley explains the workings of common mechanical objects. RL 4.8 683/ McGough

### ALL ABOUT RATTLESNAKES.

Beautiful photos illustrate a discussion of the life cycle, habitats, and behavior of rattlesnakes. RL 5.5 597.96/ Arnosky

### A WALK IN THE RAINFOREST.

Follows the travels of an ant as he explores the lush vegetation and unusual animals that make their home in the rainforest. RL 5.9 574.5/ Pratt

### ANIMAL CAMOUFLAGE: A CLOSER LOOK.

A beautifully illustrated book that describes six types of camouflage. RL 4.0 591.47/ Powzyk

### AMAZING WORLD OF DINOSAURS

Describes the different types of dinosaurs that once roamed the earth and presents theories for their inexplicable disappearance. 567.9/Granger

#### CROCODILES STILL WAIT

In prehistoric times, a fifty-footlong mother crocodile defends her eggs and newly hatched young from attacks by bird-eating dinosaurs and Tyrannosaurus Rex. 567.9/Carrick

#### THE GREAT HORNED OWL

Examines the physical characteristics, habitat, life cycle, and behavior of the owl who bears the nickname, “winged tiger”. 598/Stone

#### HUNTING AND STALKING

Looks at hunting animals around the world from huge polar bears and cheetahs, to small fish and spiders. 591.51/Penny

#### WORLD OF POLAR BEARS

Describes in brief text and illustrations the lives of polar bears in their natural settings showing how they feed, defend themselves, and breed. 599.74/Harrison

#### HOW THINGS WORK

Projects, activities, and experiments explore such areas of technology as the wheel, rocket power, kite flying, and magnetism. 530/Kerrod

#### BIG ROCK

Traces the origins of a granite rock located near the Adirondack Mountains and describes how it reveals information about the history of the earth. 552/Hiscock

#### MISTAKES THAT WORKED

Amusing accounts of forty accidental discoveries from donut holes to Silly Putty. RL 6.6 609.Jones

#### CHOCOLATE: RICHES FROM THE RAINFOREST

A mouthwatering look at the history of chocolate. RL 4.6 641.3/Burleigh

## THE ARTS

#### A LUCKY THING

A collection of 14 poems about nature. RL 3 811.54/Schertle

#### IF I WERE IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD AND OTHER WORRIES.

41 poems reveal secret thoughts, worries and wishes. RL 5.2 811/Viorst

#### THE UPSIDE DOWN BOY

The author recalls the year when his farm worker parents settle down in the city so that he could go to school for the first time. RL 3 811/HER

\* A VISIT TO WILLIAM BLAKE’S INN: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers.

Nonsense verses about travelers who stay at an imaginary inn. Newbery. RL 4.8 811/Willard

#### STOPPING BY THE WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING.

Robert Frosts quiet poem illustrated by Susan Jeffers. RL 3.0 811.5/Frost

\* EVERETT ANDERSON'S GOODBYE.

After his father's death, Everett expresses his feelings in poetry. Coretta Scott King Award. RL 3.5 E/ Clifton

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK.

Poetry about amusing creatures and strange people. RL 3.7 811/ Prelutsky

THE RANDOM HOUSE BOOK OF POETRY FOR CHILDREN.

572 poems selected by Jack Prelutsky illustrated by Arnold Lobel. RL 3.9 811.008/Random

WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS and LIGHT IN THE ATTIC.

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of funny poetry, illustrated by the author. RL 3.2 811/Silverstein

SING A SONG OF POPCORN.

A collection of 115 poems by a variety of well-known authors with illustrations. RL 5.3 808.81/ de Regniers

\* JOYFUL NOISE: Poems for Two Voices.

Poems describing the characteristics and activities of different insects. Newbery. RL 5.2 811/Fleischman

KNOTS ON A COUNTING ROPE.

A poetic account of a blind Indian boy and his grandfather. RL 4.0 811/Martin

SWEET CORN.

A collection of short poems with titles such as "Screen Door", "Bike Rental" and "Photo Album".  
RL 4.5 811/Stevenson

ANGELA WEAVES A DREAM.

A young Mayan girl is taught the traditional art of weaving. RL 6.2 793/Sola

EIGHT HANDS ROUND.

Introduces the letters of the alphabet with names of early American patchwork quilt patterns. Also explains the origins of the designs by describing the activity or occupations they represent. RL 5.3 746.9/ Paul

DRAGONS ARE SINGING TONIGHT.

RL 5.3 811/Prelutsky

ANIMAL LULLABIES.

