

Wilton Library Association

Children's Library



Summer Reading List
2011

Ms. Andrea suggests....

Over in the Meadow by John Langstaff (picture book)

A retelling of an old rhyme about meadow animals and their activities.

The Princess and the White Bear King by Tanya Batt (picture book)

A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.

Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold (early reader)

The adventures of one funny fly!

Johnny Swanson by Eleanor Updale (fiction)

In 1929 England, eleven year old Johnny Swanson helps his widowed mother by starting a newspaper advertising scam, which leads him to a real-life murder mystery that places his mother in mortal danger.

A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace (fiction)

Afraid of dogs since he was attacked by a mad one, Ricky resists taking in a homeless pup that shows up at the farm.

Children's Book of Music: An Introduction to the World's Most Amazing Music and Its Creators by Stanley (non-fiction)

An introduction to music history - accompanied by a CD with musical selections from around the world - takes readers on a chronological journey to explore music from different cultures, the development of instruments, and the progression of musical styles.

Ms. Barbara suggests....

Henny Penny by Vivian French (picture book)

Henny Penny and her barnyard friends are on their way to tell the King that the sky is falling when they meet a hungry fox, but Henny Penny's quick thinking saves the day.

Jennifer and Josephine by Bill Peet (picture book)

A rickety old car and a scrawny stray cat teach a lesson in the meaning of friendship.

The Pencil by Allan Ahlberg (picture)

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins.

Freddy Goes to Florida by Walter Brooks (fiction)

Freddy and the other barnyard animals decide to escape the cold winter by vacationing in sunny Florida.

Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson (fiction)

New folks are coming to live in the Big House. The animals of Rabbit Hill wonder if they will plant a garden and thus be good providers.

Rules by Cynthia Lord (fiction)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve year old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Ms. Carol suggests...

The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper (picture)

Although she is not very big, the Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain.

Wild About Books by Judy Sierra (picture)

A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

James & The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (fiction)

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

School of Fear by Gitty Daneshvari (fiction)

Twelve year old Madeline, Theo, and Lulu, and thirteen year old, Garrison, are sent to a remote Massachusetts school to overcome their phobias but tragedy strikes and the quartet must work together- with no adult assistance- to face their fears.

The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff (fiction)

Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents and his best friend and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (fiction)

After falling down a rabbit hole and stepping through a mirror, Alice experiences unusual adventures with a variety of nonsensical characters.

Ms. Lesley suggests....

Hattie the Bad by Jane Devlin (picture book)

A little girl tries to be good but soon discovers that being bad is ever so much more fun!

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein (book to share)

A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 walk between the World Trade Center towers.

Fun with Dude and Betty by Lisa Pliscou (early reader)

Whoa! Dude! Learning to read surf-speak has never been so easy, or so much fun! For beach boys and surfer girls of all ages.

The Moffats by Eleanor Estes (fiction)

Meet the Moffats. Even the most ordinary Moffat day is packed with extraordinary fun!

Henry Knox: bookseller, soldier, patriot by Anita Silvey (non-fiction)

Henry Knox may seem an unlikely hero. But his fascination with warfare and strategy and his support of the Patriot cause prepared him to do what no one else thought was possible: transport heavy artillery from Fort Ticonderoga, up and down snow-covered hills and across frozen lakes, to relieve the siege of Boston.

The Lightning Thief: the Graphic Novel by Robert Venditti (graphic novel)

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve year old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demi-gods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Ms. Marissa suggests...

Who Wants to Be a Poodle? I Don't! by Lauren Child (picture book)

Tired of being a pink poodle dressed in a little pink poncho, Trixie Twinkle Toes sets off in search of dangerous and daring adventures.

The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish by Neil Gaiman (book to share)

After trading his father for two goldfish, a boy and his little sister go on a rollicking adventure around town to get him back.

Teach Us, Amelia Bedelia! By Peggy Parish (early reader)

The very literal minded Amelia Bedelia becomes a substitute teacher for a day.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (fiction)

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

The Girl's Like Spaghetti: Why You Can't Manage Without Apostrophes by Lynne Truss (non-fiction)

Everyone needs to know where to put an apostrophe to make a word plural or possessive and leaving one out of a contraction can give someone the completely wrong impression. Full of silly scenes that show how apostrophes make a difference, too, this is a picture book that will elicit bales of laughter and better punctuation from all who read it.

Magic Trixie by Jill Thompson (graphic novel)

Magic Trixie looks for some special magic to bring into show and tell to impress her friends but her family keeps telling her that she is too young to use any of their magic, while her baby sister gets away with everything.

Ms. Maureen suggests...

Incident at Hawk's Hill by Allan W. Eckert (fiction)

A shy, lonely six year old wanders into the Canadian prairie and spends a summer under the protection of a badger.

Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (fiction)

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve year old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene (fiction)

Sheltering an escaped German soldier is the beginning of some shattering experiences for twelve year old Jewish girl in Arkansas.

The Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byers (fiction)

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis (fiction)

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Ms. Sarah suggests...

Soar, Elinor! by Tami Lewis Brown (picture book)

Chronicles the life of a woman who not only earned her pilot's license at a time when people thought women shouldn't pilot planes, but also performed a risky stunt in the skies of New York City to prove that she had what it takes to fly.

Fancy Nancy Splendid Speller by Jane O'Connor (early reader)

Where spelling is concerned, Nancy is better than great—she's splendid! But when Ms. Glass's spelling test is harder than Nancy anticipated, the self-professed spelling prodigy faces a tough decision.

Nicholas by Rene Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempe, (fiction)

This classic book about a mischievous schoolboy and his friends, originally published in French in 1959, is now available in English. A collection of escapades, the stories introduce the protagonist and his cohorts as they wreak havoc out of simple, everyday situations at school, on the playground, and at home.

Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball by Sally Cook (non-fiction)

Football might have the most exciting highlight videos, but baseball has the best stories. Hey Batta Batta Swing! culls dozens of surprising anecdotes, fascinating facts, and wacky expressions from the national pastime's long history.

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot (non-fiction)

Delve into the magical, unforgettable world of James Herriot, the world's most beloved veterinarian, and his menagerie of heartwarming, funny, and tragic animal patients.

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson (graphic novel)

The first collection of the popular comic strip that features a rambunctious six year old boy and his stuffed tiger who comes charmingly to life.

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