

# Todd Library 2023 Summer Reading List



## Entering 2nd Grade

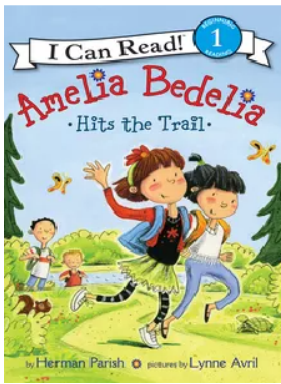
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Briarcliff Manor Public Library librarians

It is important to note that the titles on this list span a range of reading levels for students entering second grade. The Briarcliff Public Library and Todd Library librarians have selected these books to help you and your child develop a lifetime habit and enjoyment of reading.

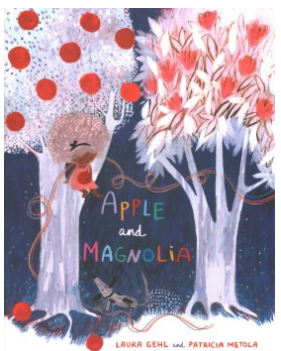
**PUBLIC LIBRARY EBOOK APPS:**

The APPS Hoopla and Libby (app for Overdrive) are accessible and free to use with your public library card. The icon next to the title shows which APP has that title or series. Copies of the physical books are also available to borrow from the library throughout the summer. Hours and policies can be found at [briarcliffmanorlibrary.org](http://briarcliffmanorlibrary.org).



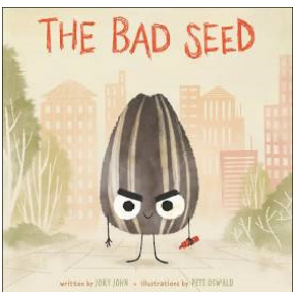
**Amelia Bedelia [series] by Herman Parish**

Amelia Bedelia never gets anything right, but she always means well — and this makes for a series of very funny and sweet tales about the classic character Amelia Bedelia as a child.



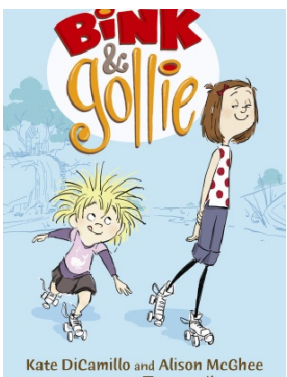
**Apple and Magnolia by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Patricia Metola**

The bond between two trees, Apple and Magnolia, takes center stage in this picture book that explores the power of unlikely friendships and that includes an author's note about how trees communicate.



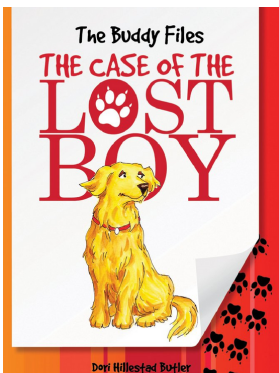
**The Bad Seed by Jory John, illustrated by Pete Oswald**

A bad seed who cuts in line, never washes his hands or feet, and lies, changes.



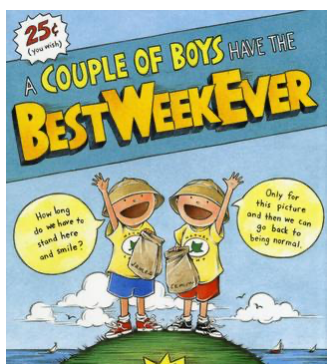
**Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile**

Two roller-skating best friends — one tiny, one tall— share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.



**The Case of the Lost Boy [Buddy Files series] by Dori Hillestad Butler**

Buddy the dog is on the case! He is always solving mysteries for his new humans while on the lookout for his old humans' mysterious disappearance. This is the first book in the series.



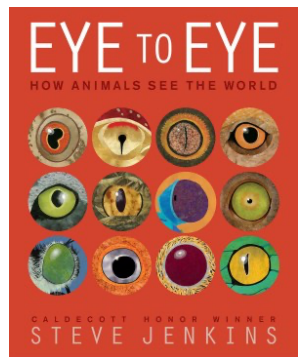
**A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee**

In this moving and funny celebration of young boys, childhood friendships, and the power of the imagination, Frazee captures the very essence of summer vacation and what it means to be a kid.



