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Summer Reading List

Not sure what to read?

Check-out these great titles @ your library!

- Janet S. Wong and David Roberts.** *The Dumpster Diver.* (Gr. PreK-2)
This urban trash-to-treasure tale will resonate with city dwellers and send suburbanites and kids in rural areas searching for similar adventures.
- Adrienne Mason.** *Build It!: Structures, Systems and You.* (Gr. K-3) From bicycles to bridges to beaver dams, structures are all around us. Build It! explores the function of structures, the materials they're made of, how their parts are joined together and more.
- Peter Brown.** *The Curious Garden.* (Gr. K-3) Liam discovers a patch of lonely plants in an elevated train track and encourages them to grow into a magnificent garden that spreads throughout the drab city.
- Compiled by Nelly Palacio Jaramillo.** *Grandmother's nursery rhymes: Las nanas de abuelita: lullabies, tongue twisters, and riddles from South America.* (Gr. PreK-2) Summary: A collection of traditional South American nursery rhymes in both Spanish and English.
- Alison Lester.** *Isabella's bed.* (Gr. K-3) Two children visit their grandmother and sleep in an attic room furnished with souvenirs from South America.
- F. Isabel Campoy.** *Rosa Raposa.* (Gr. K-3) Campoy sets three Spanish trickster tales in the Amazon Rainforest, where a little fox uses her wits to extricate herself from Jaguar's bullying threats.
- Leyla Torres.** *Saturday Sancocho.* (Gr. K-2) Torres has set her second picture book in her native Colombia. Maria Lili spends every Saturday preparing chicken sancocho with her grandparents, Mama Ana and Papa Angelino.
- Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth.** *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea.* (Gr. 2-5) Children of Korphe, Pakistan describe

their world and how they worked with an American to build a school for their village. Stunning collages enhance the story.

Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly. *Shades of People.* (All Ages) Images of happy children with many shades and colors of skin show the beauty of all people inside and out.

Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen. *The Magic School Bus and the Science Fair Expedition.* (Gr. 1-3) What do Galileo, Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, and Albert Einstein have in common? They've all ridden on the Magic School Bus, of course!

Nan Walker and Barry Gott. *The Midnight Kid (Science Solves It!)* (Gr. 1-3) Accident-prone Joey is dashing to the library because he needs an idea for Science Day.

Gary Paulsen. *Tortilla Factory.* (Gr. K-3) In clear and eloquent language, Gary Paulsen pays tribute to a cycle of life--from seed to plant to tortilla.

Wendy Macdonald and Paolo Rui. *Galileo's Leaning Tower Experiment.* (Gr. 2-4) When the great scientist and professor Galileo meets a bright farm boy, Massimo, the teacher becomes the student.

Brian Selznick. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret.* (Gr. 2-5) Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity.

Stewart Ross. *Monsters and Magic: Myths of North and South America (The Best Tales Ever Told.)* (Gr. 4 and up) A collection of tales drawn from across North and South America and including those of native peoples as well as of later settlers.

Sid Fleischman and Peter Sis. *The Dream Stealer.* (Gr. 2-5) Basing a story on a carved Mexican figure, Fleischman weaves a short tale around a Dream Stealer, Zumpango, who perches outside windows waiting to snatch nightmares from sleeping children.

Patricia Reilly Giff. *Wild Girl.* (Gr. 4-6) Twelve-year-old Lidie must leave her beloved home in Brazil for a new life in New York.

Laura Resau. *What the Moon Saw.* (Gr. 5-9) Out of the blue, 14-year-old Clara Luna receives a letter from her grandparents inviting her to spend the summer with them in Mexico.

Will Hobbs. *Crossing the Wire.* (Gr. 5-8) Hobbs' latest puts a human face on the controversial issue of illegal immigration.

Pam Munoz Ryan. *Esperanza Rising.* (Gr. 6-9) Ryan uses the experiences of her own Mexican grandmother as the basis for this compelling story of

immigration and assimilation, not only to a new country but also into a different social class.

Martin Chatterton. *The Brain Finds a Leg.* (Gr. 6-9) Theophilus Brain, aka "The Brain," has an excessive imagination and a lot of odd ideas about what is ailing Farrago Bay.

Nancy Farmer. *The House of the Scorpion.* (Gr. 6-10) This is a powerful, ultimately hopeful story that builds on today's sociopolitical, ethical, and scientific issues and prognosticates a compelling picture of what the future could bring. All of these serious issues are held together by a remarkable coming-of-age story.