**2022 Suggested Reading for Students Entering
Grade 1**

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*

### Picture Books

#### *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes

An ode to all the good that a kid can be, even when the world tells him otherwise.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ba*

#### *The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse* by Mac Barnett

A mouse gets swallowed by a wolf and finds out it’s not the worst thing in the world.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ba*

#### *The Stuff of Stars* by Marion Dane Bauer

Before the universe was formed, there was nothing. Then BANG! Stars, light, and dust flying everywhere, forming planets, and then forming people. We are all the stuff of stars.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ba*

#### *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* by Andrea Beaty

Sofia Valdez is a real go-getter, so when her Abuelo gets hurt on the neighborhood trash heap, Sofia leads the way to get it cleaned up so the community can have a park.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Be*

#### *A Library Book for Bear* by Bonnie Becker

Bear has all the books he will ever need: three knight books, three honeybee books, and a pickle book. When his friend Mouse drags him to the library, Bear discovers that his bookshelf may have space for books on more topics.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Be*

#### *Leave Me Alone!* by Vera Brosgol

Grandmother badly needs peace and quiet to finish knitting for her grandchildren, so she leaves her tiny home and her big family to journey to the moon and beyond.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Br*

#### *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by Isabel F. Campoy

Mira lives in a dull, gray urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ca*

#### *How to Bake a Universe* by Alec Carvlin

Both scientifically accurate and also completely silly, this is a full recipe for making your own universe. Just set your oven to Absolute Hot and get started!

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ca*

#### *King Alice* by Matthew Cordell

Alice ~~decides~~ demands to be called King Alice on this, the snowiest of days. Of course, her most royal brave knight, Dad, is there to help with all her royal decrees, including a Unicorn Party Stampede.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Co*

#### *Hornswoggled: A Wacky Words Whodunit* by Josh Crute

When Deer wakes up to find his antler has been replaced with a tennis racket, he knows he has been HORNSWOGGLED! When he learns his other friends have also had run-ins with the mysterious thief, they must work together to discover the great bamboozler.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Cr*

#### *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt

You’ve played the game, now find out how Rock, Paper, and Scissors came to be the last remaining warriors in a never-ending battle for supremacy.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Da*

#### *Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña

As Milo and his sister ride the subway, Milo draws his ideas of how the people around him on the train live. As they reach their destination, Milo realizes that sometimes you can’t tell what someone’s life is like by looking at them.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book De*

#### *Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio

Raised in a poodle family, Gaston works hard to meet his mother’s standards of propriety, but her lessons do not come easily to him. When his family meets a bulldog family in the park, the mothers realize that they may have made “a terrible mistake.”

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Di*

#### *Grandma and the Great Gourd: a Bengali folk tale* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Grandma wants to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, but dangerous creatures live there. Can she outwit foxes, bears, and tigers in order to make her journey there and back?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Di*

#### *Fearsome Giant, Fearless Child: A Worldwide Jack and the Beanstalk Story* by Paul Fleischman

A clever boy, sometimes thumb-sized, sometimes average, finds himself confronting a man-eating creature in this tale told in pieces from all over the world.

*Call #: Children’s 398 Fleischman*

#### *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella* by Paul Fleischman

A familiar tale of rags-to-riches told as a patchwork of interwoven international versions of the Cinderella story.

*Call #: Children’s 398 International Fleischman*

#### *Pokko and the Drum* by Matthew Forsythe

The worst mistake Pokko’s parents ever made was giving her the drum. Now she has to wrangle a band of wild animals without anyone eating each other.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Fo*

#### *Lucía the Luchadora* by Cynthia Leonor Garza

Lucía loves playing superhero on the playground, but the boys won’t let her play with them. They think girls can’t be heroes. Lucía’s Abuela knows the boys are wrong, because once upon a time, she was a special superhero – a Luchadora!