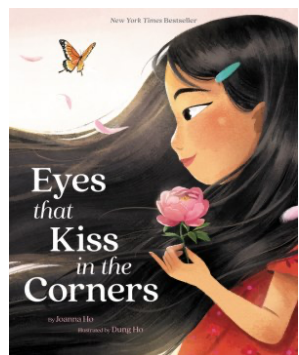
**Every Planet Has a Place: A Book About Our Solar System by Rebecca Baines**

An eye-catching, accessible science book with basic information and interesting "factoids" about the planets.



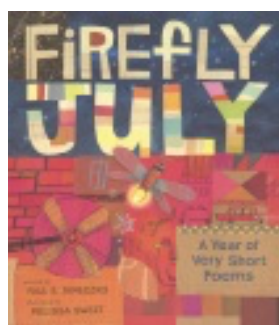
**Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World by Steve Jenkins**

Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes, and explains how such animals use their uniquely evolved eyes.



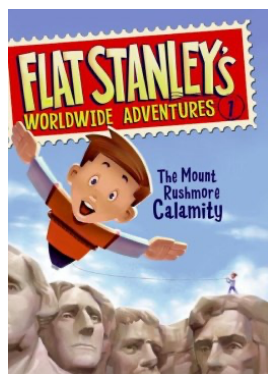
**Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho**

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers' and are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women, she recognizes her own beauty inside and out.



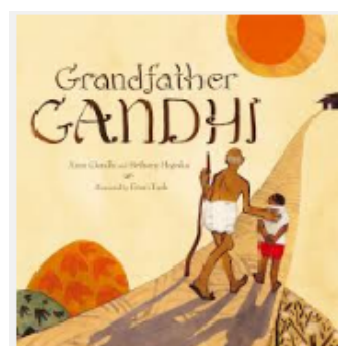
**Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Melissa Sweet**

Celebrated poet and anthologist Paul B. Janeczko pairs with Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet.



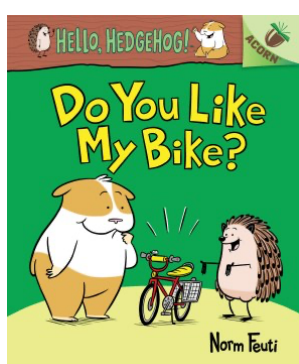
**Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures [series] by Josh Greenhut**

Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he has captured imaginations with his ability to travel by mail. Now, he's off on a global tour in a geography-themed chapter book series packed with physical high jinx and geographical detail.



**Grandfather Gandhi by Arun Gandhi with Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Evan Turk**

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson tells the story of how his grandfather taught him to turn darkness into light in this uniquely personal and vibrantly illustrated tale that carries a message of peace.

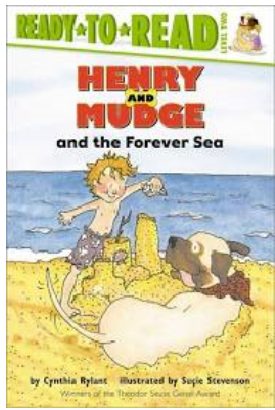


**Hello, Hedgehog [series] by Norman Feuti**

Hedgehog and his best friend Harry enjoy many adventures in these books with easy-to-read text, a short-story format, plenty of humor, and full-color artwork on every page.

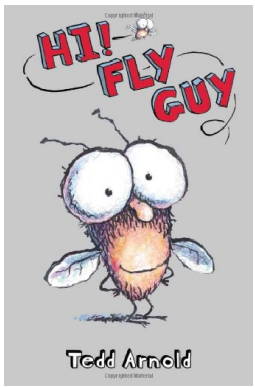


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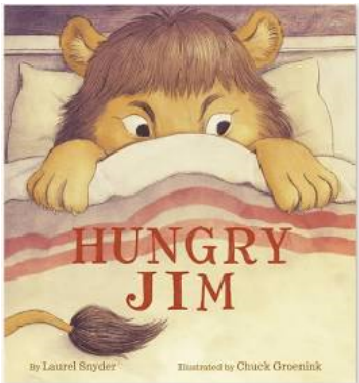
**Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea [series] by Cynthia Rylant**

Henry and his dog Mudge are best friends and never run out of new adventures together.



