

Grades K - 6

Summer 2021 Literacy Activities



This school year has been overwhelmingly exhausting and challenging for our students. We would like our students to take a break from digital classrooms and working on-line to just relax. However, we still want our students to practice reading skills. One wonderful, exciting way to relax and continue to learn is to get lost in a book. This summer play the Summer Reading Bingo Game. Choose your bingo board and get started. Mark off which square you completed. Get five squares in a row diagonally, horizontally, or vertically and you have BINGO! Continue to play to see how many squares you can complete. There are also a few surprises on the boards, so have fun. (Hint: Hit control -click to follow the links) Turn in your bingo board to your teacher by September 7, 2021 and earn a prize. Do not forget to put your name on your board.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!

SUMMER READING BINGO #1

Read a book that has won an award	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book that makes you laugh	Read a book that teaches you about an event in history	Read a book about a real person
Read a book about technology	Read a book that you can read to someone younger	Visit Georgia Aquarium	Read a book about coding	Read a book of poems
Find a recipe you like and read the directions and make it	Read a book that teaches you about a place	Your choice!	Read a book that makes you think	Read a book about science fiction
Read a biography	Read a mystery book	Read a book about art	Read a book about friendship	Read a book that was made into a movie
Visit the Metropolitan Museum	Read a book about a musician	Read a graphic novel	Read a book by your favorite author	Read a book about an inventor

Summer Reading Bingo Board #2

Pick a book by an author with the same first initial in your last name	Head to the section marked 900 in the library. Select a book	Read with a flashlight	Read a book that is part of a series	Listen to a podcast about an interesting topic
Read a book that is only pictures. Write the words	Visit Shedd Aquarium in Chicago	Read a book about a ghost	Read a book about a pirate	Read a book about technology
Read your book aloud to your mom or dad	Read a book by a male author	Your Choice	Have a reading picnic lunch	Read a poem and perform it
Read a book about a historical event	Read a book with a dog in it	Visit Seattle Aquarium Virtual Tour	Read a book that was made into a movie	Read a graphic novel
Read a book set in the future	Read a book set in another country	Reread your favorite book	Read a book by a female author	Read a sports book

Summer Reading Bingo Board #3

Read a book that won an award the year you were born	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book on the second shelf in the library	Read a book that teaches you about an event in history	Visit Arizona's Aquarium
Read a book by a male author	Read a book that teaches you about robots	Read a book in the 500-599 section of the library	Read a book about coding	Read a book of poems
Read a newly published book	Read a book that teaches you about a place or visit The Great Wall of China	Your choice!	Read a book whose author's last name begins with the same letter as your last name	Read a book a trilogy
Read an autobiography	Read a mystery	Read a book about	Read a book by a female author	Visit the California African American Museum
Read a book that teaches me about an animal	Read a book about a musician	Read a graphic novel	Read a book by about science fiction	Read a book about an inventor

Suggested Reading for Grades K-6

Classics

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats *Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats*

Wake up with Peter to a snow-covered day where adventure awaits. No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than *The Snowy Day*. Ages 5, 6 & 7 DRA – 16

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats *Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats*

Peter is well aware that there is a new baby in the house. His mother shushes him when he makes his tower of blocks fall. And he's well aware that the new baby's a girl. For everything that used to be, Peter's has been painted pink! Ages 3-8

Frog and Toad Are Friends by: Arnold Lobel This classic features the escapades of Frog and Toad, an adorable amphibious duo who are the best of friends. Grades K-2 DRA 18

Fiction/Series

Lucky Beans by **Becky Birtha** Like so many people during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Marshall Loman's dad has lost his job. There's little money, but there are plenty of beans-in fact, Ma cooks them for supper every single night! Beans start looking better when Marshall sees the contest posted in the furniture store window. HOW MANY BEANS ARE IN THE JAR? WIN THIS BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINE! Ma needs that sewing machine-but how can Lomans possibly guess right? DRA 34

