Kids K-5 Summer Reading 2015 Booklist
These books were selected by librarians at Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, Queens Library, and the NYC Department of Education School Library System.

GRADES K & 1

Fiction

Camping: A Mr. and Mrs. Green Adventure
by Keith Baker
An adorable alligator couple ventures into the great outdoors.

Happy Like Soccer
by Maribeth Boelts; Lauren Castillo (Illus.)
City-girl Sierra wishes her auntie and neighbors could come see her new team play.

Frog and Friends: Frog Saves the Day
by Eve Bunting; Josee Masse (Illus.)
Raccoon, Rabbit, Squirrel, Possum, and a heroic frog share two exciting adventures.

Max and the Tag-Along Moon
by Floyd Cooper
A gentle read-aloud about a boy and the moon that follows him home.

Rat Attack
by Molly Coxe
It'll take more than a pack of jam-loving rats to overcome Gran and her clever little grandkids Ann, Fran, and Stan.

This Jazz Man
by Karen Ehrhardt; R.G. Roth (Illus.)
Enjoy this true toe-tapper, written to the tune of “This Old Man”.

April and Esme, Tooth Fairies
by Bob Graham
Two sisters go on their first tooth retrieval mission. BR
Here I Am
by Patti Kim; Sonia Sánchez (Illus.)
A boy moves from his much loved home to a new country and learns to try new things.

E-mergency!
by Tom Lichtenheld and Ezra Fields-Meyer
We would all be lost if the letter E went missing. This book will show you Y! EBK

Katie Saves the Earth
by Fran Manushkin; Tammie Lyon (Illus.)
Saving the world isn't easy, but Katie has a plan and it involves a yard sale.

Squirrel's Fun Day
by Lisa Moser; Valeri Gorbachev (Illus.)
This busy furry friend wants to have the best day with his buddies!

The Adventures of Sparrowboy
by Brian Pinkney
Henry the Paperboy finds he can fly, like his favorite superhero.

Larf
by Ashley Spires
A scarf-wearing Sasquatch learns he’s not alone in the world. EBK

The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred
by Samantha R. Vamos; Rafael López (Illus.)
The whole barnyard joins in the festivities of making arroz con leche. EBK

Nonfiction

Fly Guy Presents: Firefighters
by Tedd Arnold
Explore a real firehouse with Buzz and Fly Guy. (J 363.37 A)

Hippos Can't Swim: And Other Fun Facts
by Laura Lyn DiSiena and Hannah Eliot; Pete Oswald (Illus.)
Learn about some of the heroes and villains of the animal kingdom. (J 590.2 D)

Lizards
by Nic Bishop
Spectacular photographs and fascinating facts about many lizard species. (J 597.95 B)

In the Wild
by David Elliott and Holly Meade (Illus.)
Poetry brings to life the untamed creatures that prowl, stalk, hop, and haunt our dreams. (J 811 Elliott)
GRADES K & 1 SERIES
Benny and Penny by Geoffrey Hayes
Tiny by Cari Meister and Rich Davis (Illus.)
Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connar and Robin Preiss Glasser (Illus.)
Cat the Cat by Mo Willems
Flip-a-Word by Harriet Ziefert and Yukiko Kido (Illus.)

GRADES 2 & 3

Fiction

Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover
by Cece Bell
Rabbit's careful plans are unraveled by the unexpected behavior of his friend Robot. BR, TB

Franny K. Stein: Lunch Walks Among Us
by Jim Benton
Mad scientist Franny tries to fit in with her classmates. BR, EBK

Nikki & Deja
by Karen English; Laura Freeman (Illus.)
Will the nasty new girl succeed in breaking up two best friends?

Bean Dog and Nugget: The Ball (graphic novel)
by Charise Mericle Harper
Spooky bushes have eaten Bean Dog's favorite toy!

Guinea Dog
by Patrick Jennings
When your pet guinea pig thinks it's a member of the canine family, it’s hijinks galore. BR, EBK

The Shark King (graphic novel)
by R. Kikuo Johnson
A fishy tale about Nanaue (nah-NOW-way) and the search for his father.

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off
by Jacqueline Jules; Miguel Benítez (Illus.)
Freddie's new superpowered sneakers make him faster than fast. EBK

Captain Awesome and the New Kid
by Stan Kirby; George O'Connor (Illus.)
Is the new student Sally Williams a friend or foe for the captain and his sidekick?
Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things
by Lenore Look; LeUyen Pham (Illus.)
This superhero-loving descendent of Chinese warriors must overcome his fear of just about everything. EAUD, EBK, TB

Mo & Jo Fighting Together Forever (graphic novel)
by Jay Lynch and Dean Haspiel
Two squabbling siblings must get along long enough to defeat the evil Saw-Jaw and save their town.

