Summer Reading Club 2020

Kids’ and Teen Prize Book Titles

While supplies last. Quantities are limited.
BOARD BOOKS

1. But Not the Armadillo by Sandra Boynton
2. Diggers
3. Five Big Trucks
4. If Animals Said I Love You by Ann Whitford Paul and David Wenzel
5. My Book of Farm Noises
PICTURE BOOKS

LMNO Peas by Keith Baker

Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

SLJ: PreS-Grade 1

Little Elliot, Big Family by Mike Curato

When Mouse heads off to a family reunion, Little Elliot decides go for a walk. As he explores each busy street, he sees families in all shapes and sizes. In a city of millions, Little Elliot feels very much alone-until he finds he has a family of his own!

SLJ: PreS-Grade 1
PICTURE BOOKS

How Are You?/?Como Estas? by Angela Dominguez

When two giraffe friends find a baby ostrich, they have some questions. Is baby ostrich hungry? Shy? Tired? Ostrich says no! So how does she feel? Friendship awaits in this book about feelings, expressed both in English and in Spanish.

SLJ: PreS-Grade 1

Old Macdonald Had a Truck by Steve Goetz

Old MacDonald had a farm E-I-E-I-O. And on that farm he had a...TRUCK?!

SLJ: PreS-Grade 1
PICTURE BOOKS

Lucia the Luchadora by Cynthia Garza

Lucia zips through the playground in her cape just like the boys, but when they tell her 'girls can't be superheroes', suddenly she doesn't feel so mighty. That's when her beloved abuela reveals a dazzling secret: Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition.

SLJ: PreS-Grade 2

Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing but cooked eggs, but when some eggs he was planning to boil hatch and the goslings believe he is their mother, he must try to make the best of the situation.

SLJ: K-Grade 2
PICTURE BOOKS

Dragons Love Tacos 2: the Sequel by Adam Rubin

A time-traveling sequel to "Dragons Love Tacos" follows the advice of a panicked narrator who offers counsel about journeying into the past when the world runs out of the snack most loved by dragons (tacos) in order to resupply the planet.

SLJ: PreS-Grade 2

Tigers by Kate Riggs

A look at wild tigers.
PICTURE BOOKS

Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas

A ladybug invites the reader to play a game of "let's pretend."

SLJ: PreS-K

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems

Once upon a time, there were three hungry Dinosaurs: Papa Dinosaur, Mama Dinosaur...and a Dinosaur who happened to be visiting from Norway. One day--for no particular reason--they decided to tidy up their house, make the beds, and prepare pudding of varying temperatures. And then--for no particular reason--they decided to go...someplace else. They were definitely not setting a trap for some succulent, unsupervised little girl. Definitely not!

SLJ: K-Grade 3
Prince Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Buzz is writing a fairy tale for homework, and Fly Guy naturally assumes the role of a handsome prince, who fends off a giant and rescues a beautiful princess.

SLJ: PreS-Grade 1

Peek Otter! by Shira Evans

All about river otters, including their activities, what they eat, and how they teach their young.

Nat. Geo Kids Pre Reader

Ballet Stars by Joan Holub

Two friends get ready and then dance with their ballet class at a performance where they are the stars of the show.

Step Into Reading 1
EARLY READERS

Whale Vs Giant Squid by Jerry Pallotta

Kids learn about a whale and a giant squid's anatomy, behavior, and more. Book is packed with photos, charts, illustrations, and amazing facts.

Amazing Battles by Rosie Peet

Wonder Woman, Batman, and Superman, as they battle to save the day.

DK Reader 2

The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat

There are only three cookies and four hungry friends to share them with. This is not good. This is not equal!

SLJ: Grades K-2
Noodleheads See the Future by Tedd Arnold

Although Mac and Mac are as hollow-headed as, well, noodles, they're always coming up with brilliant schemes. For instance, they're absolutely certain Mom will bake them a cake if they gather some firewood for her. But when their friend Meatball offers to trade them a handful of firewood seeds, the brothers can't foresee what will happen next.