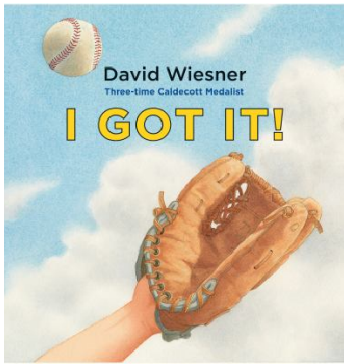
**Hi! Fly Guy [Fly Guy series] by Tedd Arnold**

Who says a fly cannot be a pet? Watch Buzz prove to everyone how much fun a fly can be. This is the first book in the series.



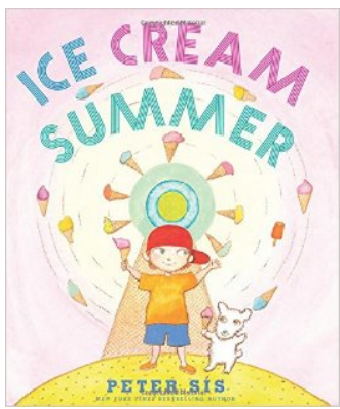
**Hungry Jim by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Chuck Groenink**

When Jim wakes up one Tuesday morning, he doesn't feel like eating his pancakes. In fact, Jim doesn't feel like Jim. He feels rather, well, beastly. But he is hungry. Very hungry... hungry as a lion!



**I Got It! by David Wiesner**

In this wordless picture book, a young outfielder imagines all the terrifying ways he might not catch the baseball, and one way that he can.



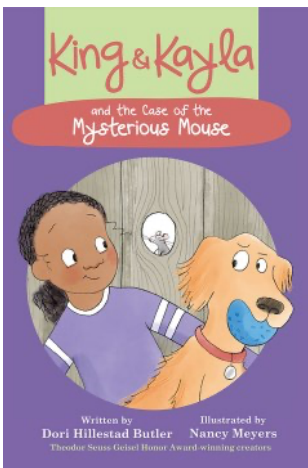
**Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sis**

A little boy writes a letter to his grandfather about all the reading and studying he is doing this summer--and all his activities revolve around ice cream.



**Jo Jo Makoons [series] by Dawn Quigley, illustrated by Tara Audibert**

Jo Jo is a spunky seven-year-old Ojibwe girl who loves who she is, and is the narrator of these entertaining stories about her relatable misadventures and misunderstandings.



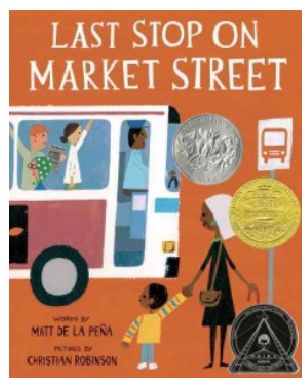
**King & Kayla [series] by Dori Hillestad Butler**

King, a lovable dog, helps Kayla, his human girl, solve mysteries.



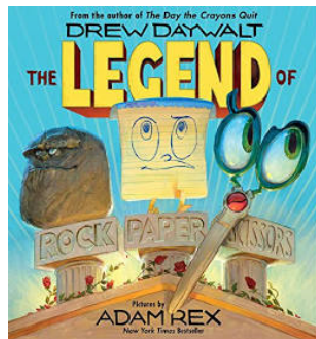
**Kitty and Dragon by Meika Hashimoto, illustrated by Gillian Reid**

Kitty and Dragon is a lovable early reader series about finding true friendship when you least expect it.



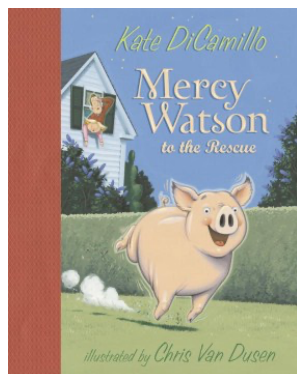
**Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson**

A boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.



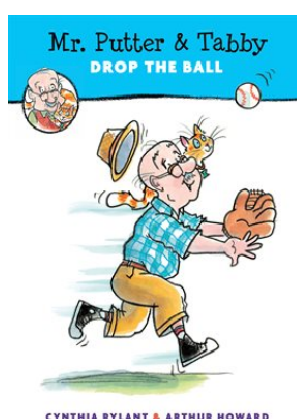
**The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Adam Rex**

A laugh-out-loud epic tale about the classic game Rock, Paper, Scissors.



