Summer Reading Program 2013
Farmington Libraries
Farmington Public Schools
Dear Parents,

A primary goal of the Farmington Public Schools’ reading program is to develop a lifelong desire to read for both pleasure and knowledge acquisition. The Farmington Summer Reading Program is a collaboration between the Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Libraries. The program is designed to encourage students to continue the reading “habit” throughout the summer months. This extended reading opportunity will sustain reading achievement and expand reading interests.

Parents are children’s first teachers and your support is critical in reinforcing our expectation that every student participate in the Farmington Summer Reading Program. Perhaps the best way to show your support is to find some quiet summer reading time yourself and let your youngster see how much you enjoy the experience of reading. When parents, teachers, school and public librarians offer encouragement through the Summer Reading Program, thousands of Farmington young people will reap the benefits that only time spent reading can provide.

Kathleen Greider
Superintendent of Schools

Acknowledgements

Keeping Farmington’s elementary students excited about reading during the summer months is the central goal of the school librarians, and the Farmington Library staff as they select books for the newest edition of the Farmington Elementary Reading Lists (2013). The librarians diligently read, discuss and select books that will encourage children to imagine, make connections, and gain information as they read. We hope you enjoy many of the books on the lists and find other exciting books at the library during the summer.

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Directions for Students Entering Grades K – 4

1. Read every day! This packet gives you many suggestions for books from a wide range of authors and genres. Some books will be easy while others are more difficult. You should choose to read the books that are just right for you and that you enjoy. It is okay to read the same books again and again. Summer reading should be fun and interesting!

2. Each time you finish a book, record the title and the author on the book log “Dig Into Reading”, that can be found on the Public Library website www.farmingtonlibraries.org or printed out from the Farmington Public Schools website www.fpsct.org. You are invited to bring your book log to the library over the summer to be stamped and to collect a prize. Bring this log to school on the first day. We are planning to celebrate all the good reading students have done over the summer!

3. In the fall, your new teacher will be eager to get to know you as a reader. At the end of the summer, answer the questions on the form on the next page. Be sure to bring it to school with your book log and hand it in to your new teacher. Your teacher will want to spend some time talking with you about your book choices and reading interests. This form will help get this important conversation started.

Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to explore new authors and genres in literature and to keep children motivated to read by choosing books that are easy and fun. The lists here include a range of levels so that every child can find something “just right”, even if that means reading books from another grade level’s list.

The staff at the Farmington Public Libraries is eager to help students find these and other books your children will want to read, so we encourage you to take frequent trips to the libraries to take advantage of all that they can offer.
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What kinds of books do you like to read?

What do you like to read about?

Do you have any favorite authors?

What was the best book you read over the summer?

What would you like me to know about you as a reader?
The Summer Reading Log 2013

Print your name.

Print the name of your school and your grade in September.

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Book Title & Author

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www.farmingtonlibraries.org · 860-673-6791
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Alborough, Jez

Watch Out! Big Bro’s Comin! (or other books by this author)  The jungle is aflutter when the news that rough, tough Big Bro is coming.

Arquette, Kerry

What Did You Do Today? This rhyming story asks the question “What Did You Do Today?” to a number of farm animals.

Bell, Babs

The Bridge Is Up! First the bus, then the car, then the bike -- so begins the long line of different vehicles waiting to cross the bridge. What a traffic jam!

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

Biscuit - Series  A little, yellow puppy always wants one more thing before he will go to sleep.

Christelow, Eileen

Five Little Monkeys – Series  The well-known antics of the five little monkeys are retold by Eileen Christelow.

Clements, Andrew

Big Al - and sequel  Shrimpy learns that even though he may be small, he can still make a big difference to his friend, Big Al.

Cronin, Doreen

Diary of a Worm (or other books by this author)  A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Ehlert, Lois

Waiting for Wings (or other books by this author)  Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies.

Feiffer, Jules

Bark, George  A dog named George seems to be unable to bark.

Fisher, Doris

Happy Birthday to Whooo?  An animal riddle book that describes a number of baby animals including elephants, lions, giraffes, blue whales, and seahorses.

Fox, Mem

Harriet, You’ll Drive Me Wild (or other books by this author)  When a young girl has a series of mishaps at home one day, her mother tries not to lose her temper—and does not quite succeed.

