

# Summer Reading 2023

## Normal Park Museum Magnet School

### 5th Grade

#### **Directions:**

You may read **2 books** from the following list, and **2 books** of your choice. Most books can be found at your public library. After you have finished your books choose **1-2 Reader Response Questions**. Please answer each question in paragraph format, and provide evidence from the text. Your **4 responses** will be due the first day of school for extra credit in ELA. One reading response for each book read equals one extra credit point.

Reader Response Questions: Choose 1 question to answer for each **fiction** or **nonfiction** book you read.

#### Reader Response Questions for Fiction

1. Explain a character's problem and then offer your character advice on how to solve his/her problem.
2. Explain how a character is acting and why you think the character is acting that way.
3. From what you've read so far, make predictions about what will happen next and explain what in the text makes you think it will happen.
4. Pick one character and explain why you would/would not like to have him/her as a friend.
5. Describe and explain why you would/would not like to have lived in the time or place of the story.
6. What real-life people or events are you reminded of by characters or events in the story? Explain why.
7. Write about what would happen if you brought one of your characters to school or home for a day.
8. Pick a scene in which you disagreed how a character handled a situation/person and rewrite it in the way you think it should have

#### Reader Response Questions for Nonfiction

1. Copy a short passage that you found to be interesting. Explain what made it interesting for you.
2. Write a summary of what you read in your book today.
3. Explain some of the things that you have learned so far that you are not likely to forget in the near future.
4. Write to inform us about the author. What other articles and/or books has the author written? Is he/she one of your favorite authors, and if so, why?
5. What ideas might you have for turning this work of nonfiction into a work of fiction? Give a brief summary of what your story might be like.
6. Explain the basic information that is being presented in terms of the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?





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# 2023 Staff Picks Grades 3-5

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2023 List of Staff Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community.

All of the books on the list are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

## CLASSICS

### Tuck Everlasting

By Natalie Babbitt

A girl discovers the Tuck family's secret spring, which keeps them young.

**J Bab**

### Beezus and Ramona

By Beverly Cleary

Beezus loves her little sister, even though she causes many problems.

**J Cle**

### Bud, Not Buddy

By Christopher Paul Curtis

A boy escapes foster care to look for his father.

**J Cur**

### James and the Giant Peach

By Roald Dahl

James grows a peach the size of a house with a hidden entrance.

**J Dah**

### Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

By Robert C. O'Brien

A mouse family seeks help from special rats.

**J OBr**

### Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

By Donald J. Sobol

A ten-year-old has a knack for solving mysteries. Follow the clues to see if you can too.

**J Sob**

### Stuart Little

By E.B. White

A mouse searches for a friend—a bird who once visited his garden.

**J Whi**

## FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

### Amari and the Night Brothers

By B.R. Alston

Amari gets an invitation from the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

**J Alb**

### The In-Between

By Rebecca K.S. Ansari

Cooper and Jess are fascinated by the ghostly girl next door.

**J Ans**

### Monster and Boy

By Hannah Barnaby

Find out what happens when a boy discovers a monster under his bed.

**J Bar**

### Secondhand Dogs

By Carolyn Crimi

A new addition to the pack proves disruptive.

**J CrI**

### The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

By Adriana Cuevas

Using his power to talk to animals, Nestor tries to stop an evil witch.

**J Cue**

### Maya and the Robot

By Eve L. Ewing

After Maya builds a robot, it is sabotaged at the science fair.

**J Ewi**

### The Clockwork Crow

By Catherine Fisher

A girl receives a strange package that leads her on a perilous journey.

**J Fis**

### Hummingbird

By Natalie Lloyd

A girl with brittle bone disease finds magic and friendship. (Local author)

**J Llo**

## FANTASY/SCI-FI/ANIMALS

### The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck

By Matt Phelan

Three secret agents save the world from dastardly enemies.

**J Phelan**

### The Last Mapmaker

By Christina Soontornvat

Sai sails away on an epic adventure to discover new worlds.

**J Soo**

### Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

By A.F. Steadman

A young teen is selected to train for a deadly race.

**J Ste**

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### A Place to Hang the Moon

By Kate Albus

During WW II, siblings are evacuated from London to rural England.

