Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Creating a school-wide culture of reading has always been a priority for the teachers, librarians, and literacy specialists in the Brookline Public Schools. In each school that culture is built and nurtured in myriad ways—through the study of literary elements, read-alouds, book talks, literature circles, genre studies, author visits, evening parent/child book events, independent reading projects, participation in Massachusetts Book Awards and summer reading.

Summer is a perfect time to find books to read for pleasure. This list is a starting point to help you select books that match your interests and includes a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 or 6 books. Our goal is to develop readers who not only can read, but who choose to read for enjoyment.

Summer reading is also a great opportunity to hone your reading skills and maintain your fluency. According to a recent report from John Hopkins University’s Center for Summer Learning children who do not read over the summer actually lose ground in reading proficiency. The report concludes that the effect of reading four or five books during the summer is large enough to prevent a decline in reading scores from spring to fall.

In addition to this list, Brookline’s public libraries and bookstores offer a wealth of titles and suggestions to help you find just the right book for your enjoyment.

Explore. Read. Enjoy,

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Downloadable copies of the list are available at http://brooklinesummerreading.weebly.com/
Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Arndt, Ingo. **Best Foot Forward: Exploring Feet, Flippers and Claws.** Whose foot is this? An intriguing close-up of an animal's foot piques curiosity that is satisfied on the following page with a stunning full-size photo of the animal itself and a brief description of how the foot is used.

Beaty, Andrea. **Rosie Revere, Engineer** Rosie Revere, a young aspiring engineer must first conquer her fear of failure when she tries to build a contraption to help her great-great-aunt to fly.

Bryant, Jen. **A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin** Horace Pippin, a self-taught painter from humble beginnings, overcame many obstacles to ultimately be recognized for who he was: an artist.

Butterworth, Chris. **See What a Seal Can Do.** A lyrical portrait of seal characteristics and life explains how seals appear to be slow and sleepy creatures on land but are powerful, graceful and dynamic animals under the water who cleverly outmaneuver predators and skillfully catch fishy dinners.

Chin, Jason. **Gravity** What keeps you from floating away? Gravity!

Daywalt, Drew. **The Day the Crayons Quit.** 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.

Dean, James. **Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** Pete the Cat is wearing his favorite shirt the one with the four totally groovy buttons. But when one falls off, does Pete cry? Goodness, no! He just keeps on singing his song, after all, what could be groovier than three groovy buttons?

Ehlert, Lois. **The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life** Lois Ehlert's parents always encouraged her to make things - sewing, building, and painting. She illustrates this book with her own special collages as she tells about her life and explains how she makes her beautiful books.

Floca, Brian. **Locomotive** Beautifully detailed illustrations show the journey of a family traveling across country on the railroad in the 1860s.

Henkes, Kevin. **Penny and Her Marble** Penny feels guilty after taking a beautiful blue marble that she sees in Mrs. Goodwin's grass, but gets a pleasant surprise when she goes to return it the next day.

Janeczko, Paul. **Firefly July and Other Very Short Poems** Janeczko's selected poems and Melissa's Stewart's glowing art tell the story of the seasons, and all they encompass.

Lehrhaupt, Adam. **Warning: Do Not Open This Book!** Be warned! Monkeys, toucans and alligators are causing mayhem. Can anything stop them?

Lewis, J. Patrick. **Poem-mobiles: Car Crazy Poems** These poems are ready to go! Read thirteen poems about wacky, imaginative cars, including the "Sloppy-Floppy-Nonstop-Jalopy," the "Bathtub Limousine," and the "High Heel Car."

Look, Lenore. **Brush of the Gods** When an old monk attempts to teach young Daozi about the ancient art of calligraphy, his brush doesn't want to cooperate. Instead of characters, Daozi's brush drips dancing peonies and flying Buddhas! Soon others are admiring his unbelievable creations on walls around the city, and one day his art comes to life!

Park, Linda Sue. **Xander's Panda Party** Xander's plan to host a panda party falls through, since he is the only panda at the zoo, but when he extends the invitation to all of the bears, complications ensue.

