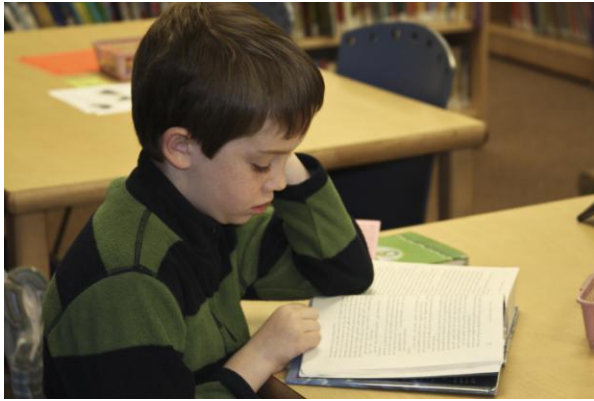
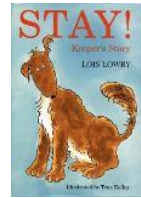
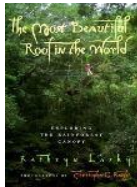
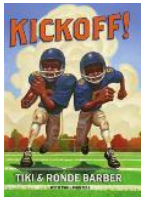


Shaker Heights Schools

4th Grade Reading List



Recommended by your Shaker Schools Librarians



Adler, David A. *Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back*

Read about a star African-American baseball player who faced big problems getting to the Major Leagues. *Biography*

Alexander, Sally Hobart *She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-blind Pioneer*

When she was 2 years old, Laura Bridgman lost her sight, her hearing, and most of her senses of smell and taste. A progressive doctor took her in, and Laura learned to communicate, read, write, and eventually even to teach. *Biography*

Aliki *William Shakespeare & The Globe*

Read about playwright William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, where many of his plays were performed. *Nonfiction*

Arnold, Caroline *Giant Shark: Megalodon, Prehistoric Super Predator*

Imagine a shark 20 times the size of the ones alive today and you have a megalodon. Learn all about this prehistoric giant. *Nonfiction*

Barber, Tiki *Kickoff!*

Professional football players Tiki and Ronde Barber recall trying out for the Hidden Valley Eagles football team when they entered junior high. *Fiction*

Bauer, Marion Dane *The Blue Ghost*

At her grandmother's log cabin, 9-year old Liz makes contact with children she believes may be her ancestors. Read more ghostly mysteries in this "colorful" series: *The Red Ghost, The Green Ghost*. *Fiction*

Bial, Raymond *The Underground Railroad*

The photographs in this book bring to life the experiences of Harriet Tubman and other runaway slaves. *Nonfiction*

Birch, David *The King's Chessboard*

In this story a wise man uses his knowledge of mathematics to receive a fantastic reward. *Fiction*

Birdsall, Jeanne *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. *Fiction*

Blume, Judy *Double Fudge*

This book in the popular series about Fudge and his brother, Peter, features Sheila Tubman, otherwise known as Sheila the Great. Reading about this madcap character is fun! *Fiction*

Borden, Louise, and Mary Kay Kroeger *Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman*

Growing up in Texas, Bessie worked in the fields instead of going to school. Determined to follow her dreams, she became a stunt pilot in 1923. *Biography*

Borden, Louise *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey*

Margret and H.A. Rey grew up in Germany, but moved to Paris after their marriage in 1935. When the Nazis invaded France in 1940, they fled on their bicycles, carrying a copy of their book about a monkey now known as Curious George. *Biography*

Boston, Lucy M. *The Children of Green Knowe*

Tolly enters the enchantment at his great-grandmother's house, which hosts three children from two centuries ago. Follow the adventures in other Green Knowe Chronicles. *Fiction*

Brill, Marlene Targ *Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad*

This story takes place in Randolph, Ohio, and describes the real life adventures of a Quaker family who help escaping slaves. *Nonfiction*

Brown, Don *A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison*

Thomas Edison began life as a farmer's son selling newspapers on trains. He read through all the public library's books, dreaming of new inventions. Edison went on to create many wonderful things like the light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera. *Biography*

