



# 2018 Recommended Reading for Grades 4 & 5



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

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 4 and 5. 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 those titles, too!

## Carnival of the Animals

- Lesser Spotted Animals: The Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of* Brown, Martin
- Things that Make You Go Yuck!: Extreme Living* Dlugos, Jenn & Charlie Hatton
- Unstoppable: True Stories of Amazing Bionic Animals* Furstinger, Nancy
- Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive* Paquette, Ammi-Joan
- Bigfoot (Behind the Legend Series)* Peabody, Erin

## Classical/Classic Rock

- Lucky Broken Girl* Behar, Ruth
- The Rising Star of Rusty Nail* Blume, Lesley
- The War I Finally Won* Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker
- Bud, Not Buddy* Curtis, Christopher Paul
- The Lincoln Project* Gutman, Dan
- Just Dance* MacLachlan, Patricia



## Fantasia

- The Girl Who Drank the Moon* Barnhill, Kelly Regan
- The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* Burgis, Stephanie
- Have Sword, Will Travel* Nix, Garth
- Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* Townsend, Jessica

## I've Got the Music in Me

- Molly Moon and the Monster Music* Byng, Georgia
- Yolonda's Genius* Fenner, Carol
- The Song from Somewhere Else* Harrold, A. F.
- Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* Marino, Nan
- The First Rule of Punk* Perez, Celia
- Echo* Ryan, Pam Munoz
- A Crooked Kind of Perfect* Urban, Linda
- Saint Louis Armstrong Beach* Woods, Brenda



## Composition/Score

- Cici's Journal: The Adventures of a Writer-in-Training* Chamblain, Joris
- Writing Radar: Using your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories* Gantos, Jack
- I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups* Harris, Chris
- A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day* Pinkney, Andrea Davis
- Runny Babbit Returns* Silverstein, Shel
- Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White* Sweet, Melissa
- Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew as Kids* Weisman, Elissa Brent (editor)

## Random Notes

<i>The School of Music</i>	Bowen, Meurig
<i>Children's Book of Music</i>	DK
<i>Her Right Foot</i>	Eggers, Dave
<i>1,000 Facts About the White House</i>	Flynn, Sarah Wassner
<i>The Story of the Orchestra: Listen While You Learn About the Instruments, the Music and the Composers who Wrote the Music!</i>	Levine, Robert
<i>Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph</i>	Orgill, Roxane
<i>Lands of Long Ago (Spot the Mistake series)</i>	Wood, Amanda & Mike Jolley



## School of Rock



<i>Pennybaker School Is Headed for Disaster</i>	Brown, Jennifer
<i>The Losers Club</i>	Clements, Andrew
<i>Recess Warriors: Hero is a Four-Letter Word</i>	Emerson, Marcus
<i>Zebrafish</i>	Emerson, Sharon
<i>Ban This Book</i>	Gratz, Alan
<i>Real Friends</i>	Hale, Shannon
<i>Lights, Camera, Cook! (Next Best Junior Chef Book 1)</i>	Harper, Charise
<i>Patina</i>	Reynolds, Jason
<i>How To Speak Dolphin</i>	Rorby, Ginny
<i>The Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman</i>	Winters, Ben H.

## Staccato

<i>The Crooked Sixpence (Uncommoners Book 1)</i>	Bell, Jennifer
<i>The Great Shelby Holmes</i>	Eulberg, Elizabeth
<i>Into The Lion's Den</i>	Fairstein, Linda
<i>Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race</i>	Grabenstein, Chris
<i>The Magic Misfits</i>	Harris, Neil Patrick
<i>William Wenton and the Impossible Puzzle</i>	Peers, Bobbie
<i>Who Killed Darius Drake?</i>	Philbrick, Rodman
<i>The Harlem Charade</i>	Tarpley, Natasha



## Techno

<i>101 Great Science Experiments</i>	Ardley, Neil
<i>The Book of Massively Epic Engineering Disasters</i>	Connolly, Sean
<i>Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth</i>	Cottrell Boyce, Frank
<i>Superstar</i>	Davis, Mandy
<i>The Friendship Code</i>	Deutsch, Stacia
<i>Eat Your Greens, Reds, Yellows and Purples</i>	DK
<i>Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in it</i>	Frazier, Sundee
<i>Rocks &amp; Minerals (Ultimate Explorer Field Guide)</i>	Honovich, Nancy
<i>Ultimate Slime</i>	Jagan, Alyssa
<i>The Science of Roller Coasters: Understanding Energy</i>	Kenney, Karen Latchana
<i>Rocks (Rock On!)</i>	Oxlade, Chris
<i>Recycled Science Series</i>	Various

## Treble-Makers

<i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i>
<i>More Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines from Ada Lovelace to Misty Copeland</i>
<i>Boys Who Rocked the World</i>
<i>Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?</i>
<i>Kate Warne: Pinkerton Detective</i>
<i>Marti's Song for Freedom/Marti y sus versos por la libertad</i>
<i>Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound</i>
<i>Fab Four Friends</i>
<i>Let Your Voice be Heard: The Life and Times of Pete Seeger</i>
<i>The Music in George's Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue</i>
<i>The Legendary Miss Lena Home</i>



Harrison, Vashti
McCann, Michelle Roehm
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McDonough, Yona Zeldis
Moss, Marissa
Otheguy, Emma
Pinkney, Andrea Davis
Reich, Susanna
Silvey, Anita
Slade, Suzanne
Weatherford, Carole Boston