The Lion's Share by **Matthew McElligott** When Ant receives a special invitation to dine with Lion, she is ready to be on her best behavior. During dessert, the other guests do not mind their manners, and by the time the dessert cake reaches Ant, barely a crumb is left for her to share with the King! Baking a cake seems like the perfect way to make it up to him . . . until the other guests turn her kind gesture into a contest. DRA 24

The Adventurer's Guide to a Successful Escape by Wade Albert White Part fantasy, part sci-fi, this book follows the adventures of 13-year-old Anne, her best friend Penelope, and their new questing partner Hiro as they solve riddles, fight mystical animals, and travel to strange lands. Grades 3-7

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by **Jeff Kinney** Follow Greg Heffley as he navigates middle school in this #1 New York Times bestselling series. Grades 3-7

Nate the Great Series by **Lincoln Peirce** From snowball ambushes to a record-setting detention streak, Big Nate goes big when it comes to scouts, sports and school. Grades 3-7

Kane Chronicles Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

The Heroes of Olympus Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

Percy Jackson Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

Battle Bugs by **Jack Patton** Meet Max Darwin: an insect know-it-all who finds himself mysteriously shrunken and whisked away to tropical Bug Island. Grades 3-9

As Brave as You by **Jason Reynolds** When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires Ages 10-14

Nikki & Deja Series by **Karen English** Meet Nikki and Deja, who live next door to each other and are best friends. They do everything together—watch Saturday morning cartoons, play jacks, jump double Dutch at recess, and help each other with their homework for Mrs. Shelby's third-grade class. But when an arrogant new girl arrives and Nikki and Deja form a club that would exclude her, the results are not what they expect. Grades 1-3

Kid Caramel Series by **Mr. Dwayne Ferguson** Adventures of Kid Caramel, "Private Investigator" and his friend Earnest. Grades 2-6

Mountain Mission (Race the Wild #6) by **Kristin Earhart** The team is climbing to new heights! The last leg of the race lands teams in the Himalayas, one of the most treacherous mountain ranges in the world. But when a rockslide disaster threatens an old friend, Russell and the team must decide whether to go on a rescue mission or race for the win. DRA 40

When Sophie Gets Angry Series: by **Molly Bang** *Illustrated by Molly Bang*
In this Caldecott Honor-winning, head-on exploration of the causes of and solutions to anger, Sophie gets angry and runs out into the woods, where she climbs a tree to calm down, and is soon ready to come home to her loving family. Ages 4-6 DRA 18

The Stray Dog by **Marc Simont** *Illustrated by Marc Simont*
When a little dog appears at a family picnic, the girl and boy play with him all afternoon, and they name him Willy. At day's end, they say good-bye. But the dog has won their hearts and stays on their minds. Ages 5-7

Prudence Wants a Pet by **Cathleen Daly** Prudence wants a pet. Desperately. Will she ever find the perfect pet?

If You Give a Dog A Donut by **Laura Numeroff** If you give a dog a donut, he'll ask for some apple juice to go with it. When you give him the juice, he'll drink it all up. Then, before you can say "Woof" . . . Dog is off on a backyard adventure! Ages 4-8

The Story of Peppa Pig by **Scholastic** Introducing Peppa Pig! Peppa is a lovable (but slight bossy) little piggy who lives with Mummy pig, Daddy Pig, and her little brother, George. Ages 3-5

The Midnight Library by **Kazuno Kohana** When we are fast asleep in bed, the Midnight Library opens its doors to all the night-time animals Ages 3-5

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by **Grace Lin** Ling and Ting are two adorable identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings, getting their hair cut, or practicing magic tricks. However, looks are deceiving--people can be very different, even if they look the same. Ages 5-6

The Bad Seed by **Jory John** The story of a bad sunflower seed who decides it is time for a change. Pk-2

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by **Dan Santat** Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result. Ages 4-8

Freedom in the Congo Square by: **Carole Boston** Enslaved people 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. Ages 4-8

Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug by: **Evan Kuhlman** Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors. Ages 3-7

What Do You Do with a Problem by: **Kobi Yamada** A child's struggle with an unexpected problem until he realizes it really isn't a problem...it's an opportunity. Grade K-3

Me on the Map by **Joan Sweeney** In this playful introduction to maps and geography, step by simple step, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house... DRA 16

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? by **Jane Yolan** The dinosaurs are going to school. More fun dinosaur antics await. These prehistoric pupils are in a class of their own! DRA 16-18

Alphabet Adventures by **Audrey Woods** All the little letters from Charley's Alphabet have learned their proper order, from a to z. They're ready to go to school, but suddenly something is wrong! Little i has lost her dot, and none of the letters can find it. Can you? DRA 16

Inside Out and Back Again by **Thanhha Lai** Inside Out and Back Again is a #1 New York Times bestseller, a Newbery Honor Book, and a winner of the National Book Award! Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Grades 3-7

The Hunger Games Trilogy by **Suzanne Collins**

Gone by **Michael Grant** In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young. There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. Animals are mutating. And the teens themselves are changing, developing new talents

The Mostly True Story of Jack by **Kelly Barnhill** *The Mostly True Story of Jack* is a stunning debut novel about things broken, things put back together, and finding a place to belong. Grades 3-7

Flygirl by **Sherri Smith** All Ida Mae Jones wants to do is fly. Her daddy was a pilot, and years after his death she feels closest to him when she's in the air. But as a young black woman in 1940s Louisiana, she knows the sky is off limits to her, until America enters World War II, and the Army forms the WASP—Women Airforce Service Pilots. Ida has a chance to fulfill her dream if she's willing to use her light skin to pass as a white girl. She wants to fly more than anything, but Ida soon learns that denying one's self and family is a heavy burden, and ultimately it's not what you do but who you are that's most important. Grades 7-9

Ninth Ward by **Jewell Parker Rhodes** Twelve-year-old Lanesha lives in a tight-knit community in New Orleans' Ninth Ward. She doesn't have a fancy house like her uptown family or lots of friends like the other kids on her street. But what she does have is Mama Ya-Ya, her fiercely loving caretaker, wise in the ways of the world and able to predict the future. So when Mama Ya-Ya's visions show a powerful hurricane--Katrina--fast approaching, it's up to Lanesha to call upon the hope and strength Mama Ya-Ya has given her to help them both survive the storm. Grades 5+

Ghost Boys by **Jewell Parker Rhodes** Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Grades 5+

Amal Unbound by **Aisha Saeed** Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Her dreams are temporarily dashed when--as the eldest daughter--she must stay home from school to take care of her siblings. Grades 5-6

Refugee by **Alan Gratz** JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. Grades 4-7

Money Hungry by **Susan Flake** Thirteen-year-old Raspberry Hill is starved for money. She will do just about anything legal to get her hands on the almighty dollar--wash cars, sell rotten candy, skip lunch, clean houses. She is obsessed. She is driven. She is afraid. Memories of being homeless, sleeping in the streets, and eating handouts keep Raspberry's eye on the only prize that matters to her: cold, hard cash. Grades 5-9

Nightingale by **Kate Di Camillo** Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. Grades 5-6

Tuck Everlasting by **Natalie Babbitt** Is eternal life a blessing or a curse? That is what young Winnie Foster must decide when she discovers a spring on her family's property whose waters grant immortality. Members of the Tuck family, having drunk from the spring, tell Winnie of their experiences watching life go by and never growing older. Grades 5-8

Full Cicada Moon by **Marilyn Hilton** It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. Suddenly, Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices. She struggles to fit in with her classmates, even as she fights for her right to stand out by entering science competitions and joining Shop Class instead of Home Ec. And even though teachers and neighbors balk at her mixed-race family and her refusals to conform, Mimi's dreams of becoming an astronaut never fade--no matter how many times she's told no. DRA 60

