

Happy Summer Reading 2016!

Hello, parents and readers:

Here are some of my favorite, recently-published books for some summer reading suggestions -- 18 titles for each major grade division. This is a selection of some of the books that I have enjoyed reading this year – and I think that some of the students will enjoy these as well.

Here's to a restful and fulfilling summer -- happy reading!

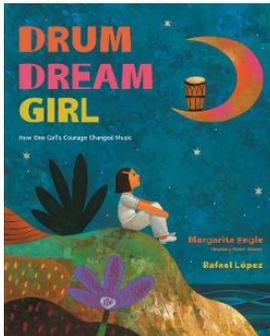
Please keep in touch during the summer. I love to hear what everyone is reading!

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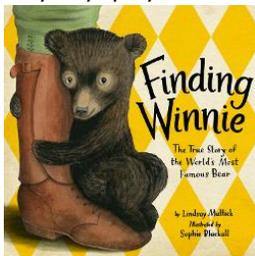
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Mrs. Salm's Top 18 Summer Reading Suggestions for K-3

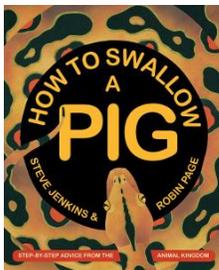
Non-Fiction/Concepts



Drum Girl Dream by Margarita Engle: Follows a girl in the 1920s as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums.



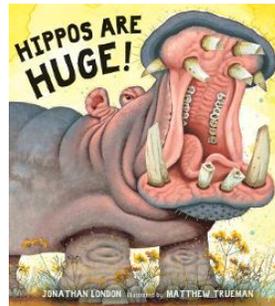
Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick: An account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.



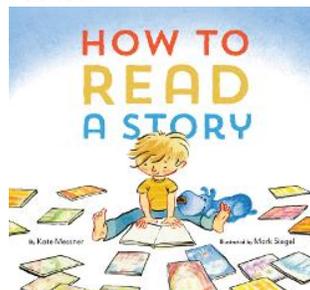
How to Swallow a Pig by Steve Jenkins: A clever and whimsical nonfiction book about animal behavior disguised as a How-to/Advice book.



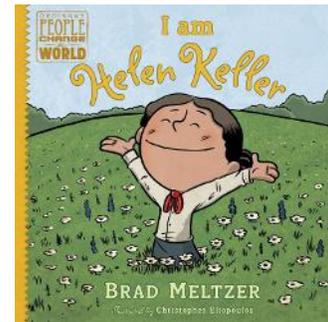
Fly Guy Presents Bats by Tedd Arnold: Join Fly Guy outside as he learns about bats



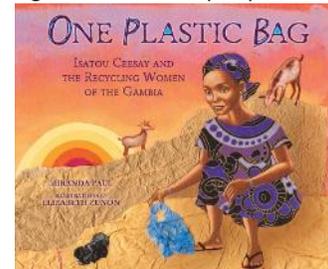
Hippos are Huge by Jonathan London: Text and illustrations introduce hippopotamuses, exploring their physical characteristics, noises, behaviors, and habitat.



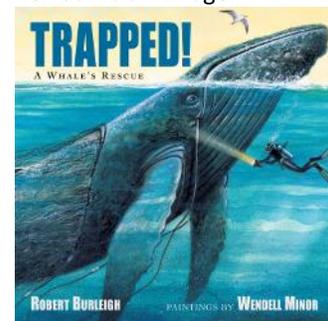
How to Read a Story by Kate Messner: A picture book celebration of the act of exploring--and sharing--a book.



I Am Helen Keller by Brad Meltzer: The story of Helen Keller, who learned to read and write despite being deaf and blind, and became an activist who fought for the rights of disabled people.