As the day draws to a close, animal parents, from giraffes to oysters, guard and hush their offspring in this collection of bedtime poems. RL 2.8 811/ Conrad

THE BOOK OF PIGERICKS.

Original limericks about a varied and portly population of pigs. RL 3.5 811/Lobel

SPORTS PAGES.

Poetry about soccer, football, gymnastics, basketball and wrestling. RL 5.6 811/Adoff

LISTENING TO MUSIC

Introduces the excitement of music. Reader discovers how music developed through time, how composers write music and learn about the instruments that make up a modern orchestra. Also learn how to express self through music. 781.1/Sousa

TOMIE dePAOLA'S BOOK OF POEMS.

A collection of the best children's poets illustrated by dePaola. RL 5.1 808.81/de Paola

LOOKING AT BALLET

Explores the world of ballet, discussing choreography, dancers, ballet companies, rehearsals, sets, costumes, and famous ballets. 792.8 Ballenberg

#### LOOKING AT PAINTINGS

Uses several well-known paintings and suggested activities to introduce different artists' style and techniques and to discuss ways to view a painting. 750.1 Kennet

#### LOOKING AT THEATER

An introduction to the theater and its history, discussing ballet, opera, musicals, puppets, theater buildings, actors, sets, costumes, rehearsals, and opening nights. 792/May

#### MEET MATISSE

An introduction to the cut-outs of Henri Matisse, who concentrated on this technique of artistic expression in his final years. Instructions are included for several of Matisse's artistic techniques. 92/Munthe

#### BARD OF AVON, the story of WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

A brief biography of the world's most famous playwright, using only historically correct information. 92/Shakespeare

#### BUTTERFLY JAR

An illustrated collection of poems about a variety of events, people objects, and experiences. 811/Moss

#### DAYDREAMERS

Depicts the world of daydreamers. 811/ Greenfield

#### DOODLE SOUP

Thirty-eight poems, mostly humorous, by the well-known poet. 811/Ciardi

#### HAILSTONES AND HALIBUT BONES

Twelve poems reflect the author's feelings about various colors. 811/O'Neill

#### HAMLET FOR KIDS

An adaptation of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," written in rhyming couplets especially for young readers and performers, includes illustrations and comments by children, as well as suggestions for activities based upon the story. 812/Burdett

## **FAIRY TALES, MYTHS AND LEGENDS**

#### AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

Oh, no! The dish ran away with the spoon, and now the rhyme can't be read! Will the cat, the dog, and the cow be able to rescue them from the Beanstalk Giant and the Big Bad Wolf? Their adventure through nursery rhyme land is peppered with puns! RL 2.9 E/ Stevens

#### \* THE GOLDEN MARE, THE FIREBIRD, AND THE MAGIC RING

Alexi shows compassion to a golden mare which becomes his servant and advisor, but can she stop the tsar from destroying him and taking the princess as his wife? Bluebonnet RL 4.5 398.2/ Sanderson

#### THE PERSIAN CINDERELLA

A retelling of the traditional Persian tale in which Settarah, neglected and abused by her stepmother and stepsisters, finds her life transformed with the help of a little blue jug. RL 3.5 398.2/Cimo

#### \* WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS.

Mosquito tells Iguana a lie that sets off a chain reaction. Caldecott RL 4.2 398.2/Aardema

CINDERELLA OR THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER.

A poor girl becomes a princess for just one night. Caldecott. RL 3.0 398.21/ Perrault

\* THE TALKING EGGS.

A Southern folktale. Caldecott. RL 3.5 398.2/ San Souci

THE EMPTY POT.

Ping admits he can't grow a flower and is rewarded for his honesty. RL 2.5 398.2/Demi

\* ONE FINE DAY.

Retelling of an old Armenian folktale about a fox. Caldecott. RL 3.4 398.2/Hogrogian

\* SWAMP ANGEL.

A Tennessee tall tale about a good-natured heroine. Caldecott. RL 5.3 398.2/Isaacs

BUBBA THE COWBOY PRINCE.

Loosely based on the original Cinderella, this story is set in Texas. The fairy godmother is a cow and the hero, Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher. RL 2.8 E/ Kettman

THE COWBOY AND THE BLACKEYED PEA.

In this adaptation of Princess and the Pea, the wealthy daughter of a Texas rancher devises a plan to find a real cowboy among her many suitors. RL 5.1 E/ Johnson

JOHN HENRY.

Retells the life of the hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain. RL 3.5 398.2/Lester

GHOST STORIES OF OLD TEXAS.