Gibbons, Gail

Any non-fiction book by this author  These richly illustrated books bring to life a wide range of real world topics.
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<td>Harper, Jessica</td>
<td><em>A Place Called Kindergarten</em>  Wondering why their friend Tommy has not come to the barn at his usual time, the animals become alarmed when the dog tells them that he has gone to a place called “Kindergarten”.</td>
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<td>Henkes, Kevin</td>
<td><em>A Good Day</em> (or other books by this author)  A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome their problems to have a very good day.</td>
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<td>Hest, Amy</td>
<td><em>Baby Duck – Series</em>  In this series of books, Baby Duck experiences many firsts of childhood (a new baby sibling, a new sport, a new friend) and the excitement and emotions that accompany these events.</td>
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<td>Jenkins, Steve</td>
<td><em>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</em> (or other books by this author)  Presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age.</td>
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<td>Keller, Holly</td>
<td><em>That's Mine, Horace</em> (or other books by this author)  Horace loves the little yellow truck that he finds in the schoolyard, but he has a problem when a classmate tries to claim it.</td>
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<td>Kvasnosky, Laura</td>
<td><em>Zelda and Ivy – Series</em>  In three brief stories, Ivy, the younger of two fox sisters, goes along with her older sister’s schemes, even when they seem a bit daring.</td>
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<td>Lester, Helen</td>
<td><em>Hooway for Wodney Wat</em> (or other books by this author)  All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can’t pronounce his name, but he becomes popular when he drives away the class bully.</td>
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<td>Lindeen, Carol</td>
<td><em>Ambulances</em> (or other Pebble books)  Describes ambulances and the work of ambulance drivers as they help people in emergencies.</td>
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<td>London, Jonathan</td>
<td><em>Froggy – Series</em>  Follow along with Freddy as he goes to school, learns to play sports, and participates in many other activities in these wonderful read-aloud books.</td>
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<td>Martin, Jr., Bill</td>
<td><em>Chicka Chicka – Series</em>  Rhyming books that help children learn letters and numbers while enjoying a fun story at the same time.</td>
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<td>Mavor, Sally (illustrator)</td>
<td><em>Pocketful of Posies</em>  A collection of classic nursery rhymes, accompanied by illustrations of scenes made from fabric and cloth.</td>
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<td>McMullan, Kate</td>
<td><em>I Stink! - Series</em>  A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.</td>
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Na, Il Sung
A Book of Sleep (or other books by this author) While other animals sleep at night, some quietly and others noisily, some alone and others huddled together, a wide-eyed owl watches.

Posada, Mia
Ladybugs Red, Fiery, and Bright (or other non-fiction books by this author) This book of charming verse, fun facts, and beautiful illustrations provides an informative look at one of children’s favorite backyard bugs.

Rathmann, Peggy
The Day the Babies Crawled Away (or other books by this author) A boy follows five babies who crawl away from a picnic and saves the day by bringing them back.

Reynolds, Aaron
Creepy Carrots! Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling fat and crispy carrots from Crackenhopper Field to eat --until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse
Spoon (or other books by this author) A small spoon, feeling rather envious of fork, knife, and chopsticks, gets a lot to think about when his mother reminds him of all the things he can do that they cannot.

Ryder, Joanne
A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find A Home at the San Diego Zoo Explains how twin polar bear cubs, Kalluk and Tatqiq, discovered orphaned on the Alaskan wilderness, grow and learn at their new home at the San Diego Zoo.

Rylant, Cynthia
Poppleton – Series Follow along with Poppleton, a good-natured little pig, as he experiences life’s many adventures.

Scieszka, Jon
Pete’s Party – Trucktown Series A zany world of busy trucks with fun personalities and exciting adventures.

Schmid, Paul
A Pet for Petunia (or other books by this author) Petunia so desperately wants a pet skunk that she refuses to believe her parents when they say skunks stink.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro
What If? (or other books by this author) Imagine different scenarios of what could happen after a boy throws a beach ball into the ocean.
Shannon, David

**Duck on a Bike** (or other books by this author) One day, Duck gets an idea: “I bet I could ride a bike.” He soon inspires all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.

Slate, Joseph

**Miss Bindergarten – Series** Readers will delight in these stories about a very likeable kindergarten teacher and the many adventures and sometimes mishaps she experiences.

Stein, David Ezra

**Interrupting Chicken** Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Stoeke, Janet

**Minerva Louise – Series** Hilarious stories about a ‘happy go lucky’ hen that is forever mistaking objects in the outside world for things she has seen on her farm.

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie

**Elizabeti’s First Day of School – Series** Elizabeti is excited about the first day of school but wonders what her family is doing at home.

