

## 2021 SUGGESTED READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 3

The recommended reading list provides a wide array of reading choices for students. The books on this list do not indicate reading level or achievement, but will hopefully spark discussion between you and your children and inspire an interest in stories and reading.

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Happy reading! Your Youth Librarians,  
*Casey, Amanda, Annie, Heidi, & Holly*

### ADVENTURE

#### ***Kid Spy series by Mac Barnett***

A thrilling, hilarious, fast-paced spy series that offers adventure, intrigue, history and humor. Experience what it's really like to be a kid spy!

*Call #: Children's Fiction Barnett*

#### ***Bad Guys series by Aaron Blabey***

They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys, and they even smell like bad guys, but they are about to change all that. Meet Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark as they embark on a series of daring adventures.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Blabey*

#### ***Zeus the Mighty series by Crispin Boyer***

Greek mythology meets cute talking animals in this hilarious fiction series, starring Zeus the mighty, king of the gods, ruler of minions and the crazy crew of critters of the Mount Olympus Pet Center.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Boyer*

#### ***Recipe for Adventure series by Giada DeLaurentiis***

When their great-aunt comes to live with Alfie and his older sister Emilia, they learn that food not only can take you places but also bring you back home

*Call #: Children's Fiction De Laurentiis*

#### ***Race the Wild series by Kristin Earhart***

Each chapter in this action-packed adventure series is bursting with totally true facts about wild and wonderful creatures, dangerous habitats, maps and more!



*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Earhart*

***Secret Explorers series by SJ King***

The adventures of a band of brainiac kids from around the world. Each has a specialty, from outer space to dinosaurs, and each story follows a character who gets chosen for a secret adventure.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter King*

## **FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION**

***Library of Ever by Zeno Alexander***

Lenora is bored, bored, bored until she discovers a secret doorway into a maze-like library full of secrets hidden among the shelves.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Alexander*

***Franny K. Stein series by Jim Benton***

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school, she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trash can.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Benton*

***Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl***

Mr. Fox's ingenuity saves all the digging animals from starvation when they are trapped underground by three mean farmers.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Dahl*

***Dragons in a Bag series by Zetta Elliott***

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Elliott*

***My Father's Dragon series by Ruth Gannett***

When Elmer Elevator tells a stray cat about his dream of being able to fly, he learns of a captive dragon on Wild Island and anyone who rescues the dragon from its cruel captors might be entitled to a free ride.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Gannett*

***Rescue Princesses series by Paula Harrison***

These are no ordinary Princesses - they are rescue princesses! Follow them as they spend their time rescuing animals and saving their kingdoms!

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Harrison*



***Princess Pulverizer series by Nancy Krulik***

A princess who would rather be a knight accepts her skeptical father's challenge to perform good deeds in order to prove her worthiness to attend knight school.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapters Krulik*

***Looniverse series by David Lubar***

When ordinary third-grader Ed finds a coin with the words "strange" and "stranger" on both sides, weird things start happening around him--but when his friends start blaming him for all the weirdness, Ed wonders if this coin is too strange for comfort.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Lubar*

***Upside Down Magic series by Sarah Mlynowski***

With their magic being unpredictable, Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are sent to the upside-down magic room at Dunwiddle Magic School.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Mlynowski*

***Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy***

Mildred Hubble is the worst student ever to darken the doors of Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches. Every spell she attempts goes horribly wrong, especially when she turns the teacher's pet into her deadly enemy.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Murphy*

***My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish by Mo O'Hara***

When Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk.

*Call #: Children's Fiction O'Hara*

***Max and the Midknights by Lincoln Pierce***

Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midknights go on a quest to rescue a Kingdom from the mean King Gastley. Magic and misadventures follow the group in this funny illustrated novel by the author of Big Nate.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Pierce*

***Indian in the Cupboard series by Lynne Reid Banks***

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Reid Banks*

***Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz***

What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a young night fairy is fierce and willing to do what it takes to survive.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Schlitz*



***Malamander: The Legends of Eerie-on-Sea by Thomas Taylor***

Welcome to the mysterious mist-covered town of Eerie-on-Sea, where magic fills the air, monster legends haunt the shore, and secrets lurk in the shadows.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Taylor*

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

***Catwad series by Jim Benton***

He's blue, a bit of a grouch, and his best friend is a happy-go-lucky cat named Blurmp. This furball has a funny take on just about everything, and he's not afraid to share it.

*Call #: Children's Comics Catwad*

***Sparks by Ian Boothby***

August is a brilliant inventor who is afraid of the outside. Charlie is a crack pilot who isn't afraid of anything. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

*Call #: Children's Comics Sparks*

***CatStronauts series by Drew Brockington***

Alerted to a global energy crisis, the President consults with the World's Best Scientist, who suggests sending a special group of astronauts to turn the Moon into a solar power plant.

