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## NYC PreK - Grade 6 Summer Reading 2012 Booklist

These books were selected by librarians at Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, Queens Library, and the NYC Department of Education School Library System.

### PRE K-K

#### **Previously**

by Allan Ahlberg; illustrated by Bruce Ingman  
What was Jack doing before he climbed down the beanstalk?

#### **And if the Moon Could Talk**

by Kate Banks; illustrated by Georg Hallensleben  
Bedtime activities from a moon's eye view. **BR**

#### **Henry and the Crazy Chicken Pirates**

by Carolyn Crimi; illustrated by John Manders  
Nervous Henry saves the day when buccaneer bunnies face off against fowl pirates.

#### **Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z**

by Lois Ehlert  
Yum! An edible alphabetical tour of the world.

#### **Buster**

by Denise Fleming  
A cat-fearing dog's life is ruined! **AUD**

#### **The Very Smart Pea and the Princess to Be**

by Mini Grey  
Straight from the pod, a retelling of a fairy tale classic. **BR, DLB**

#### **Owen**

by Kevin Henkes  
Saying bye to blankie is hard to do. **AUD, BF, BR, DLA**

#### **Let's Make Rabbits: A Fable**

by Leo Lionni

#### Available Format Key:

ASL = Includes American Sign Language  
AUD = Audio recording  
BF = Book and video available from Bookflix\*\*\*  
BR = Braille\*  
DLA = Downloadable audio\*\*  
DLB = Downloadable book\*\*  
DLV = Downloadable video\*\*  
DVD = DVD  
ESP = Disponible en español.  
LP = Large print  
TB = Talking Book\*

\* This book is available from New York Public Library's Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library.

\*\* This book can be accessed by visiting [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org), clicking on Downloadable Media, and searching for the title.

\*\*\*This book can be found as a video storybook on Bookflix. Visit Articles and Databases on [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

Rabbit illustrations come to life after eating a real carrot.

**Froggy Goes to Camp**

by Jonathan London; illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz  
...and sleep-away antics ensue. **AUD**

**Teddy Bear Counting**

by Barbara Barbieri McGrath; illustrated by Tim Nihoff  
Learn colors, shapes and numbers with playful bears. **DLB**

**Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories**

by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
What do a frisky pup and a colorful teddy have in common? They're best buddies! **BR**

**Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC**

by June Sobel; illustrated by Henry Cole  
Swashbuckling alphabet quest on the high "c." **DLB**

**Minerva Louise**

by Janet Morgan Stoeke  
The daffy adventures of a feather-brained fowl.

**The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)**

by Philemon Sturges; illustrated by Amy Walrod  
A fresh take on the classic tale, Italian style. **BR**

**Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend**

by Melanie Watt  
A perfect pal is hard to find.

**Grades 1-2**

**How Many Stars in the Sky?**

by Lenny Hort; illustrated by James E. Ransome  
A father and his son spend the night counting the stars.

**Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!**

by Grace Lin  
Just because these twins look identical doesn't mean they are.

**I Wonder Why Planes Have Wings: And Other Questions About Transportation**

by Christopher Maynard  
Answers for kids who want to know how things go. (call# tbd)

**SuperHero ABC**

by Bob McLeod  
A group of superheroes set out to save the world one letter at a time.

**Splat the Cat: Good Night, Sleep Tight**

by Rob Scotton (adapted by Natalie Engel); illustrated by Robert Eberz  
What do you do when your mom has invited your archrival on your camping trip? **DLA**

**Detective Dinosaur Undercover**

by James Skofield; illustrated by R.W. Alley

Comic misadventures of a goofy investigator.

**The Super-Duper Dog Park** (graphic novel)

by Aron Nels Steinke

This amusement park has gone to the dogs!

**Waking Beauty**

by Leah Wilcox; illustrated by Lydia Monks

Prince Charming has no idea how to wake up Sleeping Beauty.