Taback, Simms

**There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly** (or other books by this author) Ever-expanding die-cut holes show exactly what is happening in the old lady’s stomach as she swallows an assortment of creatures, beginning with a small fly, and ending with a fatal horse.

Various Authors

**Stone Soup** A traditional tale in which a stone is used as a soup starter and the benefits of sharing are demonstrated.

Various Illustrators

**The Little Red Hen** The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.

Van Leeuwen, Jean

**Amanda and Oliver – Series** Join siblings Amanda and Oliver, two young pigs, as they venture through life, learning the importance of friendship.

Waddell, Martin

**Little Bear – Series** This series of books follows the journeys of a thoughtful young bear and his emotionally supportive parent.

Wells, Rosemary

**Max and Ruby – Series** Join ever-responsible Ruby and her younger brother Max as they bake a special cake for Grandma, shop for new clothes, and play together.
Willems, Mo  
Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (or other books by this author)  
A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break.

Wilson, Karma  
Bear Snores On – Series  
On a cold winter night many animals gather to have a party in a cave of a sleeping bear, who wakes up and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

Yolen, Jane  
How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? – Series  
This book uses humor and rhyme to describe what a young dinosaur should do in order to quickly get over being sick.

The libraries also have many “old favorites” by various authors for your child to enjoy!

Don’t forget to visit the special non-fiction shelf at the Farmington Libraries for students entering grades K and 1!

Also, this is a great age to read traditional tales to your child. Look for stories from around the world on the Farmington Libraries summer reading shelves.

Finally, be sure to visit our early reader collection in our I Can Read section.
## Fiction

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<td>Adler, David</td>
<td><strong>Young Cam Jansen Mysteries – Series</strong></td>
<td>Jennifer “Cam” Jansen and her best friend Eric are young detectives who solve every mystery that comes their way.</td>
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<td>Adler, David</td>
<td><strong>Cam Jansen Mysteries – Series</strong></td>
<td>The Cam Jansen mysteries continue in longer episodes.</td>
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<td>Arnold, Tedd</td>
<td><strong>Fly Guy – Series</strong></td>
<td>A boy named Buzz is so surprised that a fly knows his name, he adopts him as his new pet, Fly Guy! Read all the adventures of this boy and his amazing pet.</td>
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<td>Baker, Keith</td>
<td><strong>Mr. and Mrs. Green – Series</strong></td>
<td>A loving alligator couple enjoys going camping, eating pancakes, visiting the county fair, and doing other fun activities together.</td>
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<td>Bang-Campbell, Monika</td>
<td><strong>Little Rat – Series</strong></td>
<td>These stories tell of a young rodent who experiences many things for the first time and through determination develops the confidence to do them well.</td>
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<td>Barkley, Callie</td>
<td><strong>The Critter Club – Series</strong></td>
<td>Four 8-year-old best friends help run The Critter Club, a rescue shelter set on saving &quot;lost and lonely&quot; animals in their small California town.</td>
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<td>Cazet, Denys</td>
<td><strong>Minnie and Moo – Series</strong></td>
<td>Follow along with Minnie and Moo, two bovine buddies, as they attempt to drive tractors, ride buses, and attend barn dances just as humans do.</td>
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<td>Chaconas, Dori</td>
<td><strong>Cork &amp; Fuzz – Series</strong></td>
<td>Cork is a muskrat. Fuzz is a possum. Will they always have enough in common to remain good friends?</td>
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<td>Cooper, Ilene</td>
<td><strong>Absolutely Lucy – Series</strong></td>
<td>Bobby is a shy boy with a beagle puppy named Lucy, who drags him into all sorts of adventures and helps him to make new friends.</td>
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<td>DiCamillo, Kate</td>
<td><strong>Mercy Watson – Series</strong></td>
<td>Mr. and Mrs. Watson have a pig named Mercy. Read about Mercy’s incredible adventures.</td>
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Duffey, Betsy  
*How to be Cool in the Third Grade (or other books by this author)*  
Do you really need a whole new image to be considered cool in third grade?

Frazee, Marla  
*A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever (or other books by this author)*  
Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

Gravett, Emily  
*Wolves (or other books by this author)*  
A young rabbit checks out a library book about wolves and learns much more about their behavior than he wanted to know.

Greenburg, Dan  
*Zack Files – Series*  
Zach, a 10-year-old boy, has a knack for getting into wild and weird situations.