*Call #: Children's Comics CatStronauts*

***Flying Beaver Brothers series by Maxwell Eaton***

Ace and Bub's plans for a quiet vacation are put on hold when they are stranded on an island where their nemesis has stirred up trouble among the local animals.

*Call #: Children's Comics Flying*

***Carlton Crumple Creature Catcher series by David Fremont***

Fast food, monsters and super funny, madcap adventures combine as Carlton Crumple sets out to stop monsters from taking over the Chubbzy Cheeseburger joint.

*Call #: Children's Comics Carlton*

***Max Meow series by John Gallagher***

After taking a bite of a radioactive space meatball, Max, a regular cat gains superpowers and begins to fight crime.

*Call #: Children's Comics Max*



***Pup Detective by Felix Gumpau***

The Pup Detectives of Pawston elementary join forces to solve the crimes happening all around them.

*Call #: Children's Comics Pup*

***Comics Squad series by Jennifer L Holm***

All of your favorite comic creators are right here in this funny, action-packed series.

*Call #: Children's Comics Comics*

***Real Pigeons series by Andrew McDonald***

Did you know your town is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting feathered friends? These comical birds solve mysteries, fight bad guys and won't stop until your neighborhood is safe.

*Call #: Children's Comics Real*

***The InvestiGators series John Patrick***

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case!

*Call #: Children's Comics Investigators*

***Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey***

When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born.

*Call #: Children's Comics Dog*

***HiLo series by Annie Winick***

Action-packed adventures with DJ and Gina, two ordinary kids, and HiLo who isn't. He just fell out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth.

*Call #: Children's Comics Hilo*

***Secret Coders series by Gene Yang***

Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! The founder of the school left many clues and puzzles to challenge his enterprising students.

*Call #: Children's Comics Secret*

## **HORROR (NOT SO SCARY!)**

***13th Street series by David Bowles***

Cousins Malia, Ivan, and Dante are visiting their aunt for the summer. But on their way to the water park, they get lost on 13th Street. Only it's not a street but a very strange world with dangerous beasts.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Bowles*



***The Haunted Library series by Dori Hillestad Butler***

When ghost boy Kaz's haunt is torn down and he is separated from his ghost family, he meets a real girl named Claire, who has a special ability to see ghosts when other humans cannot.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Butler*

***Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery by James Howe***

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny is a vampire.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Howe*

***Disaster Strikes series by Marlane Kennedy***

Each story features a different disaster, as the heroes learn that when disaster strikes, the only thing you can count on is yourself!

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Kennedy*

***Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories by Jeff Kinney***

Grab a flashlight, crawl under the covers, and dive into a twisted, unexpected, hilarious world of Rowley Jefferson as he encounters zombies, vampires, ghosts and much more.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Kinney*

***Junior Monster Scouts series by Joe McGee***

Although Wolfy, Franky, and Vampyra are children of classic monsters, all they want to do is help those in need so they join the Monster Scouts.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter McGee*

***Scary Tales by James Preller***

After the death of his mother, eight-year-old Liam and his father and sister move to a new house for a fresh start, but Liam soon discovers that the house is haunted.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Preller*

## MYSTERY

***The Stolen Sapphire: A Samantha Mystery by American Girl***

Part of the American Girl Mystery series has Samantha investigating when a valuable jewel is stolen during an ocean liner's trip to Europe.

*Call #: Children's Fiction American*

***Inspector Flytrap series by Tom Angleberger***

Welcome to Inspector Flytrap's Detective Agency, home to the world-renowned solver of BIG DEAL mysteries. Inspector Flytrap, a Venus flytrap, works tirelessly with his assistant Nina the Goat, on his community's unsolved cases.



*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Angleberger*

**Clubhouse Mysteries series by Sharon Draper**

Four friends create the "Clubhouse" where they solve a series of mysteries. They encounter the Underground Railroad, attend Space Camp, help a Wildlife Rescue Center, and enter a talent show.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Draper*

**Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pasti**

Meet Timmy Failure, founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, and his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

*Call #: Children's Paperback Pastis*

**Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Chandler Warner**

One warm night, four children stood in front of a bakery. No one knew them. No one knew where they had come from. Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are orphans. Can they find a home where they can stay together as a family?

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Warner*

## NONFICTION

**Animal Rescue by Aubre Andrus**

12 heart-warming true stories about animals that have been rescued from tough situations.

*Call #: Children's 636.088 Andrus*

**Weird but True series by Carmen Bredeson**

Wacky facts, fascinating information, and lively art combine to make these books irresistible for young readers.

*Call #: Children's 031 National*

**Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs Save the World by Nancy F. Castaldo**

Discover how detection dogs are able to use their noses to find everything from people, to explosives, to whale poop.

*Call #: Children's 636.73 Castaldo*

**Maker Lab: Outdoors by Jack Challoner**

Learn about science in your own home kitchen using everyday materials. Put together a project with friends or simply make something incredible for yourself.