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ga*

#### *Hello Goodbye Dog* by Maria Gianferrari

Zara’s dog, Moose, is a master of escaping and rushing to Zara’s side. Unfortunately, dogs aren’t allowed in school! Can the two friends find a way to keep Moose by Zara’s side?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Gi*

#### *Pretty Perfect Kitty-Corn* by Shannon Hale

Unicorn is perfect – everybody thinks so! Unicorn is especially eager for Kitty to see the perfection, but what happens when Unicorn makes a big fumble? Will Kitty even want to be his friend anymore?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ha*

#### *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho

Her friends might have eyes that are sapphire pools, but this young girl loves her eyes that kiss in the corners and are like warm tea in this ode to Asian eyes.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ho*

#### *Say Hello!* by Rachel Isadora

A little girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Is*

#### *The Good Egg* by Jory John

He’s a good egg. A verrrrrry good egg. Practically perfect. And it starts getting a little hard to be so very good when all the other eggs are all so very rotten. When the egg starts to crack under the pressure of being so perfect, he decides it’s time for a big change.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Jo*

#### *I Walk with Vanessa* by Kerascoet

In this wordless picture book, a young girl takes steps to stop bullying and make a friend. Her simple act of kindness grows until the whole town is walking with Vanessa.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ke*

#### *7 Ate 9: The Untold Story* by Tara Lazar

Private I is called to solve the mystery of the missing 9. 6 is certain that 7 ate him and will be coming for her next! Will Private I get to the bottom of this mystery, or are 6’s days numbered?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book La*

#### *Sleepover at the Museum* by Karen LeFrak

For Mason’s birthday, he’s having a sleepover at the Museum of Natural History! And if he and his friends can finish the scavenger hunt through the museum, he’ll get to choose which room they’ll be sleeping in. This mystery invites the reader to help solve the clues.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Le*

#### *This is a Good Story* by Adam Lehrhaupt

A young writer tries to tell a story, but the characters soon take on a life of their own! Can she turn it into a *good* story? You’ll find out!

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Le*

#### *Drawn Together* by Minh Lê

A young boy and his grandfather search for common ground; they don’t speak the same language, eat the same foods, or watch the same television shows, but they do share a love of drawing that brings them together.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Le*

#### *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom

A young girl takes courage and stands up to defeat the black snake that is destroying the water and her people.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Li*

#### *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal

Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has such a long name that it never fits! But when her father tells the story of her names, Alma may find them a better fit than she imagined.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ma*

#### *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey

In this classic tale, little Sal and Little Bear are both separated from their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with each other’s mother.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Mc*

***A New Day* by Brad Meltzer**

When Sunday quits suddenly, the other days of the week need to come up with a replacement – quick! Auditions begin and the possibilities seem endless: Pieday! Superheroday! Acrobaturday! But is there anyone who can take the place of Sunday?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Me*

#### *Sophie’s Squash* by Pat Zietlow Miller

On a trip to the farmers' market with her parents, Sophie chooses a squash and names it Bernice. From then on, Sophie brings Bernice everywhere. As winter nears, Sophie starts to notice changes in her friend. What is a girl to do when the squash she loves is in trouble?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Mi*

#### *Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme* by Avery Monsen

There once was a youngster named Chester van Chime, who woke up one day and forgot how to… match up two sounds! Join Chester as he makes his way through the day definitely not rhyming.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Mo*

#### *Thank You, Omu*! by Oge Mora

Omu is cooking up a stew that will be the best she’s ever had. The neighbors smell the scrumptious scent and it’s not too long before they’re asking for a taste. Omu is happy to share, but when the neighbors keep coming, Omu is in danger of running out of soup.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Mo*

#### *The Spectacular Suit* by Kat Patrick

It’s almost Frankie’s birthday and everything is perfect – except for her outfit! Will she find the spectacular suit of her dreams? Or will her party outfit fall flat?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Pa*

#### *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong’o

Sulwe is darker than anyone in her family, and anyone in her school. She feels like she doesn’t fit in, until a magical journey in the sky opens her eyes to the beauty found in the darkness and in the light.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ny*

#### *A Family is a Family is a Family* by Sara O’Leary

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, they have very different answers—but those answers share a common, important theme.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Ol*

