

Summer Reading 2008

Pre-K and Kindergarten Suggested Reading List

Letters in parentheses after the title indicate the Forsyth County Public Library locations:

Cen Central	K Kernersville	Rh Rural Hall
Cr Carver School Road	L Lewisville	S Southside
C Clemmons	R Reynolda	W Walkertown
Ew Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center		

E Addy, Sharon. **Lucky Jake** (CenCrCKLRRhSW). When Jake and Pa find a gold nugget big enough to buy a pet, there aren't any dogs to be found. So Jake gets a pig and names him Dog. Lucky for Pa and Jake, Dog has a nose for finding good fortune in this story about patience, friendship, and luck.

E Agee, Jon. **Nothing** (CenCKR). When Suzie, the rich customer, asks the shopkeeper "What's for sale?", his response is "nothing". And so the mad rush to purchase nothing is on.

E Bang-Campbell, Molly. **Little Rat Makes Music** (CenCR). Rat loves playing the violin, but hates to practice. Her hard work with Kitty culminates in their recital duet.

E Boelts, Maribeth. **Before You Were Mine** (CenCKR). A young boy imagines what his rescued dog's life might have been like before he adopted him.

E Bono, Mary. **Ugh! A Bug** (CenCrCEwKLS). Rhyming text and illustrations present various reactions to encounters with bugs such as an ant, a beetle, and a ladybug.

E Broach, Elise. **When Dinosaurs Came with Everything** (CenCKLRSW). Errands are no longer boring when a little boy finds that a free gift comes with every purchase—a dinosaur! The dilemma comes when he brings his dinosaurs home.

E Cate, Annette LeBlanc. **The Magic Rabbit** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Ray the Magician and his rabbit assistant Bunny are best friends. One day they get separated in the big city, but some glittering gold stars help Bunny find his lonely friend.

E Cowell, Cressida. **That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown** (CenCrCKLRRhSW). Emily defends her stuffed rabbit from the naughty queen, who is determined to acquire it any way she can.

E Fleming, Denise. **Beetle Bop** (CenCrCKLRRh). Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the great variety of beetles and their swirling, humming, crashing activities.

E Gravett, Emily. **Orange Pear Apple Bear** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Combining the four words of the title, this early concept book about shape, color, and sequence introduces language play, as well as punctuation, in soft-hued watercolor illustrations.

E Harris, Trudy. **20 Hungry Piggies** (CenCKLRW). You know the first five piggies are busy going to market, staying home, having roast beef or none, and saying wee, wee, wee. But what about the other 15 piggies? Find out what happens when all 20 piggies meet up with an uninvited picnic guest!

E Henkes, Kevin. **A Good Day** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). At first it seems to be a bad day for bird, dog fox, and squirrel. But then the tide turns, and it's a good day for everyone, including a little girl.

E Himmelman, John. **Chickens to the Rescue** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Six days a week the chickens help the Greenstalk family recover from mishaps that occur on the farm, but they need one day to rest.

E Leuck, Laura. **I Love My Pirate Papa** (CenCKR). A love song to the tender relationship between a swashbuckling papa and his little pirate son.

E London, Jonathan. **A Train Goes Clickety-Clack** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Easy-to-read, rhyming text describes the sounds of, and uses for, different kinds of trains.

E MacLachlan, Patricia. **Once I Ate a Pie** (CenCrCKR). Thirteen poems from the perspective of thirteen dogs express the dogs' ideas about themselves and their lives.

E MacLennan, Cathy. **Chicky Chicky Chook Chook** (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Chicks, kitties, and bees play in the morning, but get sleepy in the afternoon heat. Their nap is interrupted by a storm that leaves them all icky and soggy. How will they get dry?

E McLeod, Bob. **Superhero ABC** (CrKLRS). Silly and zany, armed with the most unusual skills, these heroes are out to save the world—one letter at a time. Together, these one-of-a-kind defenders represent the ABC's in a way never seen before.

E Newman, Barbara Johansen. **Tex & Sugar: A Big City Kitty Ditty** (CenKRhS). Tex Mex Rex and Sugar Lee Snughead, two big city kitties, find the road to stardom very rocky until they join forces.

E Vail, Rachel. **Righty and Lefty: A Tale of Two Feet** (CenCrCKLRh). Righty and Lefty can't seem to agree on anything. Righty wakes up early, while Lefty likes to sleep in. Righty dreams of wearing fancy footwear, but Lefty swears by galoshes. Can these two feet learn to get along without tripping over each other?

E Vere, Ed. **The Getaway** (CenCLRSW). Follow Fingers McGraw, a mouse, as he scurries away with a stolen piece of cheese, and ace lawman, Detective Jumbo Wayne, Jr., an elephant, who tries to catch him.

E Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity** (CenCrCKLSW). Trixie and her Dad are back in this sequel to **Knuffle Bunny**. Trixie brings her Knuffle Bunny to preschool only to discover Sonja has one too! Find out what happens when a mix-up means that Trixie and Sonja take home the wrong bunnies!

J 759.4 N **OOOH! Matisse** by Mil Neipold (CenCKR). Bright and playful close-ups of some of Matisse's most celebrated collages encourage children to find the whale in Matisse's dove, the splash of milk in his star, and the rays of sunshine in a blue leaf. The first entry in a new series turns art appreciation into a game and inspires young readers to see masterpieces in their own way.

J 811.54 L **Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary** by Julie Larios (CenCrCEwKLRRhSW). Have you ever seen a yellow elephant glowing in the sun, or a red donkey throwing a red-hot tantrum? In this bright bestiary, poet, Julie Larios, and painter, Julie Pachkis, cast a menagerie of animals in brilliantly unexpected hues.