*Call #: Children's 507.8 Challoner*



***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming* by Chris Harris**

An illustrated collection of comically rhyming poems for mischievous kids and immature grown-ups. Readers of all ages will enjoy these verses ranging in topic from avocados and anacondas to zombies and zebras (dressed like ghosts). Move over Shel Silverstein!

Call #: *Children's 811 Harris*

***Rescue & Jessica* by Jessica Kensky**

When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog

Call #: *Children's Illustrated Fiction Ke*

***Absolutely Everything!* by Christopher Lloyd**

How many big questions do you have about our planet, life, and people? Embark on an entertaining journey across Millennia and continents with this huge compilation of everything!

Call #: *Children's 909 Lloyd*

***One Plastic Bag* by Miranda Paul**

Plastic bags are cheap and easy to use. But what happens when a bag breaks or is no longer needed? In Njau, Gambia, people simply dropped the bags and went on their way. One plastic bag became two. Then ten. Then a hundred. Then something fabulous!

Call #: *Children's Biography Ceesay*

***Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein**

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in this classic collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

Call #: *Children's 811 Silverstein*

***Sleeping in a Sack: Camping Activities for Kids* by Linda White**

An introduction to camping, including the types of gear needed, safety tips, activities, games, songs, and recipes.

Call #: *Children's 796.54 White*

***Who Was.../ \*Who Is..., \*What was.../ \*What Is...and \*Where is... series***

History comes alive in these three series about famous people, landmarks, and geography.

Call #: *Children's Biography, Children's 900 Was, Children's 910 Where*

## REALISTIC FICTION

***News from Me, Lucy McGee* by Mary Amato**

Kindhearted and genuine, this spunky heroine matches wits with other members of her class.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Amato*



***A Boy Called Bat* by Elane Arnold**

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Arnold*

***The Critter Club* series by Callie Barkley**

Read about four best friends who band together to form a rescue shelter to save lost and lonely animals in their town.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Barkley*

***Kate the Chemist* series by Kate Biberdorf**

Science explosions, theater, mystery and friendship abound as Kate uses STEM knowledge to do incredible things!

*Call #: Children's Fiction Biberdorf*

***The Penderwicks* by Jeane Birdsall**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four loveable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Birdsall*

***Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume**

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

*Call #: Childrens' Fiction Blume*

***Ribsy* by Beverly Cleary**

Separated from his owner, Henry finds abandoned Ribsy in a shopping center parking lot.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Cleary*

***Mallory Books* series by Laurie Friedman**

Eight-and-a-half-year-old Mallory McDonald always makes the best plans...but they usually don't turn out quite the way she imagined.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Friedman*

***Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald**

Third-grader Judy Moody has a mood to fit every occasion and a face to go with it.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter McDonald*



**Franklin School Friends series by Claudia Mills**

The author incorporates realistic school situations with everyday challenges with which kids can identify. Each book is based around a different school topic.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapters Mills*

**Clementine series by Sar Pennypacker**

Clementine is an ingenious third-grader with a talent for trouble and a good heart.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Pennypacker*

**Waylon! series by Sara Pennypacker**

Waylon, a boy with the mind of a scientific genius and the vulnerable heart of an eight year old, is trying to understand his older sister and deal with changes among the kids at school.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Pennypacker*

**Stella Batts series by Courtney Sheimel**

Stella Batts is an eight year old who loves to write. She loves to write lists: like her favorite things and kids in her class. And she's even writing her autobiography.

*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Sheimel*

**Funny Kid series by Matt Stanton**

When eleven-year-old Max Walburt decides to run for class president claiming he is the funniest student, he must survive poop scandals, crazy teachers, and stalker ducks to win the election.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Stanton*

**Sticker Girl series by Janet Tashjian**

Martina has always struggled to carve out her place at school, but she finds tremendous excitement in a treasure all her own: a sticker collection that comes to life!

*Call #: Children's Fiction Tashjian*

**Classic Starts series by various authors**

Young readers can experience the wonder of timeless stories with these abridged editions. Each easy-to-read classic is filled with all the magic and excitement that made the original a beloved favorite. Read the works of Louise May Alcott, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, and more.

*Call #: Children's Fiction Alcott / Dickens / Twain / surname of the original author*

## SPORTS

**MVP (Most Valuable Player) series by David A. Kelley**

This sports-themed chapter book series features the coolest club around—the Most Valuable Players! They solve mysteries and compete in competition while showing real team spirit and never giving up!



*Call #: Children's Early Chapter Kelly*

***Sports Stories series by Jake Maddox***

With an emphasis on speed, skill, and fair play, the boys and girls in these books face obstacles on deck, on the field, on the court and on the ice.

*Call #: Early Chapter Maddox*