The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case
by Alexander McCall Smith; Iain McIntosh (Illus.)
A girl detective puts her sleuthing skills to good use when her school faces a rash of sweet thefts. EAUD

Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door
by Hilary McKay; Priscilla Lamont (Illus.)
The new boy next door learns how fun his pet bunny can be. EBK

Big Foot
by M.P. Robertson
A lost girl and a lonely Big Foot make for one unlikely friendship.

Dragonbreath: Attack of the Ninja Frogs
by Ursula Vernon
Will Danny's fledgling kung fu skills be a match for a gang of sneaky amphibians?

Nonfiction

An Egg Is Quiet
by Dianna Hutts Aston; Sylvia Long (Illus.)
An elegant and fact-filled book that showcases the beautiful variety of eggs. (J 591.46 A) EBK

Liberty Rising: The Story of the Statue of Liberty
by Pegi Deitz Shea; Wade Zahares (Illus.)
Dazzling illustrations accompany the story behind America’s iconic monument to freedom. (J 974.71 S)

Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World
by Laurie Lawlor; Laura Beingessner (Illus.)
A young marine biologist writes a book about the "wonder and beauty of the earth" during troubling environmental changes. (J B Carson L) EBK
A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis
by Matt de la Peña; Kadir Nelson (Illus.)
Powerful pictures tell the story of boxing legend Joe Louis and his fight against a German on the eve of World War II. (J B Louis P)

Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman
by Marc Tyler Nobleman; Ross MacDonald (Illus.)
The story of two misfit teens who created their very own superhero. (J B Siegel N) EBK

Malala Yousafzai
by Robin S. Doak
The life of one brave girl who almost paid the ultimate price to keep learning. (J B Yousafzai D)

GRADES 2 & 3 SERIES

The Enchanted Sisters by Elise Allen and Halle Stanford
Heroes in Training by Jane Holub
Pinky & Rex by James Howe
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
Ricky Ricotta by Dav Pilkey

GRADES 4 & 5

Fiction

Sidekicked
by John David Anderson
Middle school is tough even when you have superpowers. EBK

Tortilla Sun
by Jennifer Cervantes
Izzy spends the summer in New Mexico and discovers new friends, her family history, and a little magic.

Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures
by Kate DiCamillo; K.G. Campbell (Illus.)
A cynic encounters an unlikely hero: a squirrel with superpowers. AUD, EAUD, EBK

Sky Jumpers
by Peggy Eddelman
Living in a future without technology, twelve-year-old daredevil Hope may be the only one who can save her small town from bandits. EBK
The Magic Shop: The Vanishing Coin
by Kate Egan and Mike Lane; Eric Wight (Illus.)
Mike has a hard time in school, but a trip to a mysterious magic shop may turn everything around.

Sidekicks (graphic novel)
by Dan Santat
Think being a superpowered pet is easy? Think again.

Sisters (graphic novel)
by Raina Telgemeier
Take one road trip, add some annoying siblings, and stir in one escaped pet snake and you've got a vacation you won't forget.

Michael Townsend's Amazing Greek Myths of Wonder and Blunders (graphic novel)
by Michael Townsend
The funniest, wackiest, wildest graphic novel about the Greek gods you'll ever read.

Breadcrumbs
by Anne Ursu; Erin McGuire (Illus.)
Hazel needs to save her best friend in this modern day retelling of “The Snow Queen.” EAUD

Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile
by Marcia Wells; Marcos Calo (Illus.)
Edmund Xavier Lonnrot must use his photographic memory to stop the Picasso Gang.

President of the Whole Fifth Grade
by Sherri Williams
Can Brianna Justice win the school election with her creative campaign cupcakes? EBK

Leepike Ridge
by N.D. Wilson
Sucked into an underground cave, Tom is chased by murderous treasure hunters. EBK

The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond
by Brenda Woods
A biracial girl in an all-white school seeks out her African-American family and finds her place in the world.

Nonfiction

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women
by Catherine Thimmesh; Melissa Sweet (Illus.)
From cookies to windshield wipers, learn of some of the most fascinating and useful things that have been invented by women. (J 609.22 T) TB
Guys Read: True Stories
by Jon Scieszka (Ed.)
Check out these ten amazing real tales, from survival in the Sahara desert to the life and times of a blues musician. (J 808.18 S) EBK

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster
by Deborah Hopkinson
The gripping and gritty story of this maritime catastrophe seen through the memories of some of its survivors. (J 910.91 H) EBK, TB

Boys Who Rocked the World: Heroes From King Tut to Bruce Lee
by Michelle Roehm McCann
These 46 historical figures were all famous before they even finished their teens! (J 920.71 B)

Who Was Nelson Mandela?
by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso; Stephen Marchesi (Illus.)
The fascinating life of a South African leader who changed the world for the better. (J B Mandela P)

GRADERS 4 & 5 SERIES

Amelia Rules by Jimmy Gownley
Club C.S.I. by David Lewman
Olympians (graphic novel) by George O'Connor
Stranded by Jeff Probst and Chris Tebbetts
I Survived by various authors