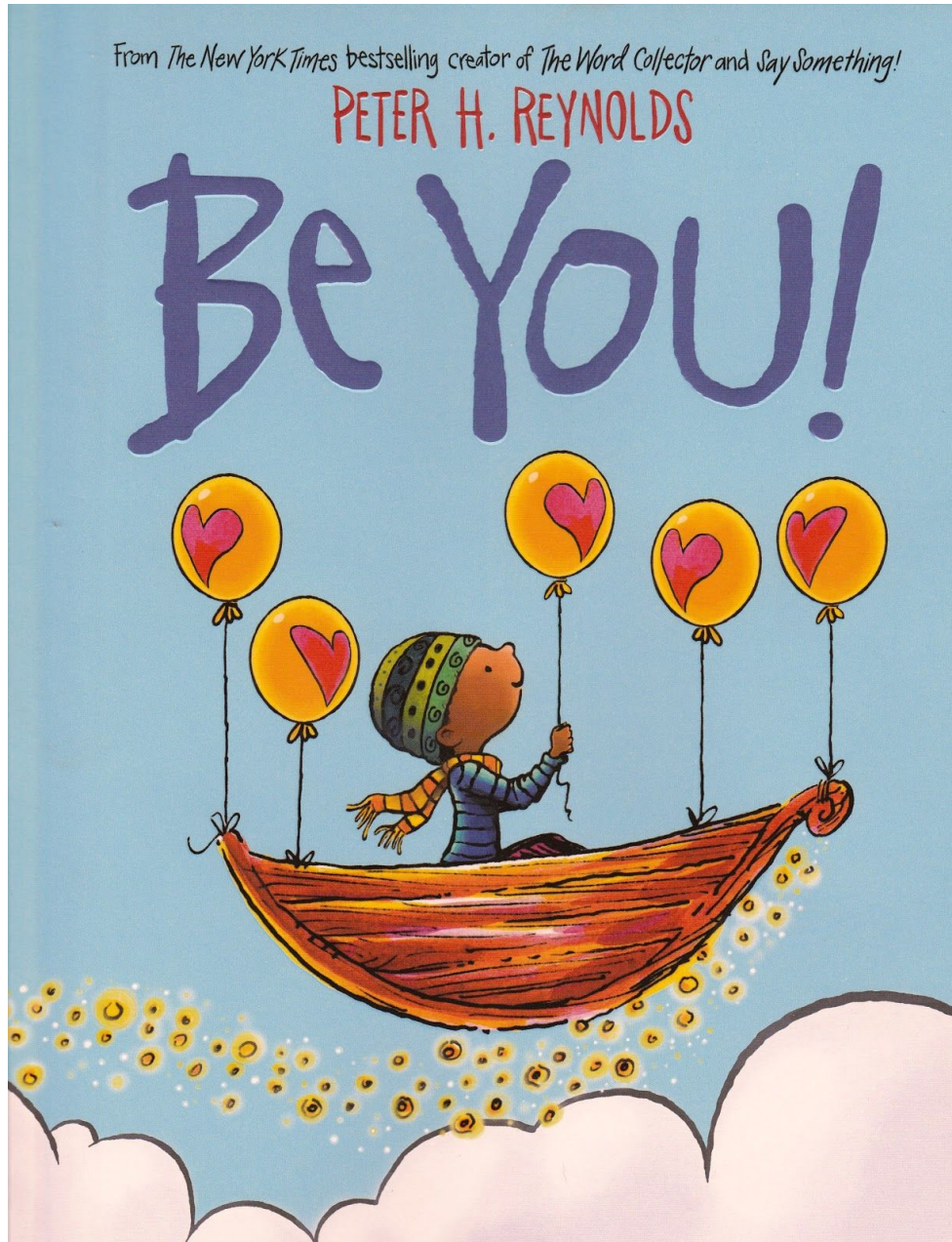


# LIM FAMILY LIBRARY



## 2020 SUMMER READING LIST

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If you are looking for e-books this summer, check out **Chicago Public Library's Kids** page. With a parent's permission, you can get an e-card online. [www.chipublib.org/kids/](http://www.chipublib.org/kids/)

Also, try **Epic! Books for Kids**. If your teacher set up an account for your class, you can access free books until June 30th. Parents can also register for a 30 day free trial. [www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)

**Epic** has some wonderful books available in the "Award Winners and Honors" category. Also, check out these fun series: *Magic School Bus*, *Scaredy Squirrel*, *The Boxcar Children*, *Milo and Jazz*, *Big Nate*, *Binky the Space Cat*, *Cici*.

