## STEM

### Recommended Summer Reading List 2023

**Grades 2 & 3**

#### Biography

- *Alice Across America: The story of the first women’s cross-country road trip* by Marsh, Sarah
- *Dolly: The Story of Dolly Parton and Her Big Dream* by McGrath, Robyn
- *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* by Denise, Anika
- *Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present* by Wilson, Jamia

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#### Conservation

- *The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics* by Hood, Susan
- *We Are Water Protectors* by Lindstrom, Carole
- *Yoshi and the Ocean: a Sea Turtle’s Incredible Journey Home* by Moore, Lindsay
- *Upcycled Plastic Projects* by Morin, Marcy

#### It's a Fact!

- *A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken* by Holt, Hannah
- *Digestion!: The Musical* by Rex, Adam
- *How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?: Wild Facts about Animals and the Scientists* by Barker, Brooke
- *How Was That Built?: The Stories Behind Awesome Structures* by Agrawal, Roma
- *The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London’s Poop Pollution Problem* by Paeff, Collen
- *The Hospital: The Inside Story* by Nwora, Christie
- *The How and Wow of the Human Body* by Thomas, Mindy

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- *Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Poems* by Franco, Betsy
- *Fairy Tale Science* by Albee, Sarah
- *How to Test a Friendship* by Griffith, Theanne
- *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters* by Lyons, Kelly Starling
- *Show and Tell! Great Graphs and Smart Charts* by Nargi, Lela
- *The Rabbit Problem* by Wang, Andrea
- *The Thingity-Jig* by Challoner, Jack
- *The Un-friendship Bracelet* by Macaulay, David
- *Your Place in the Universe* by Macaulay, David

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### Can't Read Just One!

- **A Boy Called Bat**
  - Arnold, Elana K
- **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**
  - Look, Lenore
- **Astrid & Apollo and the Starry Campout**
  - Bidania, V.T.
- **Baloney and Friends**
  - Pizzoli, Greg
- **Bo's Magical New Friend**
  - Elliott, Rebecca
- **Chombread & Poppy**
  - Cordell, Matthew
- **Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!**
  - Flintham, Thomas
- **J.D. and the Great Barber Battle**
  - Dillard, J
- **Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue**
  - Paula Harrison
- **Moldylocks and the Three Beards**
  - Jones, Noah
- **Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid**
  - McDonald, Megan

### How Do I Fit In?

- **Big Problemas**
  - Medina, Juana
- **Linus, the Little Yellow Pencil**
  - Magoon, Scott
- **Nina Soni, Former Best Friend**
  - Sheth, Kashmira
- **Olivia Wrapped in Vines**
  - Nepveu-Villeneuve, Maude
- **Stacey's Remarkable Books**
  - Abrams, Stacey
- **Sweety**
  - Zuill, Andrea
- **Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World**
  - Davies, Jacqueline
- **Tomatoes In My Lunchbox**
  - Manoli, Costantia
- **Too Small Tola**
  - Atinuke

### Illustrated (Graphic) Novels

- **Cranky Chicken**
  - Battersby, Katherine
- **Dinosaurs Before Dark**
  - Laird, Jenny
- **Monster Friends**
  - Vandorn, Kaeti
- **Pets Rule: My Kingdom of Darkness**
  - Tan, Susan
- **The Greatest In The World**
  - Clanton, Ben
- **Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots**
  - Low, Pearl

### Mystery

- **Aven Green, Sleuthing Machine**
  - Bowling, Dusti
- **Catalina Incognito**
  - Torres, Jennifer
- **Horace & Bunwinkle**
  - Gardner, P.J.
- **The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane**
  - Smith, Nikki Shannon

### Social Justice

- **Because of You, John Lewis**
  - Pinkney, Andrea Davis
- **Book Uncle and Me**
  - Krishnaswami, Uma
- **If You're a Kid Like Gavin**
  - Grimm, Gavin
- **Ruth and the Green Book**
  - Ramsey, Calvin A.
- **The Talk**
  - Williams, Alicia
- **We are Still Here: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know**
  - Sorell, Traci