RL 6.4 398.2/Curry

\*GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS.

Retold and illustrated by James Marshall. Caldecott Honor. RL 3.5 398.2/Marshall

\* RAPUNZEL.

Retold and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Caldecott. RL 3.8 398.2/Zelinsky

\* LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.

Retold and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Caldecott. RL 3.5 398.2/Hyman

LON PO PO:

A Red Riding Hood Tale from China. Three sisters who are home alone are threatened by a hungry wolf. Caldecott RL 2.6 398.2/Young

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE and THE TOWN MOUSE AND THE COUNTRY MOUSE

retold and illustrated by Janet Stevens. RL 3.0 398.2/ Stevens

ARROW TO THE SUN.

An Indian boy leaves home to search for his father, the Sun. With the help of Arrowmaker, the boy finds his father, but the Sun refuses to accept him until he survives three tests. Caldecott. RL 2.6 398.2/McDermott

FABLES.

Twenty fables in contemporary setting. Wonderful variety of animals teach lessons in funny fables. Caldecott RL 5.0 E/Lobel

PAUL BUNYAN, A TALL TALE.

RL 3.8 398.2/Kellogg

JOHNNY APPLESEED.

RL 4.7 398.2/Kellogg

\* STREGA NONA: AN OLD TALE.

Strega Nona leaves Anthony alone with her magic pasta pot. Cald, RETURN OF THE INDIAN, SECRET OF ecott.  
RL 4.4 398.2/DePaola

STONE SOUP.

Soup is made from stones. RL 3.2 398.2/ Brown

\* ASHANTI TO ZULU: AFRICAN TRADITIONS.

Costumes, homes, artifacts, plant and animal life surrounding twenty-six African tribes are a few of the things depicted in words and pictures. RL 5.3 398.2/Musgrove

ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB

Relates a tiny boy's adventures in a cow's mouth, a gish's belly, on the back of a mouse, and at King Arthur's table.  
398.2 Cutts

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast. 398.2/Brett

EAST OF THE SUN AN DWEST OF THE MOON

A girl travels east of the sun ad west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell. 398.2/East

FAIRY TALES

A COLLECTION OF Irish fairy tales with a concentration on the fairies themselves. 398.21/Yeats

FROG PRINCE

The classic tale of a pampered princess and the frog who becomes her prince. 398.2/Tarcov

KING OF CATS

As the gravedigger tells his wife how a band of cats marched into the cemetery to mourn their dead king, their own cat, Old Tom, listens with a strange intensity. 398.2/Galdone

PRINCESS FURBALL

A princess in a coat of a thousand furs hides her identity from a king who falls in love with her. 398.2/Huck

## FANTASY

THE DOLL PEOPLE

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow the "Doll Code of Honor" RL 3 FIC/Martin

COME A WIND

While visiting their mother's ranch, two brothers who constantly try to best each other swap tales about big winds and are surprised by the fiercest wind they have ever seen. RL 3.5 E/White

THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD THE INDIAN

When a nine-year-old boy accidentally brings his three inch plastic toy Indian to life. After his initial shock, the boy begins to realize the huge responsibility required to feed, protect and hide this tiny human being.. RL 4.0 FIC/  
Banks

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON.

A boy becomes friends with a dragon that doesn't want to fight. RL 4.4 FIC/ Graham...

#### THE BORROWERS.

Five books in a series about tiny people living secretly in an old house.. RL 5.3 FIC/Norton

#### THE TRUMPET OF THE SWAN.

Amute trumpeter swan learns to write and play music. RL 5.8 FIC/ White

#### CHOCOLATE FEVER.

Henry Green is crazy about chocolate until he comes down with the world's first case of chocolate fever. RL 4.0 FIC/ Smith

#### JUMANJI.

Two boys find a game with very unusual rules. Caldecott Medal RL 4.4 E/ Van

#### \* THE POLAR EXPRESS..

Did you ever wish that you could visit the North Pole at Christmas? This story could take you there.. Caldecott Medal RL 4.9 E/ Van Allsburg

#### THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA starting with THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE.