Bunting, Eve *Dandelions*

Pioneers in the Nebraska Territory had a harsh, lonely life, but the family in this story finds beauty in the prairie and in their love for each other. *Picture Book*

Burleigh, Robert *Stealing Home: The Jackie Robinson Story*

Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play in baseball's Major Leagues. He led the Brooklyn Dodgers to 6 National League pennants and a World Series Championship. *Biography*

Cameron, Ann *More Stories Julian Tells*

Five short stories tell of the everyday experiences of Julian, his family, and his friends. There are other entertaining books about Julian. *Fiction*

Coerr, Eleanor *Sadako*

Hospitalized with leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that doing so will make a sick person healthy. *Nonfiction*

Cohen, Barbara *Molly's Pilgrim*

Thanksgiving is a new experience for a young Jewish immigrant who is lucky to have an understanding teacher. *Fiction*

Coville, Bruce *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*

Magic, a full moon, fantasy, an egg that hatches into a tiny dragon, suspense and action are all mixed together in this humorous and imaginative story from the *Magic Shop* series. *Fiction*

Creech, Sharon *Granny Torelli Makes Soup*

When Rosie learns to read Braille just like her best friend Bailey, they have a big argument. Rosie and Bailey go to Granny for help and everyone shares stories as they cook in Granny's warm kitchen. *Fiction*

Cribb, Joe *Money*

Early forms of money, forgeries and fakes, and the role of money in war, myth, and magic are some of the topics in this Eyewitness book. Illustrated with photographs. *Nonfiction*

Dahl, Roald *Danny, the Champion of the World*

Danny and his father must use their wits as they face the snobby landowner, Mr. Victor Hazell. *Fiction*

Demi *One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale*

A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl. *Folk Tale*

Demi *The Hungry Coat: A Tale from Turkey*

When Nasrettin is forced to change from his old coat to a fancy new coat to attend a party, he tries to feed his dinner to the coat. *Folk Tale*

DeVillers, Julia *Liberty Porter, First Daughter*

On her first day at the White House, as her dad becomes president, Liberty tries to help. Instead she causes problems by contributing to a press conference and disguising herself as a tour guide. This is the start of more adventures for Liberty and First Dog, Franklin. *Fiction*

DiCamillo, Kate *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. Edward travels across the country, acquiring new owners and learning from their histories, hopes, and dreams. *Fiction*

DiCamillo, Kate *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Tale of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*

Despereaux Tilling is a small mouse of unusual talents. Meet his princess love, a servant longing to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. *Fiction*

Domeniconi, David *M is for Majestic: A National Parks Alphabet*

From lofty mountains to wild rivers to dangerous volcanoes, see our national parks from Acadia to Zion in this book. *Nonfiction*

Draper, Sharon *The Buried Bones Mystery*

After the neighborhood basketball court is vandalized, Ziggy and his friends form a club called the Black Dinosaurs and build their clubhouse in Ziggy's back yard. Their adventures continue in other books in the *Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs* series. *Fiction*

Dunbar, Paul Laurence *Jump Back, Honey*

This collection of poems includes "A Boy's Summer Song," "The Sparrow," and "Little Brown Baby." *Poetry*

Facklam, Margery *Lizards Weird and Wonderful*

Read about remarkable reptiles who can change colors, walk on water, and glide through the air. *Nonfiction*

Fitzhugh, Louise *Harriet the Spy*

Harriet snoops around her neighborhood getting "scoops" on the people she sees. Her problems begin when her observations are discovered. *Fiction*

Fleischman, Paul *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella*

The author draws from folk traditions of Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, and Appalachia to create this version of Cinderella. *Folk Tale*

Fleischman, Sid *The Whipping Boy*

This Newbery Award winner tells of the adventures of Prince Brat and his whipping boy. Find out what happens when they trade identities! *Fiction*

Fleming, Candace *Lowji Discovers America*

A 9-year-old East Indian boy tries to adjust to his new life in suburban America. *Fiction*

