

## Hot Summer Reads for 2009

*Looking for some great summer reads? Check out these books in Sheridan's Media Center.*

### **Kindergarten - Grade 3:**

Arnold, Tedd. *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy*. The creator of *Fly Guy* and *Super Fly Guy* returns with another hit.

Curtis, Jamie Lee. *Big Words for Little People*. An older sister offers her advice.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig*. The ever-hungry porker finds that her appetite can lead to trouble in book five of this charming series.

Frazer, Marla. *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*. James and Eamon vacation at a grandparent's home, with hilarious results.

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek : A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)*. Based on historical anecdotes, this story recounts the adventures of a seven-year-old Lincoln and the friend who saved his life.

Jenkins, Steve. *How Many Ways - Can You Catch a Fly?* The author of *What Do You Do With a Tail Like That?* explains animal behavior.

McMullan, Kate. *I'm Bad!* Like the boastful vehicles in *I'm Dirty* and *I Stink*, a blustery tyrannosaurus brags about his powers.

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*. Another great cause and effect story from the author of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover : The Twenty-eighth Book of Their Adventures*. A boy and his loveable dog spend the night in a friend's attic.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter & Tabby Run the Race*. Mr. Putter, who usually likes to sit quietly with his cat, enters a marathon to win a train set.

Willems, Mo. *Are You Ready to Play Outside?* and *My Friend Is Sad*. More fun from the "Elephant & Piggie" series.

Willems, Mo. *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!* Willems offers another winner as the pigeon campaigns for a new pet.

**Grades 3 - 5:**

Buckley, Michael. *Tales from the Hood*. The girls try to prove the Big Bad Wolf's innocence in book six of the "Sisters Grimm" series.

Creech, Sharon. *Hate That Cat*. Jack, the main character of *Love That Dog*, continues to write poems about his life.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. *A Giant Problem*. In book two of this sequel series to the "Spiderwick Chronicles," Nick and Laurie and their friends try to save their Florida neighborhood from giants.

Gifford, Peggy Elizabeth. *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*. Soon to be fourth-grader Moxy does everything she can to avoid her summer reading book.

Korman, Gordon. *One False Note*. Amy and Dan search through a coded sheet of Mozart's music in the second book in the "39 Clues" series.

Lupica, Mike. *Long Shot*. In book three of the "Comeback Kid" series, two boys compete in basketball and as candidates in a school election.

Martin, Ann M. *The Runaway Dolls*. Characters from *The Doll People* and *The Meanest Doll in the World* find new adventures in a department store.

Nimmo, Jenny. *Charlie Bone and the Shadow*. Charlie travels through a painting's portal to save his ancestor from the evil Count Harken in book seven of "The Children of the Red King" series.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Eve of the Emperor Penguin* and *Moonlight on the Magic Flute*. Jack and Annie try to help Merlin the Magician and visit Mozart in the 40th and 41st books in the "Magic Tree House" series.

Scieszka, Jon. *Knucklehead : Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka*. The popular author of *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* reflects on his boyhood in the 1950s.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*. Students from the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened help each other solve mysteries.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *Rex Zero and the End of the World* and *Rex Zero, King of Nothing*. An eleven-year-old boy wonders about nuclear bombs and post World War II problems in 1960-era Ottawa, Canada.

**Grade 5 – 8:**

Candlewick Press. *Our White House : Looking In, Looking Out*. Poetry, essays, and personal accounts from children who have lived in or visited the White House.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The Diamond of Darkhold*. Lina and Doon search for a machine that may help Sparks, their new community, in book four of the "Books of Ember" series.

Erdrich, Louise. *The Porcupine Year*. Omakayas, an Ojibwa girl, and her family struggle to build a new life in Minnesota in 1852 in this sequel to *The Birchbark House* and *The Game of Silence*.

Fleischman, Sid. *The Trouble Begins at 8 : a Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West*. A spirited and witty biography about a great author.

Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*. An orphaned baby is adopted by ghosts in a cemetery and learns lessons about life in the real world.

Henkes, Kevin. *Bird Lake Moon*. A sensitive look at how two boys learn to heal in the aftermath of death and divorce.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. Students search for the truth about their missing biology teacher.

Kerr, Philip. *The Day of the Djinn Warriors*. Twins try to rescue their parents in book four of the exciting "Children of the Lamp" series.

Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid : The Last Straw*. Greg's father threatens to send him to military school in the third installment of this popular series.

Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. A family endowed with magical powers must overcome a near-tragedy.

Nicholls, Sally. *Ways to Live Forever*. A boy keeps a record of his thoughts as he battles terminal illness.

Springer, Nancy. *The Case of the Peculiar Pink Fan : An Enola Holmes Mystery*. Sherlock Holmes' younger sister tries to save her friend from an unwelcome marriage.