Chapter Books/ Series

Owl Diaries by **Rebecca Elliot** Early reader chapter books. Grades K-2

I Survived by Lauren Tarshis Each book in my series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale. Grades 2-5

A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy The A to Z Mysteries Series features three sly sleuths: Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. Have fun getting to know them, and their dog, Pal! Grades 1-4

Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald Judy Moody rules! Boys and girls everywhere are relating to Judy's many moods and laughing at her hilarious adventures. Grades 1-4

Junie b. Jones Series by Barbara Parks The series begins when Junie starts kindergarten, Grades 1-4

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmot Children detective stories. Grades 2-5 DRA K

Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline A 3rd grader named Harry, and his misadventures are told through the words of his best friend, Doug. Grades K-3 DRA L

Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey A crime biting canine who is part dog, part man and ALL HERO!
Grades 1-3

Keena Ford Series by Melissa Thomson Keena Ford doesn't mean to be a troublemaker, but sometimes things get out of hand. Lucky for her, it's the beginning of the second grade and Keena's got a clean slate.
Ages 6-8

Princess Cupcake Jones Series by Ylleya Fields Cupcake Jones is a Modern day princess, who like many girls, loves her tutu and playing with her toys. Ages 5-7

King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code (series) by Dori Hillestad Butler,

Kayla and Mason both got mysterious letters, written in code. What does Kayla know? The same person left both letters. It's someone she and Mason both know. The two letters are the same, except for the second word. What does King know? Jillian left the letters. What do the letters say? DRA 18

Pedro, First-Grade Hero by Fran Manushkin, Spend some time with Pedro, Katie Woo's fun-loving friend. From a buggy disaster to a run for class president, Pedro has what it takes to be the hero of first-grade. No matter what he's doing, Pedro is always good for some laughs and adventure. Age 5-7

The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate (The Princess in Black series) by Shannon & Dean Hale Noseholes and elephants! A pet-eating monster interrupts a perfect playdate with Princess Sneezewort . . . but who is that new masked avenger? Princess Magnolia and Princess Sneezewort have plans . . . mysterious plans, like a princess playdate! They dress-up slam! They karaoke jam! They playhouse romp and snack-time stomp! But then a shout from outside Princess Sneezewort." Ages 5-7
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Star Jumper Series by: Frank Asch This is the journal of a cardboard genius, Alex, who has a little brother who annoys him to the point that he decides to build a star ship (out of cardboard, it really works) so he can move to a different planet. Grades K-5

Pete The Cat Series by: Eric Litwin & James Dean The adventures of Pete the Cat. Grades K-3 DRA
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Non- Fiction/STEAM

Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud by **Suzanne Tripp Jurmain** History meets humor as readers learn about the rivalry and friendship between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Grades 4+

Pop! The Invention of the Bubble Gum by **Meghan McCarthy** An entertaining story about the invention of bubble gum. Grades 3+

Weird But True Series by **National Geographic Kids** Random facts about food, science, geography, boy bands and more. Grades 3+

Moonshot by **Brian Fioca** Simply told, grandly shown in close-up focus and wide-angle vistas, this is the flight of Apollo 11 that began on July 16, 1969. DRA 28

Ten True Tales Series by **Allan Zullo** Incredible true story of ten real-life people dealing with extraordinary obstacles - from soldiers on the battlefield to everyday heroes risking their lives for others. Grades 3-7

Haunted Histories: Creepy Castles, Dark Dungeons, and Powerful Palaces by **J. H. Everett and Marilyn Scott-Waters** Guided by tween "ghostorian" Virgil, readers will discover fascinating facts about calamitous events throughout history as they explore castles, palaces and dungeons and those infamous figures associated with each. Grades 4-6

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by **Andrea Davis Pinkney** This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. Ages 7-10