Fletcher, Ralph J. *Moving Day*

Fletch has a hard time adjusting after his father announces that their family will be moving from Massachusetts to Ohio. *Poetry*

Florian, Douglas *Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs: Poems and Paintings*

If you like cobras, frogs, and Gila monsters, you'll like this book of poems about reptiles and amphibians. Imagine becoming a frogsicle or polliwoggle! *Poetry*

Fritz, Jean *Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?*

Little-known facts written in a chatty manner tell the life story of this stubborn individual. *Biography*

Gardiner, John *Stone Fox*

Little Willy will do anything to save the farm. He will even enter the dogsled race and face Stone Fox. *Fiction*

George, Jean Craighead *Everglades*

Cities, roads, and people are threatening the ecosystem of the Everglades, yet there is hope for its future. *Nonfiction*

Gibbons, Gail *Nature's Green Umbrella: Tropical Rain Forests*

This book provides an introduction to the climate, plant life, and inhabitants of this ecosystem. *Nonfiction*

Gifford, Peggy *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-you Notes*

Moxy Maxwell promises to write 12 thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father. Unfortunately, all her brilliant ideas to finish the task end up creating chaos in the house. *Fiction*

Granfield, Linda *America Votes: How Our President Is Elected*

The race for the Presidency is a whirlwind of activity, from the primaries through political conventions to the final count at the polls. You can be a part of it with this book! *Nonfiction*

Greenfield, Eloise *For the Love of the Game: Michael Jordan and Me*

This poem connects the commitment and excellence of Michael Jordan to the potential of two children. *Poetry*

Hamilton, Virginia *The People Could Fly: The Picture Book*

Some Africans flew on black wings before they were taken into slavery. Those who know the ancient magic words escape to freedom in this entrancing story. *Folk Tale*

Harness, Cheryl *The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal*

The Erie Canal brought materials from the frontier to the market places of the eastern United States and to the world. *Nonfiction*

Hearne, Betsy Gould *Seven Brave Women*

A young girl tells about her brave female ancestors, like her great-great-great grandmother who came to America in a wooden sailboat. *Fiction*

Hesse, Karen *Just Juice*

Her father is unemployed and her mother is expecting another child. Juice decides that she must work at her education to help the family's chances of keeping their home and of surviving. *Fiction*

Hill, Laban Carrick *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*

Dave was a potter of great skill who inscribed poetry into his clay pots. He lived and died a slave in South Carolina in the 19th century. *Biography*

Hopkins, Lee Bennett *Marvelous Math: A Book of Poems*

Enjoy such poems as “Math Makes Me Feel Safe,” “Fractions,” “Pythagoras,” and “Time Passes,” by writers such as Janet Wong and Ilo Orleans. *Poetry*

Horvath, Polly *The Trolls*

Eccentric Aunt Sally comes to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris. Her bedtime stories are colorful, spooky, humorous, and insightful. *Fiction*

Howe, James *Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire. *Fiction*

Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane *Lacrosse: The National Game of the Iroquois*

This book describes the sport of lacrosse, its origins, and its connections to the Iroquois Indians. *Nonfiction*

Hudson, Wade, Selector *Pass It On: African American Poetry for Children*

This collection of poetry looks at childhood through the eyes of some outstanding poets. *Poetry*

Hurwitz, Johanna *Class Clown*

Lucas Cott wants to change his behavior at school, but he doesn't know how. Maybe you'll have some ideas for him. Laugh at other stories about Lucas in *School's Out* and *Starting School*. *Fiction*

Hurwitz, Johanna *The Just Desserts Club*

Cricket finds just the right desserts to bake for school events during the year - including Zucchini Apple Crisp, No-Bake Orange Balls, and Mystery Ingredient Chocolate Cake. *Fiction*

Kelly, Katy *Lucy Rose, Here is the Thing About Me*

Laugh with Lucy Rose as she keeps a diary of her first year in a new city with its ups and downs, new friends and enemies, and activities at her new school. *Fiction*