Schaefer, Lola. **Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives** Can you count the spots on a giraffe? This book already has, as it illustrates a wide range of number facts you can find in the animal world.

Shea, Bob. **Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great!** Envy turns to admiration and finally to friendship for Goat and Unicorn.

Ward, Jennifer. **Mama Built a Little Nest** Steve Jenkins's colorful illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce different kinds of birds' nests, from the scrapes falcons build on high, craggy ledges to the underground nests burrowing owls dig.

Willems, Mo. **The Pigeon Needs a Bath** Pigeon is back, and he is dirty! Why does he need to take a bath? He already took one last month!

Listen to This: Books for Families to Read Aloud

Averill, Esther. **Jenny and the Cat Club** Jenny Linsky, a black cat who lives with Captain Tinker in New York City, has adventures with the neighborhood cats who belong to the Cat Club.

Cameron, Eleanor. **The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet** A mystery man inspires two boys to build a space ship which takes them to the planet of Basidium to help the Mushroom people.

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** An adventurous young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

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Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller* *  
Billy Miller's second grade year is full of the challenges of school, friends and siblings. This book makes a great read-aloud.

King-Smith, Dick. *The Water Horse**  
In 1930's, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature, and as he grows his family must decide what to do with him.

Viorst, Judith. *Lulu and the Brontosaurus**  
Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own.

Allen, Debbie. *Dancing in the Wings**  
Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival in Washington, D.C., despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall.

**Take a Look: Picture Books**

Barnett, Mac. *Oh No! Or How My Science Project Destroyed the World**  
After winning the science fair with the giant robot she has built, a little girl realizes that there is a major problem.

Barton, Chris. *Shark vs Train**  
A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more.

Choi, Yangsook. *The Name Jar**  
After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, her new classmates help her decide what her name should be.

Donaldson, Julia. *The Gruffalo*  
A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake only to have to outwit that creature as well.

Friedman, Ina. *How My Parents Learned to Eat**  
An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

Garland, Michael. *Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook (series)**  
When the new teacher, Miss Smith, reads to her class, Zack and his classmates are amazed to find that the storybook characters come to life.

Havell, Juanita. *Jamaica's Find (series)*  
There are happy endings all around when Jamaica finds an old stuffed animal and has the satisfaction of returning it to the grateful owner.

Heide, Florence Parry. *Day of Ahmed's Secret**  
A young Egyptian boy describes the city of Cairo as he goes about his daily work and waits for the evening to share a special surprise with his family.

Henkes, Kevin. *Chester's Way*  
Chester and Wilson share the same exact way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good.

Hest, Amy. *Mr. George Baker**  
Harry sits on the porch with Mr. George Baker, an African American who is one hundred years old, waiting for the school bus that will take them both to the class where they are learning to read.

Hills, Tad. *How Rocket Learned to Read**  
A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet.

Lin, Grace. *Seven Chinese Sisters*  
Once there were seven Chinese sisters who lived together and took care of each other. Each one had a special talent. When baby Seventh Sister is snatched by a hungry dragon, her loving sisters race to save her.

Paul, Ann Whitford. *Manana, Iguana (series)*  
Caramba! Iguana is planning a fiesta. Tortuga the tortoise, Gonejo the rabbit, and Gulebra the snake all want to come. But do they want to help Iguana deliver invitations or stuff the pinata or cook the food? No, no, and no!

Peet, Bill. *How Droofus the Dragon Lost His Head**  
Droofus the kindly dragon has a price on his head, but the small boy who befriends him refuses to sell him to the king.

Polacco, Patricia. *Thunder Cake**  
Grandma consoles her frightened granddaughter by telling her that the dark clouds of the impending storm are nothing more than the ingredients for a Thunder Cake.

Shannon, David. *Bad Case of Stripes**  
Camilla Cream loves lima beans, but she never eats them. Why? Because the other kids in her school don't like them. Camilla Cream is so very, very worried about what other people think of her that she's about to break out in stripes.

Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**  
In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Two Bad Ants**  
When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.