We've marked the books on our list as follows:

- Ⓢ Available as an ebook and/or audiobook from Chicago Public Library
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### PICTURE BOOKS

*Adamson, Ged. A Fox Found a Box*

A fox finds a box (it's really a radio) buried in the snow, and the forest animals love listening to the music and dancing to the beat. When the box mysteriously goes silent (it's run out of batteries, of course!), the animals start to find the music that's in the world around them.

Ⓢ *Gale, Heather. Ho'onani: Hula Warrior*

Ho'onani, who does not see herself as wahine (girl) or kāne (boy), but as somewhere in the middle, longs to be the leader of a traditionally all-male hula performance taking place at her school, but will she be accepted? Based on a true story. You can watch a short video about the real Ho'onani online here: [aplaceinthemiddle.org](http://aplaceinthemiddle.org).

Ⓢ *Guidroz, Rukhsanna. Leila in Saffron*

When Leila looks at herself in the mirror, sometimes all she sees are "skinny arms and knobby knees," but during a family gathering at her grandmother's house, she begins to see and appreciate all the things that contribute to her unique and beautiful self.

Johnson, Angela, illus. by Crews, Nina. *a girl like me*

“I always dream” is the start of this gorgeously illustrated book inspiring girls not only to dream, but to reject warnings about how “a girl like you” should behave, and to shape their dreams into reality.

O’Brien, Anne Sibley. *Someone New*

What would you do if you had a new classmate who seemed very different from you and didn’t speak your language? At first, Jesse, Jason and Emma don’t know what to do when they’re faced with this situation. They feel so uncomfortable! But they don’t give up, and after a while, they each realize they’ve made a new friend. A companion to *I’m New Here*.

Peoples-Riley, Daria. *I Got Next*

A young boy heads out to the basketball court, accompanied by his shadow, who inspires him to put on his game face and meet whatever challenges he may face, on the court and in life.

☉/# Quintero, Isabel. *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*

When Daisy’s *papi* comes home from work, she puts on her helmet, and together they zoom around the neighborhood on his motorcycle. A lovely celebration of shared time between parents and children, and of the joys of being part of a community.

☉ Reynolds, Peter H. *Be You!*

The author urges everyone not to follow the crowd but to explore the world, be adventurous, reverent, loving, surprising, exuberant and express themselves in the best possible way.

Don’t miss this year’s **Sutherland Award-winning picture books**, voted as the best picture books of 2019 by third, fourth and fifth graders at Lab School!

**BEST TEXT:** Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop*

A rhythmic introduction to a powerful art form, from its origins in poetry, folktales and spirituals to its present-day status as a cornerstone of our culture.

**BEST ILLUSTRATIONS:** # Hare, John. *Field Trip to the Moon*

Being accidentally left behind on your class field trip would never be a good thing, but what if your trip was to the moon?!

**BEST OVERALL:** Steele, K-Fai. *A Normal Pig*

Pip has always thought of herself as a normal pig, until a new pig comes to school and starts pointing out all the ways that Pip is different.

And don't forget **old favorites**, like picture books by these authors:

Alma Flor Ada; Kwame Alexander; Mitsumasa Anno; Mac Barnett; Monica Brown; James Marshall; Patricia McKissack; Faith Ringgold; Vera Williams

## BEGINNING READERS

### ☉ Barnett, Mac. *Jack Goes West*

Bad bunny Jack is back, with another madcap adventure. This time he and the Lady visit the wild west and Jack is accused of robbing a bank. Don't miss the earlier titles: *Hi Jack*, *Jack at Bat* and *Jack Blasts Off*.

### ☉ Bell, Cece. *Chick and Brain: Smell my Foot!*

Chick is trying very hard to teach Brain good manners, and to say please and thank you, but all Brain wants is for Chick to smell his foot which, he promises, smells great!

### ☉ Butler, Dori. *King and Kayla and the Case of the Unhappy Neighbor*

The latest in this funny mystery series starring Kayla and her dog King. Someone is knocking over a neighbor's trash and making a big mess, and he suspects one of the neighborhood dogs. Can King prove that his friend (and fellow dog) is innocent?

### Higgins, Ryan T.: *What about Worms!?*

In this hilarious new entry in the "Elephant and Piggie Like Reading" series, they read about a very brave tiger who isn't afraid of anything. Well ... anything but worms, that is!

### Willems, Mo. *Who is the Mystery Reader?*

The second book in the "Unlimited Squirrels" series brings us more laughs in a four-episode superhero book with the squirrels learning to read, hearing about "Mo Squirrel's" writing process and more.