#### *The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney

In this wordless retelling of the Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse rescues the King of the Jungle, proving that even small creatures are capable of great deeds.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Pi*

#### *Rescuing Mrs. Birdley* by Aaron Reynolds

A teacher’s natural habitat is the classroom. Animal expert Miranda has to employ all the tricks she knows to return Mrs. Birdley to her natural habitat after seeing she has escaped to the grocery store.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Re*

#### *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again* by Dan Santat

It turns out that all the king’s men and horses were able to put *most* of Humpty together again after he fell. Unfortunately, they couldn’t put his broken spirit back together. Faced with a crippling fear of heights, Humpty doesn’t think he’ll ever enjoy bird watching again. Or will he?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Sa*

#### *Love, Z* by Jessie Sima

When the robot Z finds a note signed “Love, Beatrice,” they don’t understand. What does “love” mean? The other robots can’t help, so Z sets out on an adventure to find the one person who could answer their question – Beatrice.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Si*

#### *The Storyteller* by Evan Turk

In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city.

*Call #: Children’s Illustrated Fiction Tu*

#### *Reading Beauty* by Deborah Underwood

A familiar tale is turned on its head. Instead of a spinning wheel, this princess is cursed with a papercut, causing her parents to destroy her beloved collection of books! Can she find the fairy responsible to get her curse reversed?

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Un*

#### *Watercress* by Andrea Wang

It embarrasses a young girl when her parents stop to pick watercress from a muddy ditch on the side of the road. But as she learns more of her parent’s life back in China, she comes to appreciate the struggles they faced and the fresh food they foraged.

*Call #: Children’s Picture Book Wa*

#### *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson

Sometimes beginning something new can be scary, especially when no one else in the room looks or sounds like you. But with a touch of courage, you can find a way to make connections.

*Call #: Children’s Illustrated Fiction Wo*

### Nonfiction

#### *May Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed

Inspired by the true-life story of Mae Jemison, the first Black woman to go to space, this is a sweet story about following your dreams!

*Call #: Children’s Biography Jemison*

***The Story of Climate Change: A first book about how we can help save our planet* byCatherine Barr**

Follow the story of Earth’s changing climate from the beginning to now, and see how humans are doing their part to both hurt and help the environment.

*Call #: Children’s 363.73 Barr*

#### *Blastoff! Readers* series by various authors

These leveled nonfiction books cover a variety of awesome topics, from baby animals to monster trucks. They guide readers as they transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader - Nonfiction Section (look for the rocket on the spine!)*

#### *Bullfrog Books* series by various authors

The publisher, Jump, dubs these books, “Beautiful nonfiction for beginning and struggling readers.” They are! These high-interest, low reading level titles help young readers learn to read and, more specifically, learn to decode nonfiction.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader - Nonfiction Section (look for the bullfrog on the spine!)*

#### *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin

Explore the Grand Canyon across the miles and through millions of years, from the basin to the rim, as a father and daughter make their way through this incredible natural wonder.

*Call #: Children’s 979.1 Chin*

#### *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* by Anika Denise

When Pura Belpré first arrives in NYC in 1921, she finds that none of the stories she grew up with in Puerto Rico have made their way to the library shelves. In an effort to change that, she introduces stories from her native land, in her native language, to the citizens of New York.

*Call #: Children’s Biography Belpré*

#### *Curious Critters* by David FitzSimmons

Detailed photographs accompany little vignettes told from the perspective of curious critters that live in our world.

*Call #: Children’s 591.97 FitzSimmons*

#### *Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez* by Anna Harber Freeman & Barbara Gonzales

Maria started as a girl who wanted to learn to make clay pots from her aunt. She grew into the most famous Native American Indian potter, known for her special firing technique that turned her pots into shiny, black works of art.

*Call #: Children’s Biography Martinez*

#### *How to Swallow a Pig* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

Learn how to trap fish like a humpback whale, spin a web like a spider, and of course, swallow a pig like a python in this clever book about animal behavior.