Kerley, Barbara *Walt Whitman: Words for America*

Walt Whitman's own words--from letters, poems and other writings--help tell the story of this poet, artist, and Civil War hero. *Biography*

Krull, Kathleen *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*

Can you imagine life without television? Philo Farnsworth was a young genius, inspired by Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell. He got the idea for television while plowing a field on the family farm. *Biography*

Krull, Kathleen *Houdini: The World's Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King*

This picture book biography highlights the life and accomplishments of escape artist Harry Houdini. *Biography*

Krull, Kathleen *A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull*

Can you name the first woman to run for president? To have a seat on the Stock Exchange? To own a newspaper? To speak before Congress? They were all Victoria Woodhull! *Biography*

Lasky, Kathryn *The Most Beautiful Roof in the World*

This introduction to the rain forest follows biologist Meg Lowman to the canopy of the rain forest to look at plants and animals. *Nonfiction*

Lester, Julius *Black Cowboy, Wild Horses*

A black cowboy is so in tune with wild mustangs that they accept him into the herd, thus enabling him single-handedly to take them to the corral. *Fiction*

Levine, Ellen *Henry's Freedom Box*

This is a fictionalized account of how, in 1849, Henry "Box" Brown, a Virginia slave, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. *Picture Book*

Levine, Gail Carson *The Princess Test*

In this humorous retelling of “The Princess and the Pea,” Lorelei must pass many difficult tests to prove that she is a true princess and to win the hand of Prince Nicholas. *Fiction*

Lewis, J. Patrick *Doodle Dandies: Poems That Take Shape*

Each of these poems appears on the page in the shape of its subject -- a feast of poetry and art! *Poetry*

Lin, Grace *The Year of the Dog*

As Grace (aka Pacy) celebrates the Chinese Year of the Dog with her family, she learns that this is the year she is supposed to "find herself" and acquire a best friend. *Fiction*

Louis, Catherine *Liu and the Bird: A Journey in Chinese Calligraphy*

A young Chinese girl has a dream that leads her on a long journey to her grandfather on the other side of the mountains. Along the way, the story teaches Chinese characters. *Picture Book*

Lowry, Lois *Stay! Keeper's Story*

Separated early in life from his mother and siblings, Keeper, the dog, tells of his adventures with various human masters and of his continuing search for his little sister. *Fiction*

Lowry, Lois *The Willoughbys*

The four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. *Fiction*

Lubar, David *Punished!*

Logan and Benedict are playing tag in the library when a mysterious man punishes Logan by making him speak only in puns. *Fiction*

Macaulay, David *Black and White*

Black and White is a puzzle that appears to be four stories about a family, a train station, a bank robber, and some cows. Or is it? *Fiction*

MacLachlan, Patricia *Journey*

Left with their grandparents, 11-year-old Journey and his sister, Cat, must face the fact that their free-spirited mother is gone forever. *Fiction*

Maguire, Gregory *The Good Liar*

As an old man living in America, Marcel remembers his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his brother befriended a young German soldier. *Fiction*

Markle, Sandra *Measuring Up! Experiments, Puzzles, and Games Exploring Measurement*

Use these problem-solving activities to learn more about measuring. *Nonfiction*

Marsden, Carolyn *The Jade Dragon*

Ginny, a Chinese-American girl who wants to be accepted in her American school, is torn between how her family does things and the ways of her classmates. *Fiction*

McCurdy, Michael *Trapped by the Ice!*

In 1914 the ship carrying the Shackleton Antarctic Expedition is slowly crushed by ice. The explorers must make the long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land. *Nonfiction*

McKissack, Patricia C. *Abby Takes a Stand*

Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, TN, when she passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins to protest segregation. *Fiction*

McKissack, Patricia, and Fredrick McKissack *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?*

Sojourner Truth began her life as a slave. She led the fight against slavery and worked for women's rights. *Biography*

Merrill, Jean *The Toothpaste Millionaire*

Rufus Mayflower did not start out to make a million dollars. It just happened when he became upset that a tube of toothpaste cost 79 cents. *Fiction*