Greene, Stephanie  
*Owen Foote; Princess Posey – Series (or other books by this author)*  
Two different series about a boy and a girl facing the challenges of school and friendship.

Guest, Elissa Haden  
*Iris and Walter – Series*  
Together Iris and Walter discover that anything is easier when you have a best friend to help you.

Howe, James  
*Pinky and Rex – Series or Houndsley and Catina - Series*  
Both series are about two good friends who share lively adventures.

Hurwitz, Johanna  
*Russell and Elisa – Series*  
More fun with Russell and his tag-along sister Elisa.

Irwin, Bindi  
*Bindi Wildlife Adventures – Series*  
A fast-paced adventure series featuring Bindi Irwin, daughter of wildlife expert, Steve Irwin.

Jacobson, Jennifer Richard  
*Andy Shane – Series*  
Quiet, reflective Andy Shane and bossy, exuberant Dolores Starbuckle always work out their differences and remain friends.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott  
*Martin Bridge: On the Lookout! - Series*  
Meet Martin Bridge - - a most special and ordinary boy whose well-meant plans sometimes go wrong.

Kirby, Stan  
*Captain Awesome – Series*  
Imaginative second grader Eugene McGillicudy loves comic books and superheroes so much that he invents his very own superhero alter ego.

Kline, Suzy  
*Horrible Harry – Series*  
Young, mischievous Harry is forever looking for opportunities to pull pranks.
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<td>Invisible, Inc. – Series</td>
<td>Three friends with special powers solve mysteries.</td>
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<td>Marshall, Edward</td>
<td>Fox – Series</td>
<td>Fox is too clever for his own good as he tries to outwit his friends and family.</td>
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<td>McKissack, Patricia</td>
<td>Miami Jackson – Series</td>
<td>Miami Jackson is a boy who has many adventures and faces many challenges at home and at school during the end of third grade, the summer, and the beginning of fourth grade.</td>
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<td>Miller, Sara Swan</td>
<td>Stories You Can Read To Your Cat – Series</td>
<td>Stories about cats, told from the cat’s point of view.</td>
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<td>Mills, Claudia</td>
<td>Gus and Grandpa – Series</td>
<td>These stories illustrate the loving relationship between a boy and his grandfather.</td>
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<td>Napoli, Donna Jo</td>
<td>Sly the Sleuth - Series</td>
<td>Young Sly forms her own detective agency to solve mysteries in the neighborhood.</td>
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<td>Parish, Peggy</td>
<td>Amelia Bedelia – Series</td>
<td>A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.</td>
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<td>Preller, James</td>
<td>Jigsaw Jones Mysteries – Series</td>
<td>Jigsaw Jones, private eye, and his partner Mila investigate all sorts of mysteries.</td>
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<td>Roy, Ron</td>
<td>A to Z Mysteries; Calendar Mysteries – Series</td>
<td>Wherever they go, friends Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose always encounter mysteries which need to be solved.</td>
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<td>Rylant, Cynthia.</td>
<td>Cobble Street Cousins – Series, Henry and Mudge – Series, or Mr. Putter and Tabby – Series</td>
<td>Sample some of these books by a favorite author.</td>
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<td>Ruelle, Karen Gray</td>
<td>Harry and Emily Adventures – Series</td>
<td>Harry and Emily enjoy fun activities around the house.</td>
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<td>Stevens, Janet</td>
<td>Tops and Bottoms (or other books by this author)</td>
<td>Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.</td>
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<td>Teague, Mark</td>
<td>Detective LaRue – Series</td>
<td>Mrs. LaRue’s canine companion, Ike, tells his stories through a series of misleading yet humorous letters to his owner.</td>
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Thomson, Melissa  
Keena Ford – *Series*  In warm, genuine diary entries, this chapter book, set in Washington, DC, chronicles a second grade girl’s world, both at school and at home.

Watt, Melanie  
Scaredy Squirrel – *Series* (or other books by this author)  Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to leave his nut tree, but when he is finally forced out of his home, he discovers some interesting things about the great unknown.

Wells, Rosemary  
Yoko – *Series*  Yoko, a young feline and her animal companions, learn the importance of caring and friendship in this series of books.

West, Tracey  
Pixie Tricks – *Series*  Violet and her fairy friend, Sprite, work together to teach mischievous pixies a lesson.

Yee, Wong Herbert  
Mouse and Mole – *Series*  Mouse and Mole’s easygoing friendship and gentle adventures come to life through Yee’s warm illustrations.