The Day-Glo Brothers by **Chris Barton** Brothers Joe and Bob Switzer were quite different. Bob was a hard worker and planner who wanted to grow up to be a doctor. Joe dreamed of making his fortune in show business and loved magic tricks and problem solving. When an accident left Bob recovering in the dark basement, the brothers began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints. Together they stumbled on a formula for colors that glows with an extra-special intensity Day-Glo color. Grades 2-5

The Friendship Code #1 (Girls Who Code) by **Stacia Duetsch** Loops, variables, input/output – Lucy can't wait to get started with the new coding club at school. Grades 3-7

Code It! Create It!: Ideas & Inspiration for Coding (Girls Who Code) by **Sarah Hutt** Think being creative has nothing to do with computer coding? Think again! Coding is *all* about creativity. The video games you play, the photo-sharing apps you love, the animated movies you watch—they're all made with code. And the coolest part? YOU can make anything with code, too! Grades 3-7

Sasha Savvy Loves to Code Hardcover by **Sasha Ariel Alston** Sasha Savvy Loves to Code is an early reader chapter book (ages 7-10). The main character, Sasha Savvy, is a super smart 10-year old African-American girl, who lives in Washington, DC. Sasha must choose which class to take for summer camp. Her mom discovers that the camp is offering a new class for girls on how to code

Engineers Build Models by **Reagan Miller** Describes how engineers use models to help them build planes, automobiles, houses, and other structures, and discusses the different kinds of models. DRA 34-38

I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are by **Bridget Heos** For kids who like to be grossed out. Told from the point of view of the fly who is irritated by everyone's fascination with butterflies. Grades 2+

Ice Cream Summer by: **Peter Sis** Get the scoop on some fun history, math, and new vocabulary in this entertaining book about ice cream. DRA 24

The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams by **Tanya Lee Stone** This is the story of Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who transformed a poor neighborhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community center. Grades 1-2

Egg: Nature's Perfect Package by **Robin Page** Hatching a plan for survival isn't always easy in the wild. And how animals lay, protect, and even use each other's eggs as a food source help reveal the life cycle of the natural world. Grades K-3

Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by **Laurie Wallmark** Ada Lovelace, the daughter of the famous romantic poet, Lord Byron, develops her creativity through science and math. Grades K-3

How to Code: A Step-by-Step Guide to Computer Coding by **Max Wainwright** Introduces the basic principles of coding. Learn how to give instructions and turn instructions into code. Figure out how to debug code, solve problems and use algorithms. Grades 2-3

Hello Ruby: Adventures in Coding by **Linda Liukas** Meet Ruby—a small girl with a huge imagination, and the determination to solve any puzzle. As Ruby stomps around her world making new friends, including the Wise Snow Leopard, the Friendly Foxes, and the Messy Robots, kids will be introduced to the fundamentals of computational thinking, like how to break big problems into small ones, create step-by-step plans, look for patterns and think outside the box through storytelling. Grades K-3

The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath by **Julia Finley Mosca** As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath made it her mission to become a doctor. When obstacles like racism, poverty, and sexism threatened this goal, she persevered—brightening the world with a game-changing treatment for blindness! Grades K-5

Art Lab for Kids: 52 Creative Adventures in Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Paper, and Mixed Media-For Budding Artists of All Ages (Lab Series) by **Susan Schwake**. The activities are adaptable to learners of all levels and are highly creative and challenging while balancing the artistic process with the potential for a meaningful product. Grades 3-7

Why Do Dogs Bark? by **Joan Holub** There are many different kinds of dogs and so much to find out about them. Why do dogs bark, howl, or bury bones? Why do they like to lick and sniff people? What jobs can dogs do? You'll find the answers to these questions and many more in this fact-filled reader about man's best friend. DRA 20-24

Flower Garden by **Eve Bunting** *Illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt*
Bring nature into your classroom with this glorious, picture-book celebration of flowers, growth, and possibility — a fiction offering that makes an innovative and yet seamless connection. Ages 6-7 DRA 16

The Snow Leopard by: **Jackie Morris** This mountain story tells of a boy who dreams and hears a leopard, once human, that “sang the stars to life.” When intruders invade their hidden valley, the leopard passes on both his protective song and his animal form to the boy.