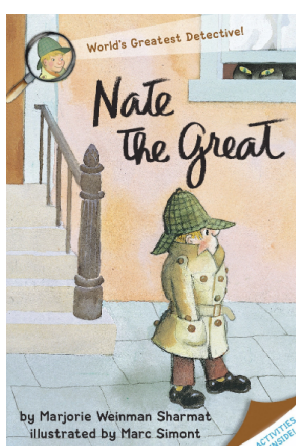
**Mercy Watson [series] by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen**

This beginning chapter book series stars the humorous, beloved pig Mercy -- adopted by the Watson family -- who is always getting into playful mischief.



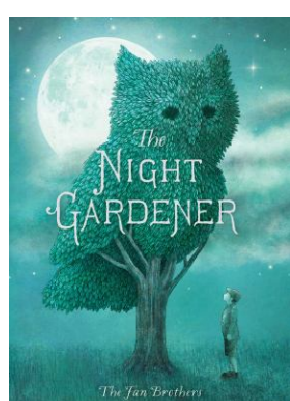
**Mr. Putter and Tabby Drop the Ball [Mr. Putter and Tabby series] by Cynthia Rylant and Arthur Howard**

Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby, who are happy companions, share many comical times together in this sweet series.



**Nate the Great [series] by Marjorie Sharmat, illustrated by Marc Simont**

This young pancake-loving detective has a new case to solve in every story.



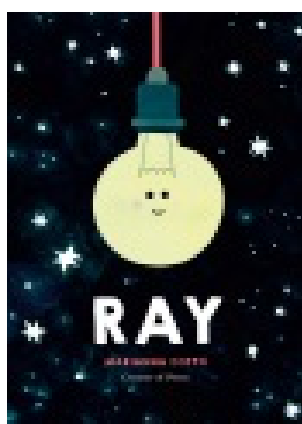
**The Night Gardener by Eric Fan, illustrated by Terry Fan**

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.



**One Minute till Bedtime: 60-Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep** edited by Kenn Nesbitt, illustrated by Christoph Niemann

A collection of poems that can be read in sixty seconds features the work of celebrated writers, including Jon Scieszka, Nikki Grimes, and Lemony Snicket.



**Ray** by Marianna Coppo

Ray, the light bulb in the closet at the bottom of the stairs, sometimes gets bored, especially in the dark, until he gets taken on a surprising journey.



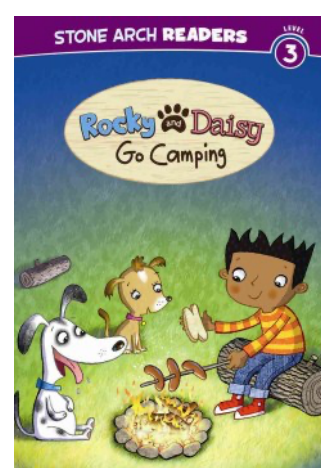
**Redwoods** by Jason Chin

A boy finds a book on the subway about redwood trees and ends up in the same forest he is reading about.



**Rise of the Earth Dragon [Dragon Masters series]** by Tracy West, illustrated by Graham Howells

Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told that he has been chosen to be a DragonMaster like Ana, Rori, and Bo. This is the first book in this illustrated series aimed at newly independent readers.



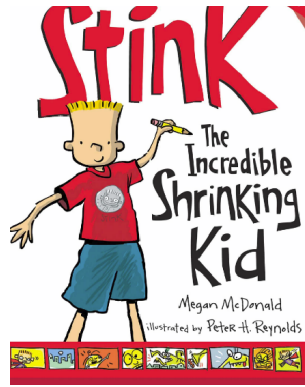
**Rocky and Daisy [series]** by Melinda Crow

Rocky and Daisy enjoy lots of doggy adventures with Owen and his parents.