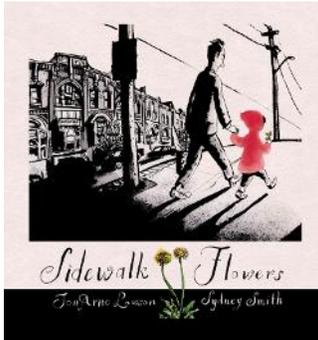


One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul: Isatou Ceesay finds a way to recycle discarded plastic bags that have accumulated in dirty heaps in her Gambian village.

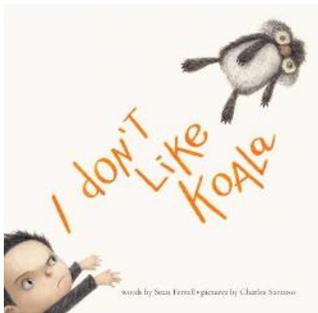


Trapped by Robert Burleigh: Text and illustrations look at the rescue of a humpback whale that got trapped in a fishing net.

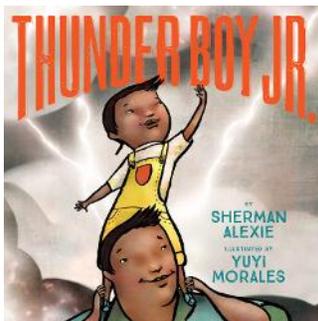
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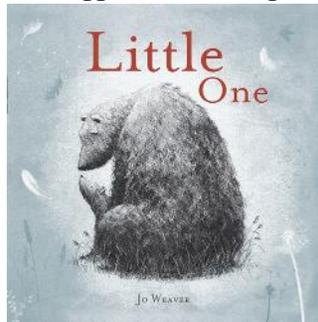
Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson: A little girl collects wildflowers while on a walk with her distracted father in this wordless book.



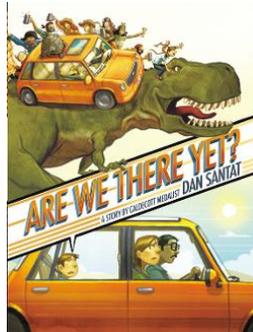
I Don't Like Koala by Sean Ferrell: Adam does not like his stuffed koala, but each time he tries to get rid of it, Koala comes back until Adam realizes that Koala is on his side.



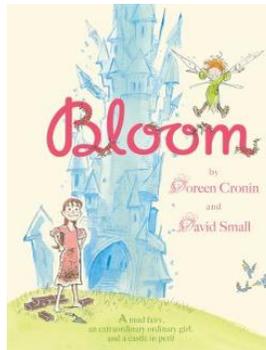
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie: Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name...one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name.



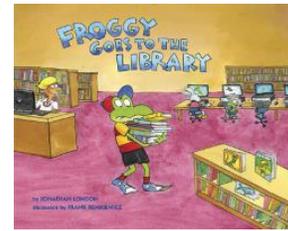
Little One by Jo Weaver: Follows a new bear cub and his mother as they discover the world together, through every season.



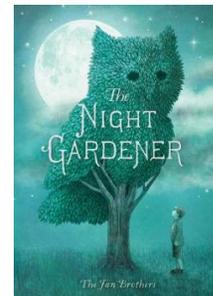
Are We There Yet? by Daniel Santat: A boy goes on a long car ride to visit his grandmother and discovers time moves faster or slower depending on how bored he is.



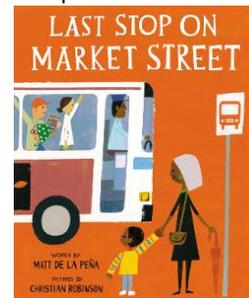
Bloom by Doreen Cronin: When the glass kingdom begins cracking, the king and queen fail in their quest to get help from the fairy Bloom, who can work great magic but was banished because of her muddy boots and messiness.



Froggy Goes to the Library by Jonathan London: When Froggy, Mom, and Pollywogilina set out for the library, Froggy brings a wheelbarrow to hold all the books he plans to borrow and forgets to use his indoor voice.