Wilcox, Leah. *Falling for Rapunzel**  
In this funny take on the fairy tale, prince tries to get Rapunzel to throw down her hair so he can rescue her, but she mishears him and throws down random objects from her room instead.

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Beginning Reading Books

Arnold, Tedd. *Fly Guy and the Frankenfly (Fly Guy series)*
When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Guest, Elissa Haden. *Iris and Walter (series)*
Together Iris and Walter discover that anything from adjusting to a new home to facing the first day of school is easier when you have a best friend to help you.

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Song (series)*
Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.

Hoff, Syd. *Danny and the Dinosaur*
Danny is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.

Lobel, Arnold. *Mouse Tales*
When Papa's seven little mouse boys ask for a bedtime story, Papa does even better than that, he tells seven stories, one for each boy.

Manushkin, Fran. *Boss of the World (Katie Woo series)*
When Katie Woo and her friends go to the beach, Katie is so rude and bossy that her friends do not want to play with her. Can she stop being bossy and have fun with her friends?

O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy Sees Stars (series)*
When a rainstorm prevents Nancy and her best friend, Robert, from getting to the planetarium the night of a class field trip, she has a brilliant idea for making things better.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge: The First Book (series)*
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog (series)*
When their neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry, hurts her foot, Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby agree to walk her dog for a week, not knowing what they are in for.

Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat Sings Flat (series)*
Splat the cat is very nervous when his class prepares to sing on Parents' Night.

Weeks, Sarah. *Mac and Cheese (series)*
Macaroni and Cheese are best friends, yet they couldn't be more different! Mac likes to pounce and bounce and jump, but Cheese just sits there like a lump. But when Mac runs into a problem with a gust of wind, Cheese stops being a grumpy grump long enough to help save his friend’s favorite hat.

Willems, Mo. *My New Friend Is So Fun (series)*
When Piggie gets a new friend, Gerald is not so sure he is ready to share Piggie.

Yee, Wong Herbert. *Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole (series)*
Mouse and his downstairs neighbor, Mole, discover that when they help each other, house cleaning and other daily tasks are much easier.

Chapter Books

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen (series)*
A fifth-grader with a photographic memory helps to solve mysteries.

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean (series)*
When seven-year-old Bean plays a trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Blume, Judy. *Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One (series)*
A book about a challenging relationship between a six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) through seven chapters featuring such events as learning to ride a bicycle, having a birthday party, and dog-sitting. These seven warm-hearted stories will give readers a peek at how a brother and sister relate to each other.

Brenner, Barbara. *Wagon Wheels*
Shortly after the Civil War, the Muldie family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act, but when the father moves on for better land, the three boys must begin their own journey. They must learn to care for one another and face the dangers of the wilderness alone.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson to the Rescue (series)*
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Fienberg, Anna. *Tashi (Tashi series)*
Tashi, a gnome-like character from a place far away, tells adventurous tales of being sold to a warlord and escaping on a swan. This little hero cleverly outsmarts giants, ghosts, demons, and witches that stand in his way.

Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything*
After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.

McDonald, Megan. *Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (series)*
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

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McKay, Hilary. *Lulu and the Dog from the Sea (series)*

Seven-year-old Lulu and her cousin think their vacation house is the most perfect place ever until they find a trouble-prone, stray dog living on the beach.

Pennyacker, 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.

Peterson, John. *The Littles (series)*

This series features the adventures of a miniature family who lives in the walls of the Bigg family's house.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House series)*

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

O'Ryan, Ray. *Hello, Nebulon! (Galaxy Zack series)*

When Jack makes the move from planet Earth to Nebulon, he worries about meeting aliens and missing his life in Texas.

Thomson, Melissa. *Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up (series)*

Keena Ford doesn't mean to be a troublemaker, but sometimes things get out of hand. When her new second-grade teacher, Ms. Campbell, mistakenly thinks it's her birthday and brings in a huge chocolate cake, Keena realizes that she's gotten herself into a sticky situation.

