

# Summer Reading List

## GRADES K-2

**Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!**

by Bob Shea  
Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484713792

Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

**Beastly Verse**

illustrated by JooHee Yoon  
Enchanted Lion Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781692701667

Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems in this award-winning anthology.

**Cookie Fiasco**

by Mo Willems and Dan Santat

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484726365

From the new Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series, a hippo, crocodile, squirrel with pigtails, and squirrel with glasses have to divide three cookies evenly between them.

**Drum Dream Girl: How**

**One Girl's Courage**  
*Changed Music*

by Margarita Engle,  
illustrated by Rafael López  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,  
2015, ISBN: 9780544102293

Based on the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, one of Cuba's first female drummers, this picture-book

biography inspires us all to follow our dreams.

**Duck, Duck, Dinosaurs**

by Kaillie George, illustrated by Oriol Vidal  
HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780062363085

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

**Flowers Are Calling**

by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Pak

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121

Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

**Fly Guy Presents: Castles**

by Todd Arnold  
Scholastic, 2017, ISBN: 9780545917384

Fly Guy and Buzz learn about what it is like to have lived in a castle in this nonfiction reader.

**Freedom in Congo Square**

by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801033

Slaves are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing,

and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

**Get a Hit, Mo!**

by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks  
Penguin, 2016, ISBN: 9780670016327

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

**Hank's Big Day: The**

**Story of a Bug**  
by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated by Chuck Greenink

Schwartz & Wade, 2016, ISBN: 9780553511505

Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors in a sweet story of friendship and imagination.

**Ice Cream Summer**

by Peter Sis  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545731614

Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

**Little Elliot, Big Fun**

by Mike Curato  
Henry Holt, 2016, ISBN: 9780805098273

A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just right for him.

**The Night Gardener**

by Terry Fan and Eric Fan  
Simon & Schuster, 2016, ISBN: 9781481439787

William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

**¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!**  
*Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z Unveiling the Cloud Forest*

by Lulu Delacre  
Children's Book Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780892393275

Explore the cloud forest of the Andes in Ecuador in this bilingual alphabetical book in verse.

**The Quickest Kid in Clarksville**

by Pat Zietlow Miller,  
illustrated by Frank Morrison

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452128365

In 1960, on her way to meet Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph at the hometown parade, Alta discovers that it is not shoes that make her fast.

**Strictly No Elephants**

by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taseen Yoo  
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481416474

Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

**Surf's Up**

by Kwame Alexander,  
illustrated by Daniel Miyares  
NorthSouth Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780735842205

Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

**They All Saw a Cat**

by Brendan Wenzel  
Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452150130

Difference in perspective is clearly demonstrated in this book as many animals all look at the same cat.

**Treat**

by Mary Sullivan  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 97805444472709

Learn the many things this dog does in order to get a treat to eat in this light tale filled with humor.

**Urgency Emergency! Itsy Bitsy Spider**

by Dosh Archer  
Albert Whitman, 2015, ISBN: 9780807583609

In this funny early reader, Doctor Glenda and Nurse Percy rush to work when the penning paramedics bring in a very small spider who has fallen down a waterspout.

**Waiting for High Tide**

by Nikki McClure  
Abrams, 2016, ISBN: 97814119716560

While the tide is out, a young boy and his family find treasures of all kinds in the muddy shoreline; stunning cut-paper illustrations make this a visual treat.

**We Are Growing!**

by Mo Willems and Laurie Keller

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484726358

While all of the other blades of grass find something at which they are the "est" Wait, an ordinary blade, feels a bit left out in this Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series title. But, wait, what is that sound? Is that the . . . lawn mower?

**We Found a Hat**  
by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763666003

The final book in the hat trilogy, this one offers another unique twist to resolve who gets the hat.

**What Do You Do with a Problem?**

by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom  
Compendium Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781943200009

A child experiences an unexpected problem, worrying and wrestling it through until he realizes it's not really a problem after all—it's an opportunity.

**Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln?**

by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen  
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763673116

To get away from her older sister, Eugenia, Baby Lincoln packs her suitcase for an adventure, discovering that there's no place like home.