SLJ: Grades K-3

Jelly Bean by Cynthia Lord

No pets are allowed in the apartment where Suzannah and her family live, so she volunteers at a local pet shelter and plays with the dogs and cats there--but when a child whose family is moving brings in her pet guinea pig, Jelly Bean, Suzannah promises that she will find him the perfect home.

SLJ: Grades 1-3
Unicorns and Germs by Asia Citro

An earthquake shakes Zoey's house. Or maybe it's a unicorn-quake? An enormous new friend arrives in a lot of pain, and it's getting worse every day. Zoey must work with her mom and Sassafras to find a cure--and quickly!

SLJ: Grades 1-3

Bramble the Hedgehog by Jane Clarke

Dr. KittyCat is a talented vet -- and an adorable cat. She's ready to rescue whenever help is needed. When a carnival comes to Thistletown, Bramble the Hedgehog can't wait to go on the big Ferris wheel. But when Bramble climbs off the ride, his stomach is still spinning. Dr. KittyCat and her trusty assistant, Peanut, swoop in to help.

SLJ: Grades K-2
Rise of the Balloon Goons by Troy Cummings

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.

Princess in Black Takes a Vacation by Shannon Hale

After battling monsters all night, a sleepy Princess in Black decides that she needs a vacation. But just as Princess Magnolia is about to take a nap on her hammock, she hears a "ROAR!" Seriously? A monster? On the perfect beach? Impossible! Could a sea monster really ruin this vacation for the Princess in Black?
The Haunted House Next Door by Andres Meidoso

Most kids spend their days without ever seeing or dealing with a ghost, but some kids get stuck with a haunt. When that happens, they call Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol. Desmond is the hall monitor of ghosts and monsters. There's no job too spooky, icky, or risky for Desmond.

The Lost Stone by Jordan Quinn

King Caleb has promised to reward the person who finds a precious emerald, and Lucas and Clara are determined to search the entire kingdom until they find it!

SLJ: Grades 1-3
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Sharks by Katie Tsang

On a class trip to the aquarium, Sam encounters Crazy Charlie, a giant shark, who tries to eat him. Sam doesn't want to take any more chances with these people-eating creatures. But then his classmates announce they're having a birthday bash, on the beach! Can Sam overcome his terror of becoming shark bait?

SLJ: Grades 2-5

Terrier Trouble & More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly by Candice Ransom

Meet a thieving emu, a devious cat, and a pesky pup in these hilarious tales about animals who love to play tricks, create chaos, and run a bit wild.
Star Wars: Return of the Padawan by Jeffrey Brown

After surviving his first year at Jedi Academy, Roan Novachez thought his second year would be a breeze. This year, Roan will have to face alien poetry tests, menacing robots, food fights, flight simulation class, online bullies, more lightsaber duels, and worst of all ... a girl who is mad at him.

SLJ: Grades 4-6

Bailey's Story by W. Bruce Cameron

When Bailey meets eight-year-old Ethan, he quickly figures out his purpose: to play with the boy, to explore the Farm during summers with the boy, and to tidy the boy’s dishes by licking them clean (only when Mom isn't watching). But Bailey soon learns that life isn't always so simple, that sometimes bad things happen, and that there can be no greater purpose than to protect the boy he loves.

SLJ: Grades 3-6
MIDDLE GRADE CHAPTER BOOKS

The Super Life of Ben Braver by Marcus Emerson

It all started with a peanut butter cup . . . which leads Ben Braver to a secret school for kids with super abilities. Ben has never had any special powers--and maybe never will. But could this be his chance to become the superhero he's always dreamed of?

SLJ: Grades 4-6

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.

SLJ: Grades 3-7
MIDDLE GRADE CHAPTER BOOKS

Restart by Gordan Korman

Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?