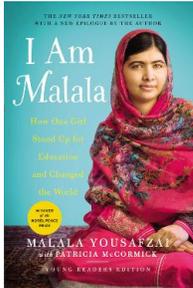
The Night Gardener by the Fan Brothers: Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys topiary masterpieces by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



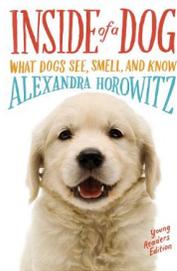
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña: A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. Riding Hood aloud, but Dog keeps interrupting with silly questions.

Mrs. Salm's Top 18 Books for Grades 4-6

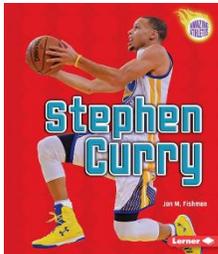
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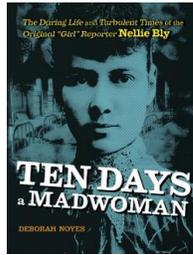
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai: The young reader's edition of Malala Yousafzai's 2013 memoir for adults loses none of its power in its transition to a new audience.



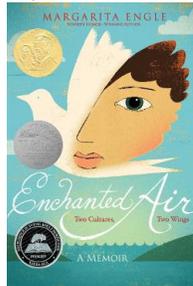
Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know Alexandra Horowitz: Scientist and dog-owner Alexandra Horowitz explains how dogs perceive their daily worlds, each other, and that other quirky animal, the human.



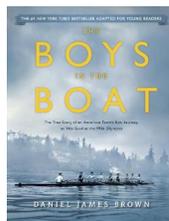
Stephen Curry by Jon M. Fishman: Profiles basketball player Stephen Curry, from his childhood to his 2014-2015 season.



Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly by Deborah Noyes: A biography of Nellie Bly, the pioneering journalist whose showy but substantive stunts skyrocketed her to fame.



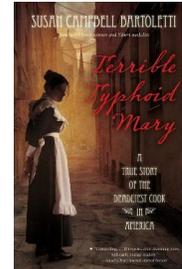
Enchanted Air: A Memoir by Margarita Engle: In this poetic memoir, Margarita Engle, the first Latina woman to receive a Newbery Honor, tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War.



The Boys of the Boat by Gregory Mone: The astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who challenged Hitler at the 1936 Olympics.



Minecraft Combat Handbook by Stephanie Milton: A handbook for the video and computer game Minecraft, including how to build a fort. Features tips from Minecraft experts.

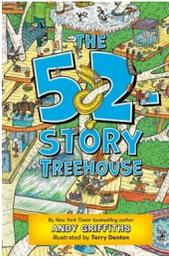


Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest in America by Susan Bartoletti: With archival photographs and text among other primary sources, this riveting biography of Mary Mallon looks beyond the tabloid scandal of Mary's controversial life.

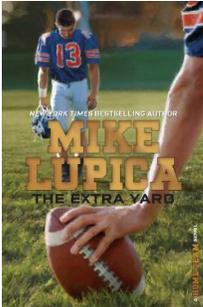


Thing Explainer by Randall Munroe: Uses line drawings and common words to provide simple explanations for how things work, including microwaves, bridges, tectonic plates, the solar system, the periodic table, helicopters, and other essential concepts

Fiction Suggested Reading for Grades 4-6



The 52-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths: Andy and Terry live together in a 52-story treehouse where they tell stories and have crazy adventures.



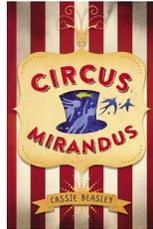
The Extra Yard by Mike Lupica: Teddy has been training all summer with his new friends Jack and Gus to make the new travel football team in Walton, but when his long-absent dad comes back to town and into his life he is faced with a much bigger challenge.