During WWII, four children, living in the country to escape air raids, travel through the wardrobe in an empty room to the mysterious land of Narnia. RL 5.9 FIC/ Lewis

#### HOBOKEN CHICKEN EMERGENCY.

Arthur's new six foot, 266 pound pet chicken, Henrietta, escapes. RL 3.5 FIC/ Pinkwater

#### PIPPY LONGSTOCKING.

Nine-year-old Pippi lives with her monkey, her horse and her fortune in gold pieces. Her adventures continue in PIPPI ON THE RUN. RL 3.2 FIC/ Lingren

#### THE PRYDAIN CHRONICLES Including THE CASTLE OF LLYR.

Adventures and challenges happen in the Imaginary kingdom of Prydain. RL 6.0 FIC/ Alexander

#### CASTLE IN THE ATTIC.

William's new toy castle, complete with silver knight, leads him to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest. RL 5.0 FIC/ Winthrop

#### THE 13TH FLOOR: A GHOST STORY.

When his older sister disappears, 12-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth century pirate ship captained by a distant relative. RL 4.7 FIC/ Fleischman

#### THE TV KID.

To escape failure, boredom and loneliness, a young boy plunges with all his imagination into the world of TV. RL 4.5 FIC/ Byars

#### ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters. FIC/Carroll

#### ELLA ENCHANTED

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. FIC/Levine

#### HOMUS AND ME

Joe, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus. RL 4.8 FIC/Gutman

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### THE GIGANTIC ANTS AND OTHER CASES

Einstein Anderson uses his scientific knowledge to solve a variety of puzzles, including a snake that chases people and a machine that can stop hurricanes. RL 4.8-3.6 FIC/Simon

### THE AUSTERE ACADEMY

As their outrageous misfortune continues, the Baudelaire orphans are shipped off to a miserable boarding school, where they befriend the two Quagmire triplets and find that they have been followed by the dreaded Count Olaf. FIC/Snicket

### DOROTHY OF OZ

With the aid of Lion, Scarecrow, the Tin Man and Tugg the talking boat Dorothy battles Jester, who is using the dead Wicked Witch's magic wand to turn citizens of Oz into porcelain dolls. FIC/Baum

### A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

With Hans their faithful companion and guide, the professor and Axel descend into the crater of a volcano. But what mysteries await them deep beneath the ground and will they ever see the light of day again? RL 4.3-7 FIC/Verns

### ENORMOUS EGG..

Problems develop when Nate's hen lays an egg that hatches into a dinosaur.. RL 5.7 FIC/ Butterworth

### THE REVENGE OF THE INCREDIBLE DR. RANCID AND HIS YOUTHFUL ASSISTANT, JEFFREY

Short, skinny Jeffrey, who is always being picked on by the class bully, finds solace in writing a fantasy story in which he, with the help of the Incredible Dr. Rancid, emerges as hero. FIC/Conford

## **BLUEBONNET NOMINEES**

### **\*\*\*CRISPIN, THE CROSS OF LEAD**

by Avi (The Newberry Medal / Fiction)

A 13 year old, peasant boy, mourns the loss of his mother and is forced to leave his home in 14<sup>th</sup> century England as he flees those trying to kill him.

### **AMBER WAS BRAVE, ESSIE WAS SMART**

by Vera B. Williams (RL 5.4 / Poverty, Blank Verse Poetry)

Two sisters are forced to rely on one another when their daddy goes to jail. The special bond between them fosters hope as they lead their lives throughout their father's absence.

### **ANY SMALL GOODNESS: A NOVEL OF THE BARRIO**

by Tony Johnston (RL 3.9 / Fiction / Mexican American, Barrio)

Arturo Rodriguez lives within the barrio in Los Angeles. While some associate the barrio with poverty, crime, and gangs, Arturo recognizes the goodness in his surroundings. Can the positive people and things in his life help him overcome the challenges when his family is threatened by gangs?

### **ARCTIC LIGHTS, ARCTIC NIGHTS**

by Debbie S. Miller (RL 5.0 / Arctic Climate, Calendar)

This calendar provides a month by month account of the Arctic changes, including hours of daylight and average temperatures. Beautiful illustrations and descriptions of the arctic and the creatures who have adapted to live within this extreme environment are also provided.

### **DANITRA BROWN LEAVES TOWN**

by Nikki Grimes (RL 3.1 / Poetry, Friendship)

Danita and Zuri spend their summer vacation apart. Danitra visits her aunt in the country while Zuri remains at home in the city. The two friends express themselves through this collection of poems.

### **DIRTY LAUNDRY PILE: POEMS IN DIFFERENT VOICES**

Compiled by Paul B. Janeczko (RL 3.3 / Poetry, Voice)

Washing machines have much to say. Even snowflakes sometimes pray.  
Words from a vacuum cleaner to make you run. Crayons talking about having fun.  
Having a voice is not frightening. Reading this will be enlightening!