**Nonfiction**

**Mummies**

by Elizabeth Carney

Unravel the mysteries of mummification around the world. (J 393 C)

**Stories from the Billabong**

by James Vance Marshall; illustrated by Francis Firebrace

A retelling of ancient Aboriginal legends accompanied by striking traditional art. (J 398.2089 M) **TB**

**Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed...and Revealed**

by David M. Schwartz and Yael Schy; photographs by Dwight Kuhn

Poems describe how nature's camouflage serves hunter and hunted alike. (J 590 S)

**Actual Size**

by Steve Jenkins

Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? (J 591.41 J) **DLB, ESP**

**Ape**

by Martin Jenkins; illustrated by Vicky White

Join these playful primates as they do everything from chomping on termites to swinging through the trees. (J 599.88 J )

**The Pot that Juan Built**

by Nancy Andrews-Goebel; illustrated by David Diaz

Luminous illustrations tell the story of renowned Mexican artist Juan Quezada. (J 738 A)

**AUD, DLA, ESP**

**Monster Goose**

by Judy Sierra

illustrated by Jack E. Davis

Mother Goose meets monsters in this hilariously hideous collection of nursery rhymes. (J 811 S)

**Young Pele: Soccer's First Star**

by Lesa Cline-Ransome; illustrated by James E. Ransome

The story of how a young boy from Brazil went on to become the King of Soccer. (JB PELE C)

**Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream**

by Crystal Hubbard; illustrated by Randy DuBurke

A young girl follows her dreams to become the first female baseball player in the Negro League. (JB STONE H)

**What Makes Day and Night**

by Franklyn Mansfield Branley; illustrated by Arthur Dorros

Simple text explains why we see the sun during the day and the stars at night. (call# tbd) **BR**

**The Mother of Monsters: A Story from South Africa**

by Fran Parnell; illustrated by Sophie Fatus

An African princess sets out to confront a powerful foe. (call# tbd)

**How to Help the Earth - by the Lorax**

by Tish Rabe; illustrated by Christopher Moroney and Jan Gerardi

Environmental tips from a famous Dr. Seuss character. (call# tbd)

**Grades 3-4**

**Bad Kitty Meets the Baby**

by Nick Bruel

Has Bad Kitty finally met her match?

**The BFG**

by Roald Dahl

illustrated by Quentin Blake

Sophie and her big friendly giant take on huge child-guzzling foes. **AUD, DLA**

**The Newsy News Newsletter**

by Karen English

illustrated by Laura Freeman

Two young journalists must decide whether writing exciting stories is more important than finding the truth. **DLB**

**My Father's Dragon**

by Ruth Stiles Gannett; illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett

Elmer Elevator rescues a baby dragon in distress. **AUD, TB**

**Raymond and Graham, Cool Campers**

by Mike Knudson

illustrated by Stacy Curtis

Best friends attempt to shed their geekdom over the summer. **DLB**

**The Birthday Ball**

by Lois Lowry

illustrated by Jules Feiffer

A princess in disguise takes her fate into her own hands. **AUD, DLA, DLB**

**How Oliver Olson Changed the World**

by Claudia Mills; illustrated by Heather Maione

Sometimes Oliver feels like ex-planet Pluto, until he starts to speak up for himself.

**AUD, TB**

**Daphne's Diary of Daily Disasters: The Vampire Dare!**

by Marissa Moss

In her journal, Daphne writes about becoming the coolest vampire on costume day.

**Binky to the Rescue** (graphic novel)

by Ashley Spires

A cat that's convinced he's an astronaut finds himself in outer space—the backyard.

**El-Ray Jakes Is Not a Chicken!**

by Sally Warner

Illustrated by Jamie Harper

Can El-Ray ignore the class bully and stay out of trouble for a whole week? **DLB**

**Nonfiction**

**Only the Mountains Do Not Move: A Maasai Story of Culture and Conversation**

by Jan Reynolds

Photographs offer a close up view of how the Maasai people in Kenya cope with environmental challenges. (J 305.8965 R)

**Zoo in the Sky: A Book of Animal Constellations**

by Jacqueline Mitton; illustrated by Christina Balit

Take an illuminating ride through the starry night. (J 523.8 M)

**Just the Right Size**

by Nicola Davies; illustrated by Neal Layton

Find out why there are no high-flying, building-leaping superheroes in real life. (J 590 D)

**Little Lost Bat**

by Sandra Markle; illustrated by Alan Marks

After three long days without his mother, an orphaned Mexican bat is rescued. (J 599.49 M)