Mitchell, Barbara *A Pocketful of Goobers: A Story About George Washington Carver*

Read all about Carver's research using peanuts and his life as a scientist at Tuskegee University. *Nonfiction*

Myers, Walter Dean *I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Dr. King's courage during the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s showed his belief in nonviolence. *Biography*

Myers, Walter Dean *Three Swords for Granada*

In 1420 Spain, three young cat friends join the warrior cats as they struggle to save their beloved Granada from the vicious dogs of the Fidorean Guard. *Fiction*

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds *Emily's Fortune*

While traveling by train and stagecoach to her aunt's home in Redbud, Emily and her turtle Rufus team up with Jackson, a fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire. Their mission is to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance.
Fiction

Nelson, Kadir *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*

Using his own wonderful illustrations and an "Everyman" player as a narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its 1920s beginnings through its decline after Jackie Robinson went to the majors in 1947. *Nonfiction*

Nicklin, Flip *Face to Face with Dolphins*

Photographer Flip Nicklin and his wife Linda, a naturalist and educator, study and photograph the amazing behavior of the beloved dolphin. Read other books in the series such as *Face to Face with Wolves* and *Face to Face with Caterpillars*.
Nonfiction

Nye, Bill *Bill Nye the Science Guy's Big Blue Ocean*

The author describes the ocean and its life forms and suggests activities to help understand marine biology. *Nonfiction*

Osborne, Mary Pope *American Tall Tales*

Nine legendary heroes and heroines are described in this fantastic collection. *Folk Tale*

Palatini, Margie *Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes*

In this retelling of Aesop's fable, a fox tries to reach a bunch of grapes. When he fails, he walks away, grumbling that the grapes must be sour anyway. Meanwhile the other animals feast on the sweet grapes tossed down to them by Possum. *Folk Tales*

Paterson, Katherine *The King's Equal*

To wear the crown of the kingdom, an arrogant young prince must find an equal in his bride. Instead, he finds someone far better than he. *Fiction*

Pinkney, Andrea Davis *Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*

This introduction to the life and music of Duke Ellington won the 1999 Coretta Scott King award for illustrations by Brian Pinkney. *Biography*

Poole, Josephine *Anne Frank*

Using Anne's diary, family records, and other resources, Poole describes what life was like for Anne Frank and her Jewish family before and during World War II. *Biography*

Prelutsky, Jack *Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem*

Prelutsky offers tips and secrets about writing poetry, including fun exercises to help you get started - or unstuck! *Nonfiction*

Prelutsky, Jack *Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme: Poems*

After sharing poems on 10 topics, Prelutsky starts a new poem on each topic and invites the reader to finish it. *Poetry*

Raczka, Bob *Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys*

Poems and pictures capture the fun that boys and girls have while playing outdoors in all four seasons. *Poetry*

Rappaport, Doreen *Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln*

Ms. Rappaport's prose and Kadir Nelson's illustrations create a portrait of a great American who became our 16th president.
Biography

Rappaport, Doreen *Lady Liberty: A Biography*

Lady Liberty is a tribute to the sculptor, the engineer, the newspaper publisher, the poet and the many others who had a part in the creation and installation of the Statue of Liberty. *Nonfiction*

Rector, Anne Elizabeth *Anne Elizabeth's Diary: A Young Artist's True Story*

Anne Elizabeth writes and draws about her life in New York City in 1912, many years before she becomes famous as an artist. Kathleen Krull shares pieces from Ann's diary. *Biography*

Roche, Art *Cartooning: The Only Cartooning Book You'll Ever Need to Be the Artist You've Always Wanted to Be*

Here are the tools and techniques needed to draw cartoons and create your own characters! *Nonfiction*

Rodowsky, Colby *Not My Dog*

Ellie must give up her wish to get a puppy when her parents agree to take in the dog that Great-Aunt Margaret can no longer keep. *Fiction*

Ryan, Pam Muñoz *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson, The Voice of the Century*

Marian Anderson was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera. She overcame many obstacles in her career as a singer and civil rights activist. *Biography*