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**Nonfiction**

Branley, Franklyn  
Let’s-Read-and-Find-Out Science Stage 2 – *Series*  Numerous books on a wide variety of subjects from weather to planets written in clear easy-to-read text along with colorful illustrations.

Fern, Tracey  

Jenkins, Martin  
The Emperor’s Egg  The fascinating story of the birth of an emperor penguin.

Napoli, Donna Jo  
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya  Wangari Maathai shares her wisdom with other women by advising them to plant trees native to Kenya to solve their many problems.

Rhoda, Carol  
On My Own History – *Series*  Beginning readers will enjoy this introduction to history.

Simon, Seymour  
Seemore Readers – *Series*  Learn about all different topics in these informative and engaging books.
Tang, Greg  
**Grapes of Math (or other books by this author)**  Entertaining, mind-stretching books full of fun problems to solve.

Thomson, Sarah  
**Amazing Animals (I Can Read) – Series**  All sorts of information about animals in the wild.

Various Authors  
**Animal Look-Alikes – Series**  Young readers will become experts in the key similarities and differences among these tricky animals.

Various Authors  
**Eyewitness Readers – Series**  Introduces readers to many nonfiction subjects.

**Don’t forget to visit the special non-fiction shelf at the Farmington Libraries for students entering grades 2 and 3!**

**Poetry**

Florian, Douglas  
**Mammalabilia (or other books by this poet)**  Original poems and colorful paintings about all different kinds of animals.

Hoberman, Mary Ann  
**You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together – Series**  A book of children’s poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult.

Prelutsky, Jack  
**Rainy, Rainy Saturday (or other books by this poet)**  Each poem is a gem, and the book meanders through issues like perseverance, sadness, anger, ingenuity, and imagination.

**Biography**

Brown, Don  
**Dolley Madison Saves George Washington (or other biographies by this author)**  Describes the significant contribution Dolley Madison made to the United States when she saved a picture of George Washington.

Various Authors  
**Ready-to-Read Childhood of Famous Americans – Series**  The life and times of a variety of important Americans.

Various Authors  
**Who Was…? – Series**  An exciting, illustrated biography collection.

Yolen, Jane  
**All Star! : Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever**  A biography of the personal and professional life of American Major League Baseball shortstop Honus Wagner, who played mostly for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1897 to 1917.
Fiction
Abbott, Tony
Secrets of Droon – Series
Eric and his friends find a hidden staircase in Eric’s basement. This is the first adventure into the amazing world of Droon.

Asch, Frank
Journal of a Cardboard Genius – Series
In this gently amusing science fiction series, the versatile Asch addresses two timeless subjects: the evil of little brothers and the joys of invention.

Barber, Tiki and Ronde
Kickoff! (or other books in this series)
Twelve-year-olds Tiki and Ronde try out for the junior high football team and hope to be part of the starting lineup.

Bauer, Marion Dane
Bear Named Trouble
In the wilds of Alaska, not following the rules can lead to more than trouble. Jonathan, the new zookeeper’s son, finds this out the hard way.

Byars, Betsy and Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers
My Dog, My Hero (or other books by this award winning author and her daughters)
Eight stories about dogs competing for a “my hero” award. Which dog would you pick as the winner?

Cleary, Beverly
Henry Huggins; Ramona – Series
In these classic stories, Henry and Ramona are neighbors living on Klickitat Street. They experience all sorts of funny and heartwarming adventures with their pets and friends.

Dadey, Debbie
Keyholders – Series
Kids in the seaside community of Morgantown cross the border to the Shadow Realm, inhabited by goblins, elves, and trolls and ruled by the wicked Boggart Queen.

Delaney, M.C.
Birdbrain Amos – Series
Laugh-out-loud stories about Amos, the hippopotamus, and the birds that live with him.

Dowell, Frances O’Roark
Phineas L. Macguire – Series
Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire loves performing all types of science experiments.

English, Karen
Nikki and Deja – Series
These realistic stories about third graders Nikki and Deja capture the joys and complexities of school life and friendship with emotion and humor.

Greenburg, J.C.
Andrew Lost – Series
Ten-year-old Andrew and his
super-smart robot are always inventing trouble.

Gutman, Dan  
**Baseball Card Adventures – Series**  
Joe meets many famous sports figures traveling through time using vintage baseball cards.

King-Smith, Dick  
**Funny Frank (or other books by this author)**  
Frank is a chicken with a big dream. He plans on becoming a duck. Unfortunately, he’s just not duck material.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J.  
**Lunch Lady – Series**  
In these funny graphic novels, Lunch Lady doesn't just serve sloppy joes—she serves justice! Whatever danger lies ahead, it's no match for this superhero in disguise!

