

# North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

## Summer Reading Suggestions

### Animal Fiction Stories:

Animal Fiction books are stories that have animals as the main characters. Some of these stories are fantasy fiction, but most are realistic fiction about how animals can be a big part of children's lives.

#### Applegate, Katherine ***The One and Only Ivan***

Ivan the gorilla is used to the stares and taunts of humans. After all, he has lived most of his life behind the glass walls of his shopping mall home. When a baby elephant, Ruby, arrives as a new attraction, Ivan longs for a better life for his young friend. Based on a true story, Ivan will reside in your heart long after you've read the book.

#### Applegate, Katherine ***Wishtree***

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"--people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.

#### Busby, Cylin ***The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs***

The life of a ship cat is not easy, especially when you are the runt of the litter and the entire crew critiques your every move. But Jacob is determined. Determined to be an expert mouser. Determined to prove his worth among his shipmates. What nobody realizes is that this little cat may just have what it takes to see the crew through the worst of times.

#### Cameron, W. Bruce ***Shelby's Story: A Dog's Way Home Tale***

Once alone, hungry and afraid, Shelby's world takes a dramatic turn when she finds her forever home with a caring woman. She soon discovers a new world of excitement and treats...lots of treats, on the movie set where she is a dog actor. Being surrounded by people who adore her fills Shelby with love in this heartwarming Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale.

#### Chick, Bryan ***The Secret Zoo***

Noah and his friends in the Secret Society join forces with four teens known as the Descenders to try to protect the Secret Zoo hidden below the Clarksville City Zoo from monstrous sasquatches and the evil Shadow Master.

#### Creech, Sharon ***Saving Winslow***

When Louie's father arrives one day with a sickly donkey, he vows to nurse the poor creature back to health. The family isn't so sure the odds are in his favor. After all, Louie doesn't have the best of luck when it comes to pets. But Louie's love and care is just what Winslow needs and before long the donkey is strong and healthy and Louie's best friend. The neighbors are

less than enthused by the braying donkey, however, and Louie's relationship with Winslow is on the line.

DiCamillo, Kate ***Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride***

You'll be squealing with delight as you follow Mercy the Pig on her crazy adventures. What is she willing to do for the promise of a treat? (Try others in this series)

Elliott, Rebecca ***Eva and Baby Mo (Owl Diaries)***

Eva is excited to babysit her little brother Mo and believes she is ready to handle anything that comes her way! But Mo proves to be more than she bargained for. Can she get him to bed and clean up his messes before Mom and Dad arrive home?

Fiedler, Lisa ***Hopper's Destiny (Mouseheart)***

A brave mouse attempts to rebuild a fallen empire in this second book of the epic Mouseheart series set in the subway tunnels of Brooklyn. The battle to free Titus's camps is over, and Hopper, Zucker, Firren, and their loyal followers are working to rebuild. But the tunnels are in a state of chaos, and without the sinister peace accord to protect the rodents, Queen Felina and her growing army of ferals is a greater threat than ever before.

Hapka, Catherine ***Dolphin Summer***

Lily feels torn when she discovers a dolphin in a nearby canal because she knows that she shouldn't be spending every day watching over the sweet, playful creature but she is concerned that the dolphin is hurt and can't get back to its pod in the bay. But if the dolphin can't find the way back to its pod in the bay, it could be in serious trouble. Lily can't help feeling that saving the dolphin might just be her destiny

Hunter, Erin ***Broken Pride (Bravelands Series)***

For generations, the animals of the African plains have followed a single rule: only kill to survive. But when an unthinkable act of betrayal shatters the peace, the fragile balance between predators and prey will rest in the paws of three unlikely heroes. Dive into this action-packed animal fantasy series from the #1 nationally bestselling author of Warriors. Enter the Bravelands...and discover the Erin Hunter series you've been waiting for.

Miles, Ellen ***The Puppy Place #53: Bentley***

While vacationing with his family and his puppy Buddy, Charles encounters adorable Bentley, a weimaraner looking for a loving home. Charlie doesn't have much time before he has to return home. Can he find Bentley the forever home he deserves? (Try others in this series)

O'Connor, Barbara ***Wish***

Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart. Suddenly Charlie is in serious danger of discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.

Pennypacker, Sara ***Pax***

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens; Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be--with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, to be reunited with his fox.

Twain, Mark. ***The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine***

Johnny, forlorn and alone except for his pet chicken, meets a kind woman who gives him seeds that change his fortune, allowing him to speak with animals and sending him on a quest to rescue a stolen prince. In the face of a bullying tyrant king, Johnny and his animal friends come to understand that generosity, empathy, and quiet courage are gifts more precious in this world than power and gold.