SLJ: Grades 3-6

Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski

Nory Horace is nine years old. She's resourceful, she's brave, she likes peanut-butter cookies. Also, she's able to transform into many different animals. Unfortunately, Nory's shape-shifting talent is a bit wonky. And when she's flunked out of her own father's magic academy, Nory's forced to enter public school, where she meets a group of kids whose magic is, well, different.

SLJ: Grades 3-7
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab

Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to see ghosts, not that she wants to. However her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed.

SLJ: Grades 4-8

Weird But True Vol. 6 by National Geographic

Offers a collection of true facts about animals, food, science, pop culture, outer space, geography, and weather.
MIDDLE GRADE CHAPTER BOOKS

Ambrose Deception by Emily Ecton

Three students are chosen to compete for a ten thousand-dollar scholarship, solving clues that lead them to various locations around Chicago. At first the three contestants work independently, but it doesn't take long before each begins to wonder whether the competition is a sham.

SLJ: Grades 5-8

Secrets and Scones by Laurel Remington

Scarlett is sick of being the star--and victim--of her mom's famous blog. Her solution? Become completely boring and deprive her mom of embarrassing material. But when Scarlett finds a gorgeous kitchen in the house next door, left empty by an elderly neighbor during a hospital stay, it's too tempting to resist. Before she really knows what she's doing, Scarlett is whipping up a batch of scones...and making an unexpected friend.

SLJ: Grades 5-8
TEEN BOOKS

Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protegé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

SLJ: Grades 7 & up

Hideout by Watt Key

Twelve-year-old Sam has been given a fishing boat by his father, but he hates fishing. Instead he uses the boat to disappear for hours at a time, exploring the forbidden swampy surroundings of his bayou home. Then he discovers a strange kid named Davey, mysteriously alone, repairing an abandoned cabin deep in the woods.

SLJ: Grades 7 & up
TEEN BOOKS

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

SLJ: Grades 8 & up (Contains mature language and content.)

Cardboard by Doug TenNapel

Cam's down-and-out father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday and he knows it's the worst present ever. So to make the best of a bad situation, they bend the cardboard into a man-and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. But the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all!

SLJ: Grades 4-6
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.

SLJ: Grades 5-8

The Darkdeep by Allyson Condie

Trying to recover a lost drone, Nico slips at the edge of a fog-covered cliff and tumbles into Still Cove. His friends are relieved to find Nico on an island within the cove. In the center of the island lies a dark pond, a houseboat floating in its center. Within the houseboat sits a well of thick liquid dubbed the Darkdeep, which beckons and submerges the friends one by one, then spits each into the pond and animates their minds’ contents.

SLJ: Grades 5 & up
Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton

Cliff Hubbard is a huge loser. He has no one at school and life in his trailer park home has gone from bad to worse ever since his older brother's suicide. There's no one Cliff hates more than the nauseatingly cool quarterback, Aaron Zimmerman. One day, Aaron returns to school after a near-death experience with a bizarre claim: while he was unconscious he saw God, who gave him a list of things to do to make school suck less. And God said there's only one person who can help: Neanderthal.

SLJ: Grades 9 & up  (Contains mature language and content.)

They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

SLJ: Grades 9 & up  (Contains mature language and content.)
The Epic Crush of Genie Lo by F.C. Yee

When she's not crushing it at volleyball or hitting the books, Genie is typically working on how to crack the elusive Harvard entry code. But when her hometown comes under siege from creatures straight out of Chinese folklore, her priorities are dramatically rearranged. Enter Quentin Sun, a mysterious new kid in class who becomes Genie's self-appointed guide to battling demons.

SLJ: Grades 7 & up

Lucky in Love by Kasie West

Maddie is a hard working high school senior, waiting to hear from the colleges she applied to, when on a whim she buys a lottery ticket and wins; suddenly she is the center of everybody's attention, including her struggling family, and not necessarily in a good way--only Seth Nguyen, her charming coworker at the local zoo, seems oblivious to her luck, and Maddie is not sure whether telling him will change their developing relationship.

SLJ: Grades 9 & up