The Book of Mistakes by **Corinna Luyken** As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art. Ages 4-8 Pk-3

Ladybugs by **Gail Gibbons** Ladybugs are a type of beetle. They live on six of the seven continents. There are believed to be about 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs around the world. Ages 4-8 Grades K-3

Counting in the Garden by **Kim Parker** From talented textile designer Kim Parker comes a gorgeous counting book in which readers can count from one to ten while they search among the colorful flowers for various creatures hidden among lush garden scenes. Ages 3-5

Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by **Carol Buckley** Best friends come in all shapes and sizes! After retiring from the circus, Tarra became the first resident of the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. When other elephants moved in and developed close friendships, only Tarra remained independent until the day she met a stray mixed-breed dog named Bella. Ages 3-5

The Big Snow by **Berta Hader, Elmer Hader** When the geese begin to fly south, the leaves flutter down from the trees and the cold winds begin to blow from the north, the animals of the woods and meadows, big and small, prepare for the long, cold winter ahead when the countryside is hidden under a deep blanket of snow. Ages 6-9

My First Coding Book by **Kiki Prottsman** Teach kids as young as 5 years old the basic programming skills necessary to code, including sequencing and loops, without a computer. Grade K-2

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by **Jennifer Berne** Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Grades K-3

Bee Dance by **Rick Chrustowski** A honeybee searches for nectar, then returns to the hive to tell the other bees. She does a waggle dance, moving in a special figure-eight pattern to share the location of the food source with her hive mates. DRA 14

Girls Who Code: Learn to Code & Change the World by Reshma Saujani The author wants to inspire girls to code. Grades 5-6

Technology: Cool Women Who Code (Girls in Science) by **Andi Diehn** Do you listen to music with an MP3 player or read books on a tablet? Do you play multiplayer video games with people on the other side of the world? Do you have a robot cleaning your kitchen? Maybe not yet, but someday! Grades 3-7

Help Your Kids with Computer Coding by **DK Publishing** Don't just play computer games with your kids—build them! Ages 12+

Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by **Steve Sheinkin** In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-

water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. Grade 4-6

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by **Linda Sue Park** The *New York Times* bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. Grades 5-7

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by **Tanya Lee Stone** What does it take to be an astronaut? Excellence at flying, courage, intelligence, resistance to stress, top physical shape -- any checklist would include these. But when America created NASA in 1958, there was another unspoken rule: you had to be a man. Here is the tale of thirteen women who proved that they were not only as tough as the toughest man but also brave enough to challenge the government. Grades 5-6

Thunder on the Plains: The Story of the American Buffalo by **Ken Robbins** Ken Robbins tells in words and historical photographs the amazing yet tragic story of a magnificent and truly American creature: the buffalo. Grades 2-5

If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People, 2nd Edition by **David J. Smith** By exploring the lives of the 100 villagers, children will discover that life in other nations is often very different from their own. Grades 3-7

Survival at 120 Above by **Debbie Miller** After exploring one of the coldest places on Earth, Debbie S. Miller travels to one of the hottest places, to introduce readers to the variety of animals who call the desert home and show the ways they have adapted to survive temperatures as high as 120 degrees. DRA

Biographies

Duke Ellington by **Andrea Evans Pinkney** The story of a great composer, Duke Ellington. Grades 3-5

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by **Barbara Kerley** A true story of Waterhouse Hawkins who built the world's first life-size models of dinosaurs. Grades 3-5

Henry's Freedom Box by **Ellen Levin** The true story of a slave who mailed himself to freedom. Grades 3-5

Shark Lady by **Ann McGovern** The true story of Eugenia Clark who loved to swim with sharks. Grades 3-5

Satchmo's Blues by **Allan Schroeder** Louis Armstrong had a love for music from a young age. His strong desire to have an instrument did not interfere with his family obligation. Grades 3-5