*Call #: Children’s 591.5 Jenkins*

#### *Do unto Otters: A Book about Manners* by Laurie Keller

Mr. Rabbit wonders if he will be able to get along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the golden rule.

*Call #: Children’s 395.122 Keller*

#### *This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World* by Matt Lamothe

From where they live, to what they’re called, to how they spend their free time, these seven real kids from around the world show us how they live.

*Call #: Children’s 305.23 Lamothe*

***Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner**

A young girl and her Nana tend the vegetables and flowers up in the garden, while the worms, bugs, and animals play down in the dirt.

*Call #: Children’s 635 Messner*

***We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know* by Traci Sorell**

Twelve Native American kids present historical and contemporary laws, policies, struggles, and victories in Native life, each with a powerful refrain: We are still here!

*Call #: Children’s 970.1 Sorell*

***The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps* by Jeannette Winter**

Follow Jane Goodall’s life with the chimpanzees in Africa as she earns their trust, becomes their friend, and works to save their habitat and their lives.

*Call #: Children’s Biography Goodall*

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### First Readers

**(Perfect for the child who is just beginning to read on their own)**

#### *Mo Jackson* series by David Adler

Mo may not be the tallest player on his team, or the fastest or the strongest, but that never stops him from trying his best no matter what shape that takes.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Adler*

#### *Rhyming Word Families* series, by Marv Alinas

This series uses simple sentences and bold pictures to tell stories using rhyming word families.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Alinas*

#### *Fly Guy* series by Tedd Arnold

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in “The Amazing Pet Show,” his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet. Fly Guy proves everyone wrong.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Arnold*

#### *Flip-a-Word* series by various authors

Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce short vowel sounds, consonant blends, and word families in these Flip-a-Word books.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Flip*

#### *Beginning to Read* series by Margaret Hillert

Simple, easy to read retellings of well-known fairy tales, like Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and Hansel and Gretel.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Hillert*

#### *Horse and Buggy* series by Ethan Long

Horse and Buggy are best friends who get up to all kinds of antics in this fun - and funny - series!

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Long*

#### *The Adventures of Otto* series by David Milgrim

Join Otto the robot as he navigates friendship here on Earth.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Milgrim*

#### *Puppy Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant

Mudge is Henry’s puppy, and he’s full of mischief and energy. He’s also full of love!

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Rylant*

#### *The Giggle Gang* series by Jan Thomas

These wacky animals get up to all sorts of misadventures! Whether it’s searching for a missing toothbrush or baking a birthday cake for a friend, you can count on the Giggle Gang to give you a few laughs!

*Call # Children’s First Reader Thomas*

#### *Cat the Cat* and *Elephant and Piggie* series by Mo Willems

Cat the Cat has fun with friends, and Gerald the elephant and Piggie have very silly adventures in these two early reader series told completely in dialogue.

*Call #: Children’s First Reader Willems*

### Chapter Books & Graphic Novels

**(Perfect for family read-alouds!)**

#### *The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure* by Doreen Cronin

The Chicken Squad is ready to fight crime and solve mysteries - especially the mystery of the alien spacecraft! But what if the aliens want the chickens for - gulp! - dinner?

*Call #: Children’s Early Chapter Cronin*

#### *My Father’s Dragon* by Ruth Gannett

Elmer Elevator heads off on an adventure to rescue a dragon from its cruel captors.

*Call #: Children’s Early Chapter Gannett*

#### *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton

In this new graphic novel series, a happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures in the ocean.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Narwhal*

#### *Jump into Chapters* series by various authors

Join Andy, Mr. Ball, and others on their silly adventures in these early reader comics.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Jump*

#### *Johnny Boo* by James Kochalka

In this graphic novel series, Johnny Boo, the best little ghost in the whole world, and his pet ghost named Squiggle have the world's greatest ghost adventures.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Johnny*

#### *Lulu and the Duck in the Park* by Hilary McKay

The rule about pets at Lulu’s house is simple: The more the merrier - as long as Lulu cleans up after them! But does Lulu get in over her head when she brings a duck egg to school?

*Call #: Children’s Early Chapter McKay*