

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Picture Books:

Picture books can be enjoyed by readers of ALL ages. Younger children and beginning readers enjoy having picture books read aloud to them, while older or more fluent readers can read and explore them independently.

Barnett, Mac ***Square***

This is the second in a trilogy of books by picture book dream team - Marc Barnett and Jon Klassen. If you enjoyed ***Triangle***, then definitely give this book a go! Also check out their other collaborations - ***The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse***, ***Extra Yarn*** and ***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole***.

Beatty, Andrea ***Ada Twist, Scientist***

From the author of ***Rosie Revere, Engineer*** and ***Iggly Peck, Architect*** comes another STEM related book about determination and curiosity.

Chin, Jason ***Grand Canyon***

This nonfiction picture book is full of beautiful illustrations that take the reader on a journey through the habitats and geology in different levels of the canyon. From the 1.84 billion-year-old "basement rocks" to the Kaibab Limestone layer at the top.

Clinton, Chelsea ***She Persisted Around the World : 13 Women Who Changed the World***

The globally minded follow-up to ***She Persisted : 13 American Women Who Changed the World***, this book details the struggles and triumphs of 13 women who broke barriers and shaped history. The book features familiar names and may also introduce you to some you do not recognize.

Cordell, Matthew ***Wolf in the Snow***

The 2018 Caldecott Medal winner is a nearly wordless picture book that takes the reader on the journey of a girl and a wolf pup who both get lost in a snowstorm. A great story about helping others in need. Some other great wordless picture books - ***Egg*** by Kevin Henkes and ***Little Fox in the Forest*** by Stephanie Graegin.

Cornwall, Gaia ***Jabari Jumps***

Jabari has decided that today is the day he is going to jump off the diving board! He's a great jumper, and he's not even scared at all! ...well, maybe a little bit. A great summertime read aloud!

Daywalt, Drew ***The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors***

Ever wonder how the classic game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" came about? This book is sure to entertain children as well as adults through the story of their epic ongoing battle! A wonderful book to read during the summer and game to play with a friend.

DiPucchio, Kelly ***Antoinette***

If you loved the book ***Gaston*** (about the mixed-up French bulldog and poodle family) then join Gaston and Antoinette again in this comical and beautifully illustrated book.

Lê, Minh, ***Drawn Together***

When a boy and his grandfather speak different languages, communication can be difficult. But on one particular visit, they begin to communicate through drawings and illustrations that take them towards mutual understanding through a fantastic adventure. (pay close attention to the illustrations which enhance the meaning and understanding of this fantastic book).

Roy, Katherine ***How to be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild***

This beautifully illustrated nonfiction picture book follows an elephant's growth and development from a calf to an adult, highlighting the fascinating social structure that elephants depend on for survival.

Santat, Dan ***After the Fall : How Humpty Dumpty Got back Up Again***

This story takes the reader past the traditional ending of the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme and shows us a Humpty Dumpty dealing with anxiety after his "Great Fall." A great story about facing your fears and getting back up when we fall. Also check out Santat's Caldecott Medal winning ***The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend***.

Shetterly, Margot Lee ***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race***

Shetterly introduces young readers to the inspirational and groundbreaking stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, and their once-hidden contributions to science, aeronautics, and space exploration.

Turk, Evan ***The Storyteller***

Long ago, in a kingdom in Morocco wells have dried up and storytellers have disappeared. Quench your thirst by reading this book and discovering the power of a story well told. If you like the detailed illustrations then also try ***Be the change : a grandfather Gandhi story***, which is also illustrated by Turk.

Wenzel, Brendan ***They All Saw A Cat***

This Caldecott Honor award winning book takes the reader through a series of animals that each have their own perspective of the cat wandering through their world. This book provides a great opportunity for parent and children discussions of point of view and perspectives as it relates to the real world.

Wiesner, David ***Mr. Wuffles***

Decode a secret language in this nearly wordless picture book, and then try others by Wiesner who has won Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor three times each!