



2020 Summer Reading Lists

Entering 3rd Grade

Prepared by Todd Library and
Briarcliff Manor Public Library librarians

It is important to note that the titles on this list span a range of reading levels for students entering third grade. The Briarcliff Public Library and Todd Library librarians have selected these books to help you and your child develop a lifetime habit and enjoyment of reading.

EBOOK INFORMATION:

The APPS Hoopla and Libby (app for Overdrive) are accessible and free to use with your public library card. The icon next to the title shows which APP has that title or series. Amy Kaplan is available throughout the summer at abgkaplan@gmail.com with any questions relating to getting a library card or accessing the library APPS.



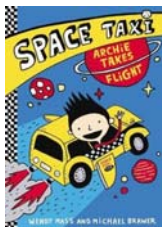
26 Fairmont Avenue by Tomie de Paola

Children's author Tomie de Paola describes his boyhood experiences.



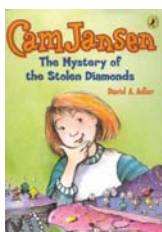
The Absent Author [A to Z Mysteries series] by Ron Roy

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace. This is the first book in the mystery series.



Archie Takes Flight [Space Taxi series] by Wendy Mass and Michael Brawer

Archie's dad drives an intergalactic space taxi, shuttling aliens from one corner of the universe to another. Archie co-pilots. This is the first book in the series.



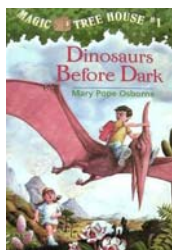
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds [Cam Jansen series] by David Adler

Young mystery readers will enjoy how Cam (short for "camera") uses her photographic memory to help solve crimes. This book is the first one in the series.



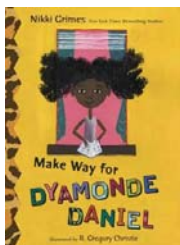
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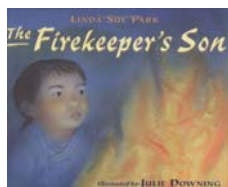
Dinosaurs Before Dark [Magic Tree House series] by Mary Pope Osborne

A brother and sister discover a magic book in a mysterious treehouse in their yard that brings them back to the time of the dinosaurs. This is the first book in the series. They travel back to a different time and place in each adventure.



Make Way for Dymonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Spunky third-grader Dymonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.



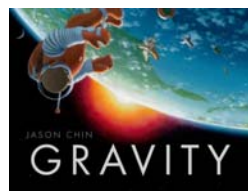
The Firekeeper's Son by Linda Sue Park

In eighteenth-century Korea, after Sang-hee's father injures his ankle, Sang-hee attempts to take over the task of lighting the evening fire which signals to the palace that all is well. Includes historic notes.



The Get Rich Quick Club by Dan Gutman

Summer vacation in their small Maine town does not look too promising until twelve-year-old Gina and four of her friends make a pact to become millionaires before school starts in September.



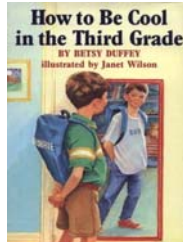
Gravity by Jason Chin

What keeps objects from floating out of your hand? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? Gravity. Jason Chin takes a complex subject and makes it accessible in this innovative book.



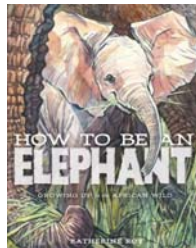
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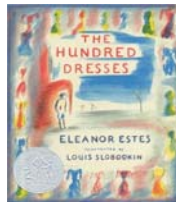
How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey

When a bully at school marks Robbie York as a target, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool.



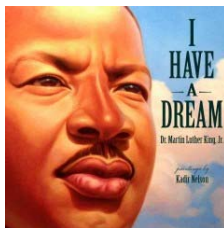
How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild by Katherine Roy

This nonfiction picture book follows an elephant's growth from newborn calf to full-grown adult in one of the most complex family groups on earth.



The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped Polish little girl teaches her classmates a lesson.



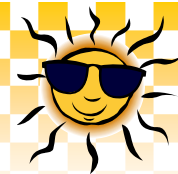
I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King, Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Presents illustrations and the text of the speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, in which he described his visionary dream of equality and brotherhood for humankind.