Pax by Sara Pennypacker: After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.



The Wild Robot by Peter Brown: Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley: When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus.



Booked by Kwame Alexander: Family, love, and friendship, take center stage as 12-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.



Space Case Stuart Gibbs: "Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.



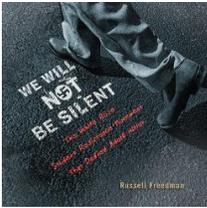
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin: 12-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.



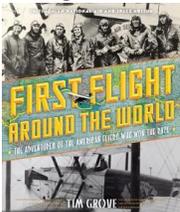
The Nest by Kenneth Oppel by Joanne Rocklin: When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

Mrs. Salm's Top 18 Summer Reading Suggestions for 7-8

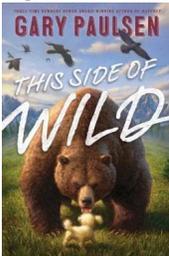
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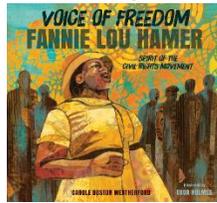
We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler by Russell Freedman: The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime.



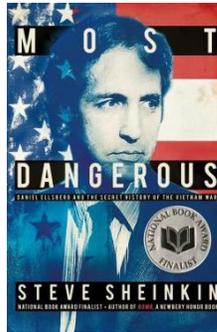
First Flight Around the World by Tim Grove: Documents the efforts of four American planes to be the first to circumnavigate the globe by flight in 1924.



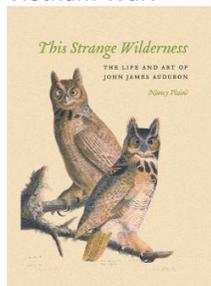
This Side of Wild by Gary Paulsen: The Newbery Honor-winning author of Hatchet and Dogsong shares surprising true stories about his relationship with animals, highlighting their compassion, intellect, intuition, and sense of adventure.



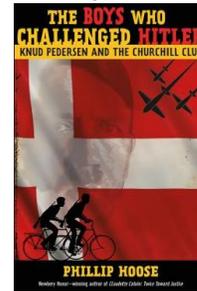
Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer by Carole Boston Weatherford: A collage-illustrated collection of free form poems describing the life and work of civil rights advocate Fannie Lou Hamer.



Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steven Sheinkin: The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.



The Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon by Nancy Plain: A biography of ornithologist, naturalist, and painter John James Audubon.



The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club by Phillip Hoose: Tells the story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II.



Hot Pink: The Life & Fashions of Elsa Schiaparelli by Susan Goldman Rubin: A look at the life and career of fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli, Highlights the fashions for which she was renowned and her ongoing rivalry with Coco Chanel.

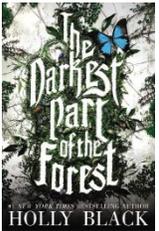


Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall by Anita Silvey

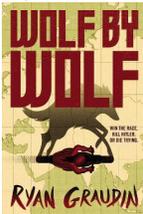
Fiction Suggested Reading for Grades 7-8



Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo: Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first.



The Darkest Part of the Forest by Holly Black: An exciting fantasy involving faeries, humans and shifting loyalties and betrayals



Wolf by Wolf by Ryan Graudin The year is 1956, and the Axis powers of the Third Reich and Imperial Japan rule. To commemorate their Great Victory, they host the Axis Tour: an annual motorcycle race across their combined continents. The prize? An audience with the highly reclusive Adolf Hitler at the Victor's ball in Tokyo.



Beastkeeper by Cat Ellison: Retelling of Beauty and the Beast fairytale.



Illuminae by Amie Kaufman: The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.



Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Odler: When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change in front of her, Sierra realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.



The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz: Historical fiction novel in which a young girl yearns for a better life and a future beyond cleaning.



The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds: Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.



Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead: As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.