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom (series)*

On the last day of second grade, Song Lee's party at the local amusement park forces Harry to face his fear of elevators when he is expected to ride the Drop of Doom.

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Barrett, Judi. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

In the land of Chewandswallow, meals rain from the sky and change with the weather.

Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*

As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius decided that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful.

DePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona (series)*

Find out what happens when Strega Nona leaves Big Anthony with her magic pasta pot.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Pet Show*

When he can't find his cat to enter in the neighborhood pet show, Archie must do some fast thinking to win a prize.

Kipling, Rudyard. *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*

Rikki, a fearless young mongoose finds himself locked in a life-and-death struggle to protect a boy and his parents from Nag and Nagaina, the two enormous cobras who stalk the gardens outside the family's home in India.

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends, Frog and Toad.

McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

Rathmann, Peggy. *Officer Buckle and Gloria*

Officer Buckle and his dog bring safety lessons to the children at Napville Elementary School.

Seuss, Dr. (Theodore Geisel). *Horton Hears a Who*

Horton, the lovable elephant, tries to protect tiny creatures on a speck of dust.

Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day*

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

Young, Ed. *Lon Po Po*

Stunning illustrations grace this Chinese version of Little Red Riding Hood.

Folklore & Mythology

Aardema, Verna. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz In People’s Ears*

This West African tale which explains why the mosquito, responsible for the death of Mother Owl's baby, buzzes in people's ears looking for forgiveness.

Bruchac, Joseph. *How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*

When Bear and Brown Squirrel have a disagreement about whether Bear can stop the sun from rising, Brown Squirrel ends up with claw marks on his back and becomes Chipmunk, the striped one.

DePaola, Tomie. *Adelilta, a Mexican Cinderella Story*

After the death of her mother and father, Adelilta is badly mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters until she finds her own true love at a grand fiesta.

Ehler, Lois. *Cuckoo: A Mexican Folktale*

Cuckoo is beautiful, trouble is, she's lazy. She never does her share of work—that is, until a field fire threatens the season's seed crop and Cuckoo is the only one who can save it, but will she risk harming her lovely feathers by flying through the thick smoke and flames?

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Kellogg, Steven. Paul Bunyan ***
This tall recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.

Kimmel, Eric. Anansi and the Talking Melon **
A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Louie, Ai-Ling. Yeh-Shen **
This version of the Cinderella story, in which a young girl overcomes her wicked stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince, is based on ancient Chinese manuscripts written 1000 years before the European version.

McDermott, Gerald. Arrow to the Sun *
An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world.

Mora, Pat. Dona Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart **
Dona Flor is a giant woman who lives in a puebla with lots of families. She loves her neighbors, she lets the children use her flowers for trumpets, and the families use her leftover tortillas for rafts, so when a huge puma is terrifying the village, of course Flor is the one to investigate.

Pinkney, Jerry. The Lion and the Mouse *
Vibrant illustrations bring to life this wordless adaptation of this classic Aesop fable about a merciful lion who spared a mouse's life and the unexpected reward he received for his good deed from the tiny hero.

San Souci, Robert. The Talking Eggs ***
A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.

Tompert, Ann. Grandfather Tang's Story **
Grandfather tells a story about shape-changing fox fairies who try to best each other until a hunter brings danger to both of them.

Get Real: Nonfiction

Bradley, K. Brubaker. Forces Make Things Move **
Simple language and humorous illustrations show how forces make things move, prevent them from starting to move, and stop them from moving.

Butterworth, Chris. Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea **
Dive into the warm ocean and swim around amid the coral and waving sea grass. Do you see an eye like a small black bead peering out at you? Linger for a while and discover the secrets of the sea horse, one of the shyest fish in the sea.

French, Vivian. Growing Frogs *
This engaging blend of story and facts along with colorful illustrations accurately evokes each stage of a frog's growth.

Hughes, Catherine D. First Big Book of the Ocean. **
Chock full of wonderful photos, this book provides profiles of creatures, from dolphins and sharks to sea otters and penguins, while sharing facts about their characteristics, diets, and habitats.