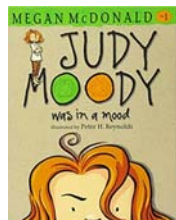
Ivy and Bean [series] by Annie Barrows

Shy Ivy at first seems too boring for energetic Bean, but these schoolmates become great friends. Together they tackle sibling trouble, their school's bathroom ghost, and more.



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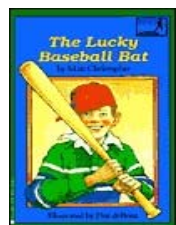
Judy Moody Was in a Mood [Judy Moody series] by Megan McDonald

Judy Moody is in a first-day-of-school-bad-mood until she gets a fun assignment. This is the first in a witty series full with third grade Judy's colorful stories.



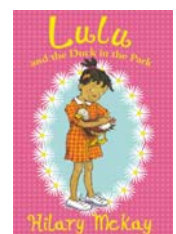
Just Grace [series] by Charise Mericle Harper

Grace (whose harried teacher nicknames her Just Grace to distinguish her from the three other Graces in class) deals with the usual trials and tribulations of third grade.



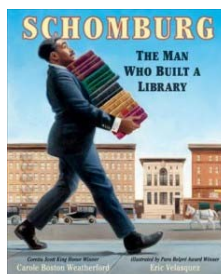
The Lucky Baseball Bat by Matt Christopher

Martin loses his lucky baseball bat and his confidence.



Lulu and the Duck in the Park [Lulu series] by Hilary McKay

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has forbidden her from bringing any more animals to school. This is the first in a series about Lulu and best friend/cousin Mellie.



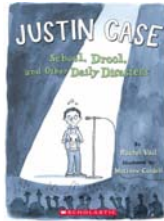
Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Eric Velasquez

Traces legal clerk Arturo Schomburg's efforts to curate a collection of African books, letters, music, and art.



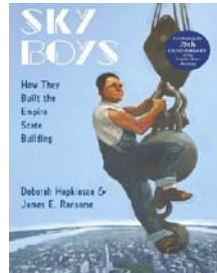
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School, Drool and Other Daily Disasters [Justin Case series] by Rachel Vail

Justin is always nervous about something — but tries to make the best of things in these humorous stories. This is the first book in the series.



Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by James E. Ransome

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home.



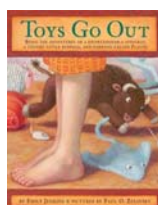
State Showdown [Little League Book series] by Matt Christopher

11-year old cousins Carter and Liam must both deal with grudges that threaten to break apart their All-Star teams during post-season play.



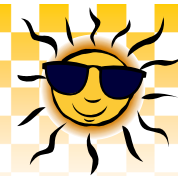
Super Amoeba [Squish series] by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm

Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully. This is the first in a series of graphic novels.



Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Tough Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic by Emily Jenkins, Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends—who happen to be toys.



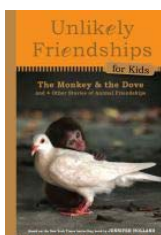
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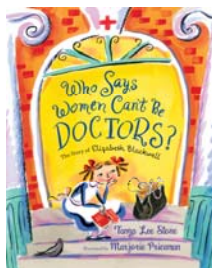
Unicorn of the Sea [Narwhal and Jelly series] by Ben Clanton

This is the first book in the graphic novel series that features happy-go-lucky Narwhal and no-nonsense Jelly, a jellyfish.



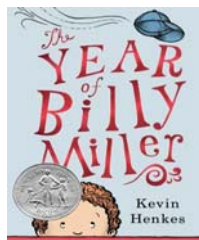
Unlikely Friendships: The Monkey and the Dove and Four Other True Stories of Animal Friendships by Jennifer S. Holland

Presents five stories about animals who have forged unlikely, abiding bonds with other animals of different species, from the rhesus monkey and the white dove to the lion and the baby oryx.



Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? by Tanya Lee Stone

In the 1830s, when a brave and curious girl named Elizabeth Blackwell was growing up, women were supposed to be wives and mothers. Certainly no women were doctors. This inspiring story of the first female doctor shows how one strong-willed woman opened the doors for all female doctors to come.



The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents, and learned many important lessons.