Rylant, Cynthia *The Van Gogh Cafe*

Marc and his daughter Clara own the Van Gogh Cafe in Flowers, Kansas. Magical things seem to happen there. *Fiction*

San Souci, Robert D. *Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella*

Cendrillon is a Creole version of the Cinderella tale, told by the godmother who helps Cendrillon find true love. *Folk Tale*

San Souci, Robert D. *The Talking Eggs*

Two sisters, one lazy and spoiled, the other kind and trustworthy, are given identical tasks by a mysterious woman. *Folk Tale*

Schroeder, Alan *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman*

As a child, Harriet Tubman dreamed of escaping from the plantation where she was a slave. *Biography*

Scieszka, Jon *Math Curse*

When Mrs. Fibonacci says that almost everything is a math problem, a girl sees math problems everywhere! *Fiction*

Scieszka, Jon *The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

This treat for your funny bone has witty versions of familiar fairy tales, all outrageously illustrated by Lane Smith. *Fiction*

Sidman, Joyce *Song of the Water Boatman & Other Pond Poems*

These poems look at some of the animals, insects, and plants found in ponds. Becky Prange won a Caldecott Honor medal for her illustrations. *Poetry*

Sidman, Joyce *Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors*

“**Ubiquitous** (yoo-bik-wi-tuhs): Something that is (or seems to be) everywhere at the same time.” Mixing poetry, scientific fact, humor, and fun illustrations, this book shows how critters like the beetle, the ant, and the shark have survived for thousands of years. *Poetry*

Simon, Seymour *Global Warming*

Global warming causes a rise in ocean temperature, sea levels, and greenhouse gases. What causes global warming? How does it affect man, animals and all life on earth? *Nonfiction*

Simon, Seymour *The Heart: Our Circulatory System*

The heart is only the size of a fist, yet it is the pump that keeps blood circulating through the entire body. *Nonfiction*

Simon, Seymour *Storms*

Dramatic photographs and a well-written text capture the beauty and danger of storms, in one of Simon's many books about our world. *Nonfiction*

Sis, Peter *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*

In the 1600's, pioneering astronomer Galileo explored the stars with a telescope that he made himself. *Biography*

Slote, Alfred *My Robot Buddy*

For his 10th birthday, Jack Jameson gets his own robot. Jack and Danny One enjoy many adventures in this book and its sequels, *My Trip to Alpha I* and *C.O.L.A.R.* *Fiction*

Smith, Charles R. *Hoop Kings: Poems*

Twelve poems celebrate contemporary basketball stars, including Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, and Kobe Bryant. *Poetry*

Smith, Cynthia Leitich *Indian Shoes*

Ray, a Native American boy living with his Grampa Halfmoon, schemes to get leather moccasins for his Grampa, participates in a cousin's wedding and visits Oklahoma. *Fiction*

Smith, Lane *John, Paul, George & Ben*

Take a humorous look at five of our country's founding fathers: Hancock, Revere, Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson. *Fiction*

Spinelli, Jerry *Fourth Grade Rats*

Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown-up 4th grader. *Fiction*

Stanley, Diane *Leonardo da Vinci*

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452. He was an artist, inventor, researcher, designer, and dreamer. This is a beautiful book about Leonardo and his time. *Biography*

Staples, Suzanne Fisher *The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story*

Suzanne's dream is to have a dog of her own, but her parents say no. When she rescues a roadside stray, fun and adventures begin. *Fiction*

Steig, William *Abel's Island*

A pampered mouse learns to survive after being marooned on an island. *Fiction*

Stevenson, James *Popcorn: Poems*

This collection of short poems captures quiet moments of daily life in a small seaside town. You will also enjoy *Candy Corn*, *Sweet Corn* and others in this series. *Poetry*

Tanaka, Shelley *New Dinos: the Latest Finds! The Coolest Dinosaur Discoveries!*

Learn about the latest finds and research on these giants, from the thundering Tyrannosaurus to an evil-looking Suchomimus. *Nonfiction*