Moses by **Carole Boston Weatherford** This poetic book is a resounding tribute to Tubman's strength, humility, and devotion. Grades 3-5

A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr. by **Denise Lewis Patrick** Young Martin Luther King Jr. is having some problems with his best friend, Bobby. First, they are going to different schools this year. Next, Bobby's dad is not letting his son play with Martin. When Martin learns why, he is confused and hurt -- but he learns a lesson that he will never forget. Grade 2

A Boy Named Boomer by **Boomer Esiason** American football player. Grade 2

Molly, By Golly! By **Dianne Ochiltree** This legendary tale introduces young readers to Molly Williams, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11, who is considered to be the first known female firefighter in U.S. history. DRA 20

Buffalo Bill by **Inгри d'Aulaire**, Presents Buffalo Bill s time in American history, from buffalo stampedes and Indian attacks to the Pony Express and Wild West shows.

Betsy Ross by: **Becky White** “Betsy ripped. Rip, rip. / Seven rich, crimson strips.” Delightful rhymes, rhythms, and repetition describe the creation of the first American flag by Betsy Ross and her friend, George Washington. Grades K-5 DRA I

My Dream of Martin Luther King by: **Faith Ringgold** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life — from dealing with segregation in childhood to the Montgomery bus boycott, the March on Washington, his epic “I Have a Dream” speech, and his tragic assassination. Grades K-5 DRA M

Let's Read About: Cesar Chavez by **Jerry Tello** A profile of César Chávez, the Mexican American union leader who fought to get migrant farm workers better wages. DRA 14

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by **William Kamkwamba** When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Grades 6-10

Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World by **Jack Andraka** For the first time, teen innovator and scientist Jack Andraka tells the story behind his revolutionary discovery. When a dear family friend passed away from pancreatic cancer, Jack was inspired to create a better method of early detection. Grades 5-8

Forty Acres, Maybe a Mule by **Harriette Gillem Robinet** Green Gloryland is the most wonderful place on earth, their own family farm with a healthy cotton crop and plenty to eat. But the notorious night riders have plans to take it away, threatening to tear the beautiful freedom that the two boys are enjoying for the first time in their young lives. Grades 3-7

Graphic Novels

El Deafo by Cece Bell The author's true story of hearing loss at age four. It follows her journey through elementary school and her Phonic Ear hearing aids. Grades 3+

Smile by **Raina Telgmier** Sixth grade it hard enough,, but when you fall and knock out your two front teeth, it becomes horrible. Grades 3+

Aw Yeah Comics! And...Action! by **Art Baltazar and Franco Aureliani** Adventure Bug, Action Cat and their friends battle evil and protect the innocent in this first of the series. Grades 3-7

Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian by **Michael Rex** A young barbarian from another dimension is sent on a mission to our world, only to immediately find himself stuck in the third grade. Ages 7-9

Sisters by **Raina Telgemeier** Road trip! Raina is traveling with her family in a minivan from California to Colorado. Grades 3-7

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley by **Jeff Weigel** Alanna discovers a nest of dragon eggs and decides to raise them herself, but is soon caught up in a conflict between knights and dragons. Grades 2-6

Little Robot by **Ben Hatke** When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. Ages 6-9

Where's Leopold? Your Pajamas are Showing! by **Michel-Yves Schmitt** Leopold wakes up one morning invisible. Unfortunately, his clothing is not! First of the "Where's Leopold?" Grade 2-4

Dinosaurs in Space by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** Dinosaurs aren't extinct; instead they live in outer space in these three humorous tales set in outer space. Grades 1-4

The Totally Awesome Epic Quest of the Brave Boy Knight by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** A young boy and his furry friend, Butterscotch, are brave knights who battle a green monster, seek a hidden treasure, and patrol the kingdom. Grades 1-4