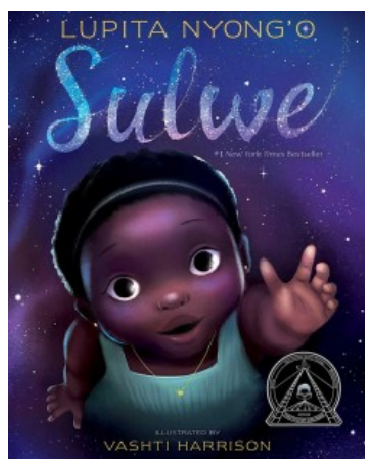
**Saturday** by Oge Mora

When all of their special Saturday plans go awry, Ava and her mother still find a way to appreciate one another and their time together.



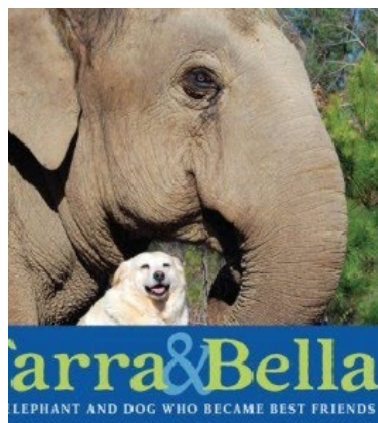
**Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid [Stink series] by Megan McDonald, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds**

Get to know the shortest kid in second grade (maybe in the world!), James Moody, also known as Stink.



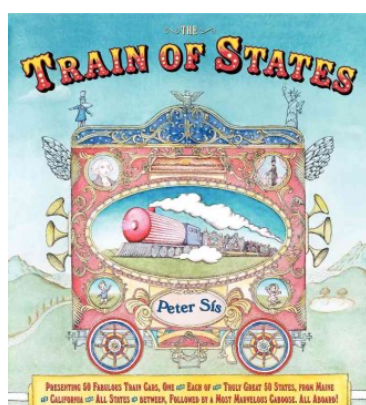
**Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o, illustrated by Vashti Harrison**

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but a shooting star's tale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade.



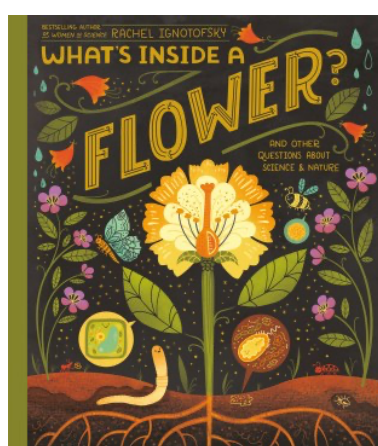
**Tarra & Bella by Carol Buckley**

Recounts the true story of Tarra, an elephant who befriended a stray dog named Bella, at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.



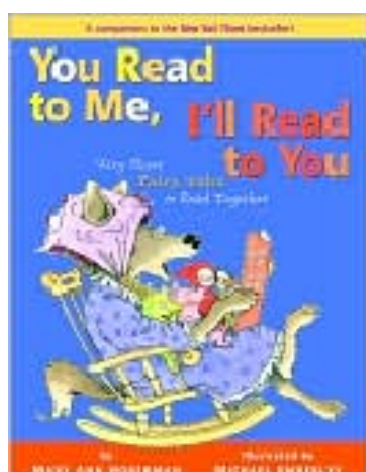
**Train of States by Peter Sis**

Ride the circus train and enjoy this creative introduction to all of the United States, learning basic state information as well as fun facts.



**What's Inside a Flower?: And Other Questions About Science & Nature by Rachel Ignotofsky**

The distinctive art style and engaging, informative text answer any questions a child (or adult) could have about flowers.

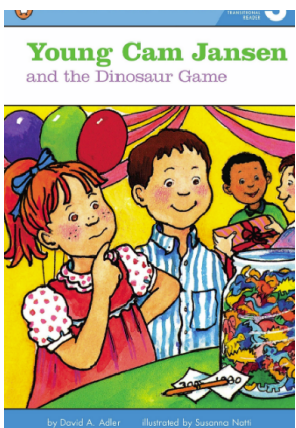


**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Michael Emberly**

This collection of silly "fractured" fairy tales invites parents and children to read together.



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**Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game [Young Cam Jansen series] by David Adler, illustrated by Susanna Natti**

Cam puts her photographic memory to good use at a birthday party as she solves the dinosaur game puzzle. Cam Jansen solves new mysteries and puzzles in each book in the series.