Taylor, Mildred *The Gold Cadillac*

A northern family is disturbed by the racial prejudice they experience on a visit to the South. *Fiction*

Thomas, Jane Resh *The Comeback Dog*

Daniel never wants another dog, but it seems that another dog needs Daniel. *Fiction*

Thomas, Joyce Carol *I Have Heard of a Land*

Read about the joys and hardships experienced by an African-American pioneer woman who staked a claim for free land in the Oklahoma territory. *Picture Book*

Van Allsburg, Chris *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*

The drawings, titles, and captions from the works of Harris Burdick invite readers to create their own stories. Why don't you try? *Fiction*

Warren, Andrea *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie*

Read what life was like for a pioneer child on the Nebraska prairie and of the determination of families who settled there. *Biography*

Weatherford, Carole Boston *I, Matthew Henson, Polar Explorer*

Matthew Henson's dreams took him from Baltimore around the world. After years of learning to survive in the wilderness and standing by Admiral Peary, Henson defied the odds and proved himself as an explorer and as a man by reaching the North Pole. *Biography*

White, E. B. *The Trumpet of the Swan*

A trumpeter swan without a voice finds that there are many problems to overcome. His bravery and the love of those around him help him survive. *Fiction*

Winter, Jeanette *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*

Everyone in Basra uses the library, not only for reading, but for talking about important things. When war comes to her city, the librarian wants to save her books. Will she find a way? *Nonfiction*

Woodson, Jacqueline *The Other Side*

Two girls, one white and one black, get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town. Clover and Annie Rose are told not to meet even though they are friends. *Fiction*

Woodson, Jacqueline *Show Way*

The making of a "Show way," -- a quilt that served as a secret map for freedom-seeking slaves -- is a family tradition. This Newbery Honor book was illustrated by Hudson Talbott. *Fiction*

Yolen, Jane *Passager: The Young Merlin Trilogy, Book 1*

A founding learns his true identity with the help of the falconer who adopts him. Follow the adventures in Book 2, *Hobby*, and in Book 3, *Merlin*. *Fiction*

Young, Ed, translator *Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China.*

A hungry wolf disguised as their grandmother endangers three sisters who are home alone. *Folk Tale*



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Strong reading skills are the key to student achievement and lifelong learning. This reading list is intended as an aid in choosing books to provide rich reading experiences for students.

Professional school librarians work with their students—your children—to build strong skills in locating, accessing and analyzing information. This begins with the retelling of stories in the earliest grades, through the teaching of sophisticated web evaluation strategies for older students. These critical thinking skills will serve students well throughout their school career and beyond. Our goal is to help all children make good selections and learn to judge the quality and intent of information in all formats.

Our libraries also provide online resources for students and families to use, accessible from any Internet connection. You can find them on <http://shaker.org> using the “Libraries” link, or by going to your school building and clicking the library link there.

Use the “Information /Databases” link to see the online materials we have for school and home use. You can get the access codes needed from your school library staff. For elementary students, we particularly recommend you look at EBSCO *Searchasaurus* and *World Book Online* with your child.

We encourage you to use the Shaker Heights Public Library to bring a multitude of good books and reading experiences to your children. They can suggest other great books for you to enjoy, as well as provide events like story hours and their summer reading program.

Elementary Websites

If you are looking for more information about good reading for your child, you can also check the following websites.

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents/> provides a wide variety of materials about books for children and developing reading skills.

Carol Hurst, author and educator, provides a children’s literature website, organized by topics. The “Featured Books” link will take you to long descriptions of her recommended books. The address is <http://www.carolhurst.com/>

The Internet Public Library provides a wide range of resources for students. See the “Reading Zone” section for sites that feature books and reading activities for elementary age children. <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/>

Shaker Heights Public Library also provides great resources for you to use at home, including resource lists, subject guides and even online books to read. Their kids’ page can be found at <http://www.shpl.lib.oh.us/Kids/>

For more information about the Shaker Heights Schools Library Media Program, call (216) 295-4180.