**DLB, TB**

**Jon Agee's Palindromania**

by Jon Agee

Silly cartoons illustrate palindromes, phrases that are read exactly the same forwards and backwards. (J 741 A)

**Adventures in Cartooning**

by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost

A knight, a cowardly horse and a magical elf show you how easy it is to make your own comics. (J 741.5 S)

**Aliens Are Coming!: The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast**

by Meghan McCarthy

How a national prank convinced radio listeners of an invasion from Mars. (J 791.44 M)

**Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich**

by Adam Rex

Hilarious poems about the private lives of some of your favorite monsters. (J 813.6 R) **AUD**

**Titanic: The Disaster That Shocked the World!**

by Mark Dubowski

Describes the disastrous 1912 sinking of this famous ocean liner. (J 910.9163 D)

**Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree**

by William Miller; illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu

Through the power of storytelling, young Zora learns how to keep the past alive. (JB HURSTON M)

## **Grades 5-6**

### **Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason and Gareth**

by Lloyd Alexander

A boy and his magical feline are whisked through history from place to place and friend to foe. **AUD, LP**

### **Zora and Me**

by Victoria Bond and T.R. Simon

Future storyteller Zora Neale Hurston and her friends investigate a bizarre murder in their small town. **AUD, DLA, DLB**

### **The Name of This Book Is Secret**

by Pseudonymous Bosch; illustrated by Gilbert Ford

The hunt for immortality isn't the only mystery when two misfits discover the diary of a dead magician. **DLA, DLB**

### **Cosmic**

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Posing as an adult, Liam cons his way into the trip of a lifetime...250,000 miles into space. **AUD, DLA, DLB**

### **The Graveyard Book**

by Neil Gaiman; illustrated by Dave McKean

It takes a graveyard to raise a child. **AUD, BR, DLB, TB**

### **A Tale Dark & Grimm**

by Adam Gidwitz

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other gruesome tales. **DLB, TB**

### **Savvy**

by Ingrid Law

On her thirteenth birthday Mibs will discover her special power...but will it save her father? **AUD, BR, DLA, TB**

### **The Batboy**

by Mike Lupica

A bat boy for his hometown major league team learns that sometimes life throws you a curveball. **AUD, DLA, DLB, TB**

### **100% Wolf**

by Jayne Lyons; illustrated by Victor Rivas

On the first night of his transformation, Freddy Lupin is in for a surprise.

### **The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis**

by Barbara O'Connor

Summer boredom ends when two boys discover secret messages floating down the river in tiny boats. **AUD, TB**

### **The Girl with the Silver Eyes**

by Willo Davis Roberts

Katie knows there are other kids with super powers out there - she just needs to find them.

### **One Crazy Summer**

by Rita Williams-Garcia

In 1968, during the height of the Black Panther movement, three girls spend the summer with the mother who abandoned them years ago. **AUD, BR, DLB, TB**

### **Nonfiction**

#### **100 Scariest Things on the Planet**

by Anna Claybourne

Discover the truth behind your favorite fears. (J 031.02 C)

#### **The Frog Scientist**

by Pamela Turner; photographs by Andy Comins

A biologist investigates why frogs around the world are dying. (J 597.8 T) **TB**

#### **Breakfast in the Rainforest: A Visit with Mountain Gorillas**

by Richard Sobol; afterword by Leonardo DiCaprio

Travel to the hidden habitats of this endangered species. (J 599.884 S)

### **Recommended Series**

#### **Grades 1-2**

- Cork & Fuzz
- George and Martha
- Katie Woo
- Mouse and Mole
- Nate the Great
- Young Cam Jansen

#### **Grades 3 and up**

- Alvin Ho
- Animorphs
- The Buddy Files
- Calvin Coconut
- Dear Dumb Diary
- Dragonbreath
- Enola Holmes Mystery
- Fashion Kitty
- Frankly, Frannie
- Humphrey
- I Survived
- Keena Ford
- Myth-o-mania
- Piper Reed

#### **Graphic Novels**

- Amelia Rules
- Babymouse
- Bone
- Guinea PIG, Pet Shop Private Eye
- Lunch Lady