### ☉ Yang, James. *Stop! Bot!*

A delicious chase after an escaped bot that is floating up the front of a tall building, with the doorman and residents of each floor trying to nab it, while the small boy who owns it looks on in dismay.

Some **favorite beginning reader series**: *Mo Jackson* (David Adler), *# Fly Guy* (Tedd Arnold), *Ling and Ting* (Grace Lin), *Murilla Gorilla* (Jennifer Lloyd), *Nate the Great* (Marjorie Sharmat)

## CHAPTER BOOKS

### *Easier chapter books*

#### ☉ Dominguez, Angela. *Stella Diaz Never Gives Up*

Stella gets to see the ocean for the first time on a family trip to Mexico and she loves it! But when she comes home to Chicago and starts attending a summer camp at the Shedd Aquarium, she learns that the oceans are in trouble because of pollution and climate change. What can one girl do?

#### Elliot, Zetta. *The Dragon Thief*

In this magical adventure, sequel to *Dragons in a Bag*, Jax and his friends Vik and Kavita must return a baby dragon to the realm of magic before it's too late!

#### Mass, Wendy: *Space Taxi. Book 1: Archie takes flight*

When Archie is 8 years 8 months and 8 days old he is at last allowed to go to work with his father, and it is the start of quite an adventure. He learns a big family secret, and helps save the universe, all before breakfast in his father's intergalactic space taxi. Read the whole series!

#### ☉ Scieszka, Jon: *The Time Warp Trio. Book 1: Knights of the Kitchen Table*

Three boys get involved in fast-paced time-travel adventures through an unreliable magic book, which takes them places, and then they have to find the book in the time they end up in to be able to return home. One of the boys compares time warping to "dreaming you're falling, floating in the ocean and spinning in one of those awful teacup rides at the carnival, all at once." Other books in the series are excellent too.

Some **favorite chapter book series**: *Lola Levine* (Monica Brown), *Carver Chronicles* (Karen English), *Bunjitsu Bunny* (John Himmelman), *Bea Garcia* (Deborah Zemke), *Rainbow Shelter* (Wendy Orr)

### *More difficult chapter books*

#### ☉ Collins, Suzanne: *Underland Chronicles. Book 1: Gregor the Overlander*

Gregor's father has disappeared, his mother is working two jobs to support them, and his grandmother is becoming senile, so 11-year-old Gregor must look after his 2-year-old sister, Boots. When she falls down an air shaft in the laundry room Gregor jumps down after her, and they find themselves in Underland--where there are cockroaches the size of people that you can ride like skateboards, giant spiders that talk and huge rats out to destroy the people of Underland. Add in a mysterious prophecy involving Gregor and adventures are sure to follow.

🕒# Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Finding Langston*

It's 1946, and 11-year old Langston and his father have just moved to Chicago as part of the Great Migration. Langston's mother has died, and things are tough, but in Chicago he discovers that he is allowed to use the library, which was not the case in his Alabama town. In the library, he discovers the poetry of his namesake, Langston Hughes.

Harper, Benjamin: *Bug Girl*

An insect-obsessed sixth-grader must convince her snobby former best friend to join forces with her in order to save their mothers from a dastardly villain.

🕒 Khan, Hena. *More to the Story*

Hena Khan, who visited us at Lab this past fall, was inspired by the classic book, *Little Women*, when she wrote this story. But you don't have to have read that one to enjoy this story of thirteen year old Jameela, whose ambition is to be a journalist, and her warm, loving, family.

🕒 Lin, Grace. *Mulan: Before the Sword*

When her sister is bitten by a poisonous spider, Mulan embarks on an extraordinary quest with two Immortal companions to find the antidote. As in two of her previous books, *When the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *When the Sea Turns to Silver*, Grace Lin weaves wonderful characters and details from Chinese legends into this original adventure story.

## COMICS/GRAPHIC NOVELS

Akulukjuk, Roselynn. *Putuguq and Kublu and the Qalupalik!*

Two Inuit children hear a scary story from their grandfather about a mythical creature that lies under the ice, waiting to snatch children. Of course, it's not real, or is it? Yikes!

Hatke, Ben. *Mighty Jack and Zita the Spacegirl*

You've enjoyed Jack and Zita's separate adventures (or if you haven't, maybe you should try them!) but who would have predicted they would end up in the same book? The fairy tale world of giants and ogres collides with the world of robots and intergalactic adventures, with delightful results.

Lachenmeyer, Nathaniel. *The Singing Rock and Other Brand-New Fairy Tales*

Enjoy four funny fairy tales you've never heard before, presented in comic book format.

