

## Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: [www.cmlibrary.org/summerread](http://www.cmlibrary.org/summerread)

### **Anna Hibiscus**

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*Atinuke*

*GRL Q*

Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunties, but Anna would love to see snow. First in a series.

### **President Taft is Stuck in the Bath**

**E**

*Barnett*

*GRL N*

George Washington crossed the Delaware in the dead of night. Abraham Lincoln saved the Union. And President William Howard Taft, a man of great stature - well, he got stuck in a bathtub. Now how did he get unstuck? Author Mac Barnett and illustrator Chris Van Dusen bring their full comedic weight to this legendary story, imagining a parade of clueless cabinet members advising the exasperated president, leading up to a hugely satisfying, hilarious finale.

### **Volcanoes**

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*Brown*

*GRL Q*

Identifies how **volcanoes** work; discusses history's most famous eruptions; and describes their various types, locations, and benefits. (Part of *Scholastic Discover More* series.)

### **The Lemonade War**

**J**

*Davies*

*GRL Q*

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

### **The Day the Crayons Quit**

**E**

*Daywalt*

*GRL M*

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

### **The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life**

**JB**

*Ehlert*

*GRL O*

Lois Ehlert always knew she was an artist. Her parents encouraged her from a young age by teaching her how to sew and saw wood and pound nails, and by giving her colorful art supplies. They even gave her a special spot to work that was all her own. Today, many years and many books later, Lois takes readers and aspiring artists on a delightful behind-the-scenes tour of her books and her book-making process.

### **A Story, A Story: An African Tale**

**E**

*Haley*

*GRL O*

Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."

- The Year of Billy Miller** J Henkes GRL O  
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.
- Amazing Grace** E Hoffman GRL L  
Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.
- Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems** J811 Janeczko GRL R  
A selection of short American poems dealing with the four seasons and the different weather events and animal patterns that can occur within each.
- Odd, Weird & Little** J Jennings GRL N  
Befriending a very strange new student, Toulouse, helps outsider Woodrow stand up to the class bullies who have been picking on them both.
- Numbered!** J Lubar GRL P  
When a robot at the math museum zaps their math skills, sixth-grader Logan and his mischievous friend, Benedict, must pass a series of math challenges to retrieve their knowledge.
- Let's Get Cracking!** J Marko GRL M  
Gordon Blue and his brother Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause an innocent chicken's feathers to fall off. First in the *Kung Pow Chicken* series.
- The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems** J Myracle GRL N  
"Seven-year-old Ty gets into mischief and big-hearted schemes while navigating second grade and becoming a big brother"-- Provided by publisher. First in a series.
- Animal Superstars: and More True Stories ...** J591.513 Newman GRL N  
Presents the stories of three incredibly talented animals, including a motor cross daredevil dog, a groundhog weather wonder, and a rock star cat.
- Kylie Jean, Blueberry Queen** J Peschke GRL O  
It's time for the annual Blueberry Festival, and Kylie Jean just knows she'd be the perfect Blueberry Queen. First in a series.
- Under the Same Sun** E Robinson GRL P  
It is Grandmother Bibi's ninetieth birthday and when she travels to Tanzania from America to visit her son and grandchildren they surprise her with a birthday safari.
- The Noisy Paint Box: The Color and Sounds...** JB Kandinsky Rosenstock GRL O  
Describes how his creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors.
- Quinny & Hopper** J Schanen GRL Q  
"Two polar-opposite eight year olds who become summer best friends find their friendship threatened by the uncertainties of a new school year"-- Provided by publisher.

**Battle Bunny**

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*Scieszka*

GRL P

Alex, whose birthday it is, hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny on his special day and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest--who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party.

**Horton and the Kwuggerbug**

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*Seuss*

GRL P

"A collection of 'lost' stories written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss and published in magazines in the 1950s. Includes an introduction by Seuss scholar Charles D. Cohen"-- Provided by publisher.

**Sebastian and the Balloon**

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*Stead*

GRL N

"When Sebastian launches himself on a journey in a hot air balloon made entirely of Grandma's afghans and patchwork quilts, his boring day turns into the adventure of a lifetime"-- Provided by publisher.

**Balloons over Broadway**

JB Sarg

*Sweet*

GRL N

Presents a tribute to the creator of the giant balloons that fill the sky during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, tracing the work of artist Tony Sarg, whose innovative "upside-down puppet" creations have become the parade's trademark.

**George Crum and the Saratoga Chip**

JB Crum

*Taylor*

GRL M

Growing up in the 1830s in Saratoga Springs, New York, isn't easy for George Crum. Picked on at school because of the color of his skin, George escapes into his favorite pastimes - hunting and fishing. Soon George learns to cook too and as a young man he lands a job as chef at the fancy Moon's Lake House. George loves his work, except for the fussy customers! One day his patience boils over and he cooks up a potato dish so unique it changes his life forever... He invented the potato chip!

**Alexander, Who's Trying to be the Best Boy Ever**

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*Viorst*

GRL N

After eating an entire box of doughnuts leads to consequences Alexander does not like, he decides to be the best boy ever for the rest of his life.

**Bookmarks are People too!**

J

*Winkler*

GRL O

Hoping to land the lead in the class play, Hank freezes during his audition and is only able to buzz like a fly, inspiring his teacher to create a special role for him as a silent bookmark that saves the show when a rival suffers an attack of stage fright. First in the *Here's Hank* series.

**Each Kindness**

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*Woodson*

GRL O

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.