Himmelman, John. An Earthworm's Life (series) *
Intricate up-close illustrations pair with clear text to teach about the earthworm's life.

Jenkins, Steve. What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? **
Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, and feet, in a beautifully illustrated, interactive guessing book.

Kudlinski, Kathleen. Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs! **
This book examines what is known about dinosaur bones, behavior, and other characteristics and how different the facts often are from what scientists, from ancient China to the recent past, believed to be true.

Lin, Grace. Our Seasons **
What's your favorite season? Follow Ki-ki, Owen, Lily, and Kevin through the year as they explore the four seasons.

Macaulay, David and Keenan, Sheila. Castle: How It Works **
This distinctively illustrated book follows the planning, construction, and ultimate testing in battle of a typical fortress with adjoining town built by the English during the Middle Ages.

Markle, Sandra. A Mother's Journey *
Sandra Markle presents the daring story of a mother emperor penguin's struggle to reach the sea, find food, avoid predators, and make her way back to her mate and their newborn chick before they starve.

Marsh, Laura. Cheetahs *
This National Geographic Reader will delight kids with beautiful photographs and mind-boggling facts about this majestic and mysterious cat.

Pfeffer, Wendy. Light Is All Around Us **
Let the light shine in! This introduction to light teaches about different kinds of light, including sunlight, firelight and electric light.

Priceman, Marjorie. How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World **
Since the market is closed, the reader is led around the world to gather the ingredients for making an apple pie. Includes recipe.

Thomson, Sarah L. Amazing Gorillas **
Thomson explains the facts of gorilla life, including their behavior, diet, and habitat with short text and photographs.

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**Life Stories: Biography**

Blue, Rose. *Ron's Big Mission* **
Nine-year-old Ron, a frequent visitor to the Lake City Public Library in South Carolina in the 1950s, where he pores over books on airplanes and flight, makes his own quiet stand against segregation when he decides to apply for his own library card. Based on the life of astronaut Ron McNair.

Brown, Don. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein* ***
This well-crafted picture-book biography focuses on Einstein's hard-to-classify brilliance, which led to awesome scientific discoveries.

Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there much more regimented.

Martin, Jaqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley* **
A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.

Mora, Pat. *Tomas and the Library Lady* *
While helping his family in their work as migrant laborers far from their home, Tomás finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library.

Sylvia Earle loved the ocean since she was a child living on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. This colorful picture book tells about the life of this incredible oceanographer who has worked diligently to explore and protect the world's oceans.

Potter, Alicia. *Mrs. Harkness and the Panda* **
In 1934, Ruth Harkness had never seen a panda. Not many people in the world had, but soon the young Mrs. Harkness would inherit an expedition from her explorer husband: the hunt for a panda. She knew that bringing back a panda would be hard, impossible, even, but she intended to try.

Redmond, Shirley Raye. *The Dog that Dug for Dinosaurs* **
There once was a little dog named Tray. He lived in England with his owner, Mary Ann Anning. Besides Mary Ann, Tray loved one other thing: He loved to dig for dinosaur bones. Together he and Mary Ann found small bones, big bones, and even entire skeletons.

In 1985, Libby Riddles made history by becoming the first woman to win the 1,100-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race. This is a compelling first-hand account of the arctic storms, freezing temperatures, loyal sled dogs, and utter determination that defined Riddles's Iditarod victory.

This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.

This book succinctly tells the story of Jacques Cousteau, famous oceanographer, from his childhood to his adult accomplishments.

**A Way with Words: Poetry**

Bryan, Ashley. *Sing to the Sun* *
Poems that celebrate the beauty of nature and the joys of everyday life are found in the delightful book.

Carle, Eric. *Animals, Animals* *
This book is an illustrated collection of poems by a variety of authors describing the peculiarities of pets and wild and domestic animals.

Gottfield, Maya. *Good Dog* *
The playfulness and companionship of dogs are expressed through poetry.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Surprises* **
This illustrated book of thirty-eight poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins offer beginning readers some delightful smaller poems.