### **FAME AND GLORY IN FREEDOM, GEORGIA**

by Barbara O'Connor (RL 5.5 / Fiction, Rejection, Friendship)

Bird does not have any friends at school, but she does have Miss Delphine and her dreams of fame and glory. She decides to befriend Harlem, another kid with no friends who is also taunted and put down by the other kids at school. Will she be able to get through to Harlem? Will she find fame and glory....or perhaps something more?

### **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S TEETH**

by Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora (RL 5.1 / History in Rhyme)

George Washington endured and survived many hardships, including the painful dentistry of his time. Learn about the art of dentistry of the past. It will make you appreciate present day dentistry.

### **THE GORILLAS OF GILL PARK**

by Amy Gordon (RL 6.1 / Fiction, Adventure, Music)

Willy spends his summer trying to save a park while visiting his Aunt Bridget. Find out how Willy tries to help a friend and solve a mystery using gorilla costumes.

### **HARVESTING HOPE: THE STORY OF CESAR CHAVEZ**

by Kathleen Krull (RL 6.3 / Biography, Mexican Farm workers)

Cesar Chavez courageously uses peaceful ways to bring about change in the living and working conditions of the farm workers. Learn more of the man many call "HERO".

### **LEWIS AND CLARK AND ME: A DOG'S TALE**

by Laurie Myers (RL 4.8 / Historical Fiction Told by Lewis's Dog)

Seaman, a Newfoundland dog, was a special member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This historical account was provided by Seaman himself. Find out about his exploration of 7000 wilderness miles with 33 men during the early 1800s.

### **LOCOMOTION**

by Jacqueline Woodson (RL 6.8 / Poetry, Foster Home)

Seven year old, Lonnie Collins Motion (Locomotion), and his sister, Lili, are sent to live in different foster homes when their mother and father die in a fire. This collection of poems express his feelings about friends, family, teacher, Miss Edna, and his faith in God.

### **MY CHIMP FRIDAY: THE NANA BANANA CHRONICLES**

by Hester Mundis (RL 5.7 / Science-Fiction, Genetic Engineering)

A TOP SECRET chimp is mysteriously delivered to Rachel's home. Discover how the animal antics, inventions, genetic engineering, and murder unfold within this humorous and exciting tale about family, friendship, choices, and science projects.

### **PHINEAS GAGE: A GRUESOME BUT TRUE STORY ABOUT BRAIN SCIENCE**

by John Fleischman (RL 7.6 / Biography, Brain Science)

Amazingly, Phineas Gage was able to walk and tell doctors about the steel rod that penetrated his head, leaving part of his brain missing. Still, is it possible to recover completely? Through an account of Phineas Gage's life, learn more about the brain and how it works.

### **THE POT THAT JUAN BUILT**

by Nancy Andrews-Goebel (RL 4.2 / Pottery, Combined-Text)

Discover how a twelve year old boy uses a piece of broken pottery to transform his life. Learn why the world celebrates the works of Juan Quezada, a Mexican potter.

### **RUNAWAY RADISH**

by Jessie Haas (RL 4.3 / Fiction, Horses)

A young and courageous pony befriends his first owner Judy. Learn what happens when Judy discovers that she is too big to ride Radish.

### **A STRONG RIGHT ARM: THE STORY OF MAMIE "PEANUT" JOHNSON**

by Michelle Y. Green (RL 4.7 / History, Baseball, Integration)

Mamie Johnson dreamed of playing professional baseball. Could she use baseball to overcome the obstacles of segregation and Jim Crow Laws. Learn more about "Peanut", a colored girl, and how she used baseball to overcome the obstacles of segregation and Jim Crow Laws.

### **TIPPY LEMMEY**

by Patricia C. McKissack (RL 5.4 / Civil Rights, Fiction)

Tippy Lemmey, a monstrous neighborhood dog, jumps the fence and chases Leandra and her friends. Learn more about how this dog leads them into a life and death struggle.

### **TOGO**

by Robert J. Blake (RL 4.0 / Historical Fiction, Dog Sled Rescue)

Under blizzard conditions, with medicine in tow, an unlikely sled dog leads his team to Nome, a city plagued with diphtheria. Will they arrive in time?

### **WHERE I'D LIKE TO BE**

by Frances O'Roark Dowell (RL 6.1 / Fiction, Foster Children)

After arriving at the East Tennessee Children's Home, Maddie and Ricky Ray create two scrapbooks: The Book of People and The Book of Houses. Together with three other children they set out to build a home of their own.