Viva, Frank. *A Trip the the Top of the Volcano with Mouse*

A boy and a mouse go on an amazing adventure in this easy to read graphic novel, part of the wonderful Toon Books series.

Weiser, Joe. *Ghost Hog*

Truff is the ghost of a young boar, adjusting to her new afterlife, but her plans are interrupted when her parents are kidnapped by an evil mountain demon, and she's the only one who can save them!

## NONFICTION

Bunting, Phil. *How Did I Get Here?: Your Story from the Big Bang to Your Birthday*

Have you ever wondered where you came from? No, *really* came from? And how the world got to be as complicated as it is now from way back when the whole universe could fit into a space the size of an orange? This quirky picture book provides a simple (kind of), funny, yet accurate explanation.

☉/# Buzzeo, Tony. *When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers Her T. Rex*

When Sue Hendrickson was growing up, she developed a knack for finding things, and when she grew up, she just kept doing it! Her most famous discovery, of course, was the world's largest, most complete T. Rex skeleton, named Sue, which you can visit at Chicago's own Field Museum.

Carlton Publishing Group. *I Am Not a Toilet Paper Roll*

With a little imagination and very simple materials a plain old toilet roll can become a unicorn, a pirate, a ninja or so much more! Clear photographic instructions lead kids through a project that can be completed in an hour.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Sing a Song: How Lift Every Voice and Sing Inspired Generations*

You may have sung the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" with your family and friends, or maybe at church, or maybe even at an ESH community sing! This book will tell you more about the history of the song and its importance in our country's history.

McCloskey, Kevin: *Ants Don't Wear Pants!*

Two children magically shrink down to the size of ants in order to observe and learn about these amazing insects. A very funny graphic presentation of factual information. The author's other books in the series "Giggle and Learn," *The Real Poop on Pigeons*, *Snails are Just My Speed*, and *We Dig Worms*, are equally funny and informative.

◎ Wallace, Sandra Neil. *Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery*

When Ernie Barnes was growing up, he loved to draw and always had his sketchbook with him. When he visited a museum and asked to see paintings by African American artists, he was told, "Your people don't express themselves that way," which he knew wasn't true! He was recruited to play football in high school and eventually played professionally, but art was always his true passion, and eventually he found a way to combine the two.

Wallmark, Laurie. *Numbers in Motion: Sophie Kowalevski, Queen of Mathematics*

Have you ever wondered why a toy spinning top spins the way it does? Sophie Kowalevski did, together with many other complex mathematical problems. Sophie was born in 1850 into a world that did not permit women to become scholars--but math was her passion, and she fought and won the grudging respect of male mathematicians throughout Europe.

Williams, Lily. *If Elephants Disappeared*

You probably think it would be sad if elephants became extinct, but you might not realize how much the disappearance of just one species could affect our whole planet! This book shows you how it works, tells you more about elephants, and gives you ideas for how you can help. This author has two other titles, *If Sharks Disappeared* and *If Polar Bears Disappeared*.

## POETRY AND STORY COLLECTIONS

Brooks, Gwendolyn. *Bronzeville Boys and Girls*

This classic collection of poems about African American children, by one of Chicago's most important poets, was first published in 1956 and reissued in 2015 with new illustrations by Faith Ringgold. To learn more about Gwendolyn Brooks, take a look at two new children's biographies of her, *A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks*, by Alice Faye Duncan, and *Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*, by Suzanne Slade.



Hoberman, Mary Ann & Winston, Linda. *The Tree that Time Built*

With poems selected by a scientist and a poet, celebrating curiosity about the natural world, this anthology presents poems about nature, science and the imagination. “Prehistoric Praise”, “Think like a Tree” and “Meditations of a Tortoise are some of the section headings. The book includes a CD of a selection of poems read by poets and artists.

Hudson, Wade. *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*

50 diverse children’s book creators, including some of our favorites like Jacqueline Woods, Jason Reynolds, Margarita Engle, and Hena Khan, contributed to this amazing collection. These essays, poems, stories, letters and works of art are intended to inspire and comfort children in what for many are frightening, difficult times.

Janeczko, Paul. *The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems*

Did you ever wonder how to be a mole, or mix a pancake, or walk on Mars? Well, look no further! Read these poems and then try writing your own how-to poems!

Ray, Jane. *The Emperor’s Nightingale and Other Feathery Tales*

In this gorgeously illustrated collection of stories from all over the world, retold by Jane Ray, birds play a central role. You might also enjoy her other collections: *The Little Mermaid and Other Fishy Tales* and *The Lion and the Unicorn and Other Hairy Tales*.