A wonderful collection of poems short enough to be carried in one's pocket, by such authors as Emily George, Emily Dickinson, Gwendolyn Brooks, Charlotte Pomerantz, Nikki Giovanni, and Eve Merriam.

Manni, Celeste. *One Leaf Rides the Wind* *
In this collection of haiku poems, a young girl walks through a Japanese garden and discovers many delights, from one leaf to ten stone lanterns.

Prelutsky, Jack. *The New Kid on the Block* ***
Open this book to any page to begin your exploration. Here are poems about things that you may never have thought about before. You'll be introduced to jellyfish stew, a bouncing mouse, a ridiculous dog, and a boneless chicken.

Sendak, Maurice. *Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months* **
A young boy describes the activities that accompany chicken soup with rice in each month of the year.

Sidman, Joyce. *Song of the Water Boatman & Other Pond Poems* ***
This collection of poems provide a look at some of the animals, insects, and plants that are found in ponds, with accompanying information about each.

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# Math

Baker, Keith. *Quack and Count*
Slip, slide, leap, and dive with a family of seven lively ducklings as they get ready to fly for the very first time. Keith Baker's playful, rhyming text and bold collage illustrations capture the excitement of a day's adventures, and gently introduce counting.

Burns, Marilyn. *The Greedy Triangle*
Bored and dissatisfied with his life, a triangle visits a local shapeshifter to add another angle to his shape. Poof! He becomes a quadrilateral, but then he gets greedy and keeps adding angles until he's completely transformed.

Crews, Donald. *Ten Black Dots*

Dee, Ruby. *Two Ways to Count to Ten*
A retelling of a traditional Liberian tale, in which King Leopard invites all the animals to a spear-throwing contest, whose winner will marry his daughter and succeed him as king.

Greene, Rhonda G. *When a Line Bends, A Shape Begins*
A line is thin. A line is narrow, curved like a worm, straight as an arrow. Squares, circles, triangles, and many more shapes abound in this lively book. With jaunty, rhyming text, young readers are invited to find different shapes on each busy, vibrant page. Once you start looking, you won't be able to stop.

Hoban, Tana. *Shape, Shape, Shape*
Photographs of familiar objects such as chair, barrettes, and manhole cover present a study of rounded and angular shapes.

Hutchins, Pat. *Ten Red Apples*
Ten red apples hanging on a tree. In rhyming verses, one animal after another neighs, moos, oinks, quacks and makes other appropriate sounds as each eats an apple from the farmer's tree. "Save one for me," but what about the farmer's wife? "Save one for me," calls the farmer, but what about the farmer's wife?

Leoni, Leo. *Inch by Inch*
A small green inchworm is proud of his skill at measuring anything, a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak. Then one day a nightingale threatens to eat him if he cannot measure his song. Children will enjoy the clever inchworm's solution and delight in finding the tiny hero on every page.

Mitsumasa, Anno. *Anno's Magic Seeds*
A gift from a wizard makes Jack's fortune grow by ones and twos, then threes and fours, then faster and faster, challenging you to keep track of his riches.

Myller, Rolf. *How Big is a Foot?*
The King wants to give the Queen something special for her birthday. The Queen has everything, everything except a bed. The trouble is that no one in the Kingdom knows the answer to a very important question: How Big is a Bed, because beds at the time had not yet been invented. The Queen's birthday is only a few days away. How can they figure out what size the bed should be?

Reid, Margarette. *The Button Box*
An imaginative little boy explores the many pleasures that can be found in, and made from, his grandmother's button box.

Schwartz, David. *Millions to Measure*
There are millions of things to measure and almost as many ways to measure them! Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is back and ready to explore the invention of length, weight, and volume measurements. After that, with another wave of his wand, the wizard introduces the world of metrics and makes it easy to understand the basic pattern of meters, liters, and grams.

Young, Ed. *Seven Blind Mice*
It's a pillar," says one. "It's a fan," says another. One by one, the seven blind mice investigate the strange Something by the pond, and one by one, they come back with a different theory. It's only when the seventh mouse goes out and explores the whole Something that the mice see the whole truth.

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