**J Alb**

### Letters from Cuba

By Ruth Behar

Based on true events, a Jewish girl flees the Nazis in Poland to join her father in Cuba.

**J Beh**

### Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

By Chris Grabenstein

Find out how it all began. A young Luigi Lemoncello joins the carnival.

**J Gra**

### The List of Unspeakable Fears

By J. Kasper Kramer

Haunting tale about an early 20th century quarantine hospital on a creepy island. (Local author)

**J Kra**





## HISTORICAL FICTION

**The Puffin Keeper**  
By Michael Morpurgo  
Michael and a solitary lighthouse keeper rescue a puffin.

**Survived the Galveston Hurricane,**  
By Lauren Tarshis  
Hurricane floods Galveston, Texas.

## MODERN REALISM

**Franklin Endicott and the Third Key**

By Kate DiCamillo  
Franklin changes the life of a boy who has many anxieties.

**...and the Great Barber Battle**

By J. Dillard  
A barber-grade whiz at cutting hair challenges the local barber to a contest.

**Med Aziz's Epic Year**

By Nina Hamza  
Med's family moves from Hawaii to Minnesota.

**King of the Ice**

By Kelly Starling Lyons  
Kelly accepts the challenge to learn how to skate.

**The Astronomically Grand Plan**

By Rie Neal  
Rie joins a science club dedicated to space.

**The Used-to-Be Best Friend**

By Dawn Quigley  
Dawn isn't sure if Fern wants to be her friend at school.

## MODERN REALISM

**Wretched Waterpark**

By Kiersten White  
Two sleuths investigate a creepy waterpark where people are disappearing.

**J Whi**

**Maizy Chen's Last Chance**

By Lisa Yee  
While visiting her grandparents, Maizy uncovers family secrets.

**J Yee**

## NONFICTION & POETRY

**Rez Dogs**

By Joseph Bruchac  
In this verse novel, Malian shelters on a reservation during COVID.

**J Bru**

**This Is Your World: The Story of Bob Ross**

By Sophia M. Ghoulz  
Bob Ross still teaches us *The Joy of Painting*.

**JB Ros**

**My Big Book of Outdoors**

By Tim Hopgood  
Explore poetry and activities about the great outdoors.

**J 508 Hop**

**The Wisdom of Trees**

By Lita Judge  
Facts and poetry merge to teach us about trees.

**J 582.16 Jud**

**If the World Were 100 People**

By Jacqueline McCann  
This visual guide helps explain the demography of our global community.

**J 304.6 McC**

## NONFICTION & POETRY

**Animal Sidekicks: Amazing Stories of Symbiosis**

By Macken Murphy  
Learn about the fascinating relationships some animals have with one another.

**J 591.785 Mur**

**Mimic Makers**

By Kristen Nordstrom  
Discover the ways nature inspires people to create new technology and inventions.

**J 610.28 Nor**

**Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems**

By Jack Prelutsky  
Silly rhymes about food.

**J 811.54 Pre**

**Amazing Landmarks**

By Rekha S. Rajan  
Travel around the world learning about 10 famous structures.

**J 624 Raj**

**Courageous Creatures**

By Lauren Tarshis  
From the *I Survived* series. Find out about some truly remarkable animals.

**J 590 Tar**

**Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre**

By Carole Boston Weatherford  
Learn about the horrific massacre in 1921.

**J 976.686 Wea**

## GRAPHIC

**The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza**

By Mac Barnett  
To save the world, a cat journeys into space on an unusual quest.

**J Graphic Fir**

**Swim Team**

By Johnnie Christmas  
Facing her fears, Bree joins her school's swim team.

**J Graphic Swi**

**What Was the Turning Point of the Civil War?**

By Ellen Crenshaw  
The Battle of Gettysburg comes to life through the eyes of a war reporter.

**J Graphic Wha**

**Invisible**

By Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
Five very different kids unite while doing community service.

**J Graphic Inv**

**Bunnicula: the Graphic Novel**

By James Howe and Andrew Donkin  
The much-loved classic about a vampire bunny becomes a graphic novel.

**J Graphic Bun**

**Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant**

By Remy Lai  
A small elephant is separated from his family.

**J Graphic Sur**