Benjamin Bear in Brain Storms! by **Philippe Coudray** (Illustrator), **Françoise Mouly** (Translator) Benjamin Bear can always surprise his friends, whether it's by walking on his hands during a snowstorm or by using a tree as a parachute. This unassuming bear may at first seem down-to-earth, but his ideas are always out of this world. Ages 4-8

Tippy and the Night Parade by **Lilli Carre** (Illustrator) When Tippy wakes up, there's a peacock in her bedroom, a bird in her hair, and mice dancing on the headboard. . . . Yet all Tippy remembers is falling asleep. Ages 4-8

The Shark King by **R. Kikuo Johnson** (Illustrator) From Hawaii comes the electrifying tale of Nanaue, who has to balance his yearning for Dad's guidance with his desire for Mom's nurturing. Ages 4-8

A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse by **Frank Viva** (Illustrator) There's so much to see at the bottom of the world! Young readers won't stop grinning as they're swept away by this strange and magical story. Ages 4-8

Written and Drawn By Henrietta by **Liniers** (Illustrator) Reading books is fun . . . but what about making them? Armed with new colored pencils, Henrietta's ready to try. Peek over her shoulder as she draws the story of a brave young girl, a three-headed monster, and an impossibly wide world of adventure. Ages 5-6

Flop to the Top! by **Eleanor Davis** (Illustrator), **Drew Weing** (Illustrator) In this modern-day fable, Wanda calls her brother and sister "fans," keeps up with celebrity news, and never misses a chance to share a selfie. She's ready to show the world how Wanda-ful she really is, but all people are interested in is . . . her dog! Ages 5

Poetry

Brown Girl Dreaming by **Jacqueline Woodson** In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Ages 10-14

Harlem by **Christopher Myers & Walter Dean Myers** Father and son celebrate a vibrant neighborhood that has been the center of historic African American culture in NY City. Grades 3-5

Honey, I Love You by **Eloise Greenfield** Sixteen poems tell of love and joy of everyday life as seen through the eyes of a child. Grades 3-5

Beastly Verse by **Various Authors** Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems, PK- 5

Poems for the Smart, Spunky & Sensational Black Girl by **Rachel Garlinghouse** Today's girl has a lot going on! From beads, bullies, and birthdays, to school, sunglasses, and siblings, Poems for the Smart, Spunky, and Sensational Black Girl resonates and inspires! Grades 1-2

Blue Sky, White Stars by **Sarvinder Naberhaus** This poetic, patriotic tribute will help readers appreciate America's splendor. Grades K-1 DRA 16

A Bad Case of The Giggles by: **Stephen Carpenter** Poetry to make children laugh out loud. Grades 1-5 DRA Q

Something Big Has Been Here by **Jack Prelutsky** A poetry collection to tickle your funny bone Ages 5-10

A Poke in the I by: **Paul B. Janeczko** A collection of concrete/visual poetry. Grades 1-4

Poetry for Young People Emily Dickinson by Francis Schoonmaker Bolin Grades 3-6

Animal Poems by **Simona Mulazzani** Grades 4-6

Poetry for Young People Carl Sandburg by **Carl Sandburg** Grades 5-7

Edger Allan Poe by **Carolynn Cobleigh & Edgar Allan Poe** Grades 6-8

Bi-lingual

Margaret and Margarita: Margarita y Margaret by: **Lynn Reiser** Your child will love this bilingual (Spanish and English) book about a budding friendship between an English-speaking girl and a Spanish-speaking girl who meet in a park. For our Spanish readers: A su nino le encantaraeste libro bilingue sobre una amistad que crece entre una nina que habla ingles y una nina que habla espanol que se conocen en el parque.

The New Girl ... and Me by: **Jacqui Robbins Shakeeta** is the new girl and like all new kids since schools were first invented she feels out of place. Told in the first person by Mia, wise in the ways of school politics, this gentle story of adjustment and budding friendships carefully sticks to a child-eyed perspective to make its point: it's not so much what you say that makes a difference, it's that you say it at all. Ages 4-7