



# Every Hero Has a Story:

Reading List for Students Finishing Grades 2 and 3  
Summer 2015

Developed by Howard County Public School Library Media Specialists and Children's Instruction and Research Staff from Howard County Library System.

## Animal Heros

- A Mouse Called Wolf** Dick King-Smith
- America's Animal Series** Various Authors
- Ivan: The Remarkable True Story**  
**Of The Shopping Mall Gorilla**  
Katherine Applegate
- Rags: Hero Dog of WWI** Margot Raven
- Super Sniffers Dog Detectives**
- On the Job** Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- Tuesday Tucks Me In** Luis Carlos Montalvan
- Two Bobbies** Kirby Larson
- War Dogs** Kathryn Selbert



## Anything Goes

- The Book With No Pictures** B.J. Novak
- The Chocolate Touch** Patrick Skene Catling
- Ham** Joyce Sidman
- Hamster Magic** Lynne Jonell
- The Hula-Hoopin' Queen** Thelma Godin
- Little Melba and Her**  
**Big Trombone** Katheryn Russell-Brown
- Mr. Ferris and His Wheel** Kathryn Davis
- On The Wing** David Elliott
- The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus**  
Jennifer Bryant
- Take Away the A** Michael Escoffier
- Ukulele Haley** Judy Cox
- What Can You Do With Only**  
**One Shoe?** Simon Shapiro

## Can't Read Just One

Series Books

- Alvin Ho** Lenore Look
- The Buddy Files** Dori Butler
- Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private**  
**Eye** Colleen Venable
- Heros In Training** Joan Holub
- Ivy and Bean** Annie Barrows
- Keena Ford** Melissa Thompson
- Leroy Ninker** Kate DiCamillo
- Lunch Lady** Jarrett Krosoczka
- Milo and Jazz** Lewis B. Montgomery
- Notebook of Doom** Troy Cummings
- Sugar Plum Ballerinas** Whoopi Goldberg

## Creatures Great and Small

- Everything Pets** James Spears
- Eye to Eye: How Animals**  
**See the World** Steve Jenkins
- Glow-in-the-Dark Animals** Natalie Lunis
- The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear**  
**Caterpillar** Laurence Pringle
- Titanicat** Marty Crisp
- Waluk** Emilio Ruiz

## Get Drawn In

- Art Panels, BAM! Speech Bubbles, POW!**  
Trisha Shaskan
- Before After** Anne-Margot Ramstein
- Comic Book Creators** Sue Hamilton
- Draw!** Raul Colon
- Edward Hopper Paints His World**  
Robert Burleigh
- Fairy Tale Comics** Chris Duffy
- Remy and Lulu** Kevin Hawkes

## Hero Tales

**A Boy and a Jaguar** Alan Rabinowitz

**All Different Now** Angela Johnson

**Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride**

Pam Munoz Ryan

**Dare the Wind** Tracey Fern

**Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero**

Anne Cottringer

**Henry's Freedom Box** Ellen Levine

**The Princess in Black** Shannon Hale

**Wonder Woman: The Story of the**

**Amazon Princess**

Ralph Cosentino



## It's Science

**A Rock is Lively** Dianna Aston

**Be an Astronomer** Nicole Shea

**The Constellation Cassiopeia: The Story  
of the Queen** Lisa Owings

**Robots** Melissa Stewart

**What in the Wild?** David Schwartz

## Not a Chicken

**The Chicken Squad** Doreen Cronin

**Chickens to the Rescue**

John Himmelman

**ElRay Jakes is Not a Chicken!**

Sally Warner

**Extraordinary Warren: A Super Chicken**

Sarah Dillard

**Let's Get Cracking!** Cyndi Marko

**Louise: The Adventures of a Chicken**

Kate DiCamillo

**Souperchicken** Mary Jane Auch

**Super Chicken Nugget Boy** Josh Lewis

## Real Heros

**A Home For Mr. Emerson** Barbara Kerley

**Baseball Is...** Louise Borden

**Basketball Belles** Sue Macy

**Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly**

**True Story of His First Invention**

Barb Rosenstock

**Big Book of Why** Time For Kids (Editors)

**Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist**

**Maker's Strike of 1909**

Michelle Markel

**Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an**

**Amazing All Brother Baseball Team**

Audrey Vernick

**Clemente** Willie Perdomo

**Helen's Big World** Doreen Rappaport

**I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer**

Carole Boston Weatherford

**Malala, a Brave Girl From Pakistan/Iqbal,**

**a Brave Boy From Pakistan**

Jeanette Winter

**The Streak: How Joe Dimaggio Became**

**America's Hero** Barb Rosenstock



## Website:

[http://www2.hcpss.org/met/Media/srlbka\\_wds.htm](http://www2.hcpss.org/met/Media/srlbka_wds.htm)

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students finishing Second and Third Grade. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!

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