Lin, Grace  
**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (or other books by this author)**  
Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon.

Look, Lenore  
**Ruby Lu; Alvin Ho – Series**  
Two different series about an Asian America boy and girl and the challenges they face at home and at school.

Maddox, Jake  
**Free Throw (or other books by this author)**  
Since Derek is now the tallest player on his basketball team, the coach decides to have him play center, but Jason, the former center, has little confidence in Derek and will not pass him the ball.

McDonald, Megan  
**Judy Moody or Stink – Series**  
Enjoy the world according to Judy Moody and her brother Stink. Sometimes good and sometimes not, there’s never a dull moment when these characters have something to say about it.

McKissack, Patricia  
**Away West – Scraps of Time Series**  
In 1879, Everett Turner, thirteen, runs away from farm life and joins a group of African Americans heading West to begin new lives. Everett learns to handle horses, and realizes his dreams.

McMullan, Kate  
**Dragon Slayer’s Academy – Series**  
Follow the adventures of Wiglaf and the other Dragon-Slayers-in-training as they use their wits to outsmart their enemies.
Miles, Ellen  
**Goldie - Puppy Place Series**  Much against their parents' wishes, Charles and Lizzie Peterson adopt a puppy they name Goldie; but she turns out to be more difficult than they imagined.

Pennypacker, Sara  
**Clementine – Series**  While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Polacco, Patricia  
**Mrs. Katz and Tush (or other books by this author)**  A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely Jewish widow, when Larnel presents Mrs. Katz with a scrawny kitten without a tail.

Richardson, Charisse K.  
**Real Slam Dunk and The Real Lucky Charm**  Marcus and his twin sister Mia learn life lessons through sports.

Roy, Ron  
**Who Broke Lincoln's Thumb? – Capital Mystery Series**  KC and Marshall discover that one of the thumbs has been broken off the statue in the Lincoln Memorial and set out to find what happened before a ceremony honoring the sculptor.

Salisbury, Graham  
**Calvin Coconut – Series**  Fourth grader Calvin Coconut lives near the beach in Hawaii with his mom and his little sister. He is trying hard to be the man of the house, but trouble follows him wherever he goes.

San Souci, Robert D.  
**The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South (or other folktales by this author)**  Jerry Pinkney’s illustrations bring to life the magical happenings faced by our Cinderella-type heroine.

Sobol, Donald J.  
**Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective – Series**  Leroy Brown, the world’s youngest super sleuth, matches wits with a collection of criminals. Can you solve these mysteries before Encyclopedia does?

Wallace, Bill  
**Upchuck and the Rotten Willy – Series**  Can a cat and a dog become good friends? Will friendship overcome all differences?

Warner, Gertrude  
**The Boxcar Mysteries – Series**  The Alden children used to live in an old boxcar. Now, they live with their grandfather who helps them solve mysteries.
This is a great age to read traditional tales from around the world. Look for these books on the Farmington Libraries summer reading shelves.

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**Poetry**

**Hopkins, Lee Bennett**

*Spectacular Science: – A Book of Poems* (or other collections by this author) A thought-provoking collection of 15 poems exploring a variety of science topics including rocks, snowflakes, stars and a dinosaur bone.

**Katz, Alan**

*Silly Dilly Songs – Series* Well known songs are presented with funny new words and titles.

**Shields, Carol**

*Lunch Money, and other poems about school* A hilarious collection of poems about the unexpected things that happen at school.

**Silverstein, Shel**

*Runny Babbit : a Billy Sook* (or other poetry books by this author) As the title warns, this is a very "billy sook", or silly book, as the words throughout the poems swap first and occasionally second letters.

**Biography**

**Anderson, William**

*Pioneer Girl* (and other biographies about Laura Ingalls Wilder) Recounts the life story of the author of the "Little House" books, from her childhood in Wisconsin to her old age at Rocky Ridge Farm.

**Christopher, Matt**

*On the Court (or Field, or Ice, or Mound, or Track) with various sports personalities – Series* Get the scoop about famous sports stars and how they achieved success.

**Mattern, Joanne**

*Food Dudes – Series* Read tasty facts about the talented creators of favorite concoctions from crunchy cereal to chunky ice cream.

**Various Authors**

*Amazing Athletes – Series* Collection of fact-filled biographies about current athletes.