

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library

Grade Two Reading List

Title: Archaeologists Dig for Clues

Author: Duke, Kate

Description: Sophie the archaeologist leads a dig in a farmer's cornfield where some prehistoric spear points were uncovered with a plow.

Title: Armadilly Chili

Author: Ketteman, Helen; Terry, Will (Illustrator, Translator)

Description: In this Texas-style adaptation of a traditional folktale, a tarantula, mockingbird and horned toad refuse to help an armadillo prepare a batch of chili but nevertheless expect to eat it when it's ready.

Title: Barnum Brown: Dinosaur Hunter

Author: Sheldon, David (Author, Illustrator)

Description: A simple telling of the life and work of dinosaur hunter, Barnum Brown, famous for his knack for finding dinosaur bones and unearthing of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Title: Beautiful Blackbird

Author: Bryan, Ashley (Author, Illustrator)

Description: In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew."

Title: Body Actions

Author: Rotner, Shelley (Author, Illustrator, Photographer); White, David A. (Illustrator)

Description: Depicts the five senses and major organs as young, active bodies run, jump, and ride bikes. Includes accessible text, color photographs, a glossary, notes, and an index.

Title: Buffalo Bill and the pony Express

Author: Coerr, Eleanor; Bolognese, Don (Illustrator)

Description: Sixteen-year-old Bill finds adventure when he becomes a rider for the Pony Express (though his letters home never hint at the dangers he encounters).

Title: Button Up!: Wrinkled Rhymes

Author: Schertle, Alice; Mathers, Petra (Illustrator)

Description: An illustrated collection of poetry features animals wearing an array of shoes, jackets, hats, and other fun attire to demonstrate their unique personalities.

Title: The Cat in the Hat

Author: Dr. Seuss

Description: A zany but well-meaning cat brings a cheerful, exotic, and exuberant form of chaos to a household of two young children one rainy day while their mother is out.

Title: Chameleon, Chameleon

Author: Cowley, Joy; Bishop, Nic (Illustrator, Photographer)

Description: Join a colorful chameleon for a tropical forest adventure. Danger lurks everywhere as the ever-cautious chameleon braves strange-looking geckos and poisonous scorpions in search of a new home.

Title: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

Author: Barrett, Judi, Barrett, Ronald L. (Illustrator)

Description: Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Title: Cork and Fuzz: Finders Keepers

Author: Chaconas, Dori; McCue, Lisa (Illustrator)

Description: Although Cork the muskrat is short and likes to find things and Fuzz the possum is tall and likes to keep things, the pair remain best friends even after Fuzz finds Cork's lost stone and decides to keep it.

Title: Creature Carnival

Author: Singer, Marilyn; Grimly, Gris (Illustrator)

Description: A collection of twenty-six poems featuring creepy, funny, bizarre, and fascinating creatures from myth, legend, and popular culture.

Title: Diary of a Worm

Author: Cronin, Doreen; Bliss, Harry (Illustrator)

Description: A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Title: The Drinking Gourd

Author: Monjo, F. N.; Brenner, Fred (Illustrator)

Description: A young boy and his father help a family of slaves escape to freedom via the underground railroad.

Title: Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move

Author: Macken, JoAnn Early; Papparone, Pam (Illustrator)

Description: In this lushly illustrated book, children can read about the amazing journeys of many different kinds of seeds.

Title: Frog and Toad are Friends

Author: Lobel, Arnold (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.

Title: George Washington's Teeth

Author: Chandra, Deborah; Comora, Madeleine; Cole, Brock (Illustrator)

Description: A rollicking rhyme portrays George Washington's lifelong struggle with bad teeth. A timeline taken from diary entries and other nonfiction sources follows.

Title: The Great Horse-less Carriage Race

Author: Dolling, Michael (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Discusses the first car race in America and how it changed history.

Title: Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea

Author: Rylant, Cynthia; Stevenson, Sucie (Illustrator)

Description: Follows the seaside adventures of Henry, Henry's father, and Henry's big dog, Mudge.

Title: Henry's Freedom Box

Author: Levine, Ellen; Nelson, Kadir (Illustrator)

Description: A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

Title: Hey, Al

Author: Yorinks, Arthur; Egielski, Richard (Illustrator)

Description: A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well.

Title: How Much is a Million?

Author: Schwartz, David M.; Kellogg, Steven (Illustrator)

Description: Text and pictures try to make possible the conceptualization of a million, a billion, and a trillion.

Title: If You Decide to Go to the Moon

Author: McNulty, Faith; Kellogg, Steven (Illustrator)

Description: "If you decide to go to the moon," writes Faith McNulty, "read this book first. It will tell you how to get there and what to do after you land. The most important part tells you how to get home.

Title: In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories

Author: Schwartz, Alvin; Zimmer, Dirk (Illustrator)

Description: Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a fire or in the dark, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

Title: The Josefina Story Quilt

Author: Coerr, Eleanor; Degen, Bruce

Description: While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.

Title: Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book

Author: Morales, Yuyi

Description: In this version of a traditional tale, Senor Calavera arrives at Grandma Beetle's door, ready to take her to the next life, but after helping her count, in English and Spanish, as she makes her birthday preparations, he changes his mind.

Title: Ling and Ting Share a Birthday

Author: Lin, Grace

Description: "Identical twins Ling and Ting celebrate their birthday by sharing gifts and making wishes"-- Provided by publisher.

Title: The Little Brute Family

Author: Hoban, Russell; Hoban, Lillian (Illustrator)

Description: Ugly and mean, the Brute family lives up to its name until Baby Brute makes an important discovery.

Title: Mailing May

Author: Tunnell, Michael O.; Rand, Ted (Illustrator)

Description: In 1914, because her family cannot afford a train ticket to her grandmother's town, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother.

Title: Mammoths on the Move

Author: Wheeler, Lisa; Cyrus, Kurt (Illustrator)

Description: Follow the often dangerous journey of a family of mammoths as they trek south for the winter.

Title: Minnie and Moo and the Haunted Sweater

Author: Cazet, Denys (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater.

Title: More Than Anything Else

Author: Bradby, Marie; Soentpiet, Chris K. (Illustrator)

Description: Nine-year-old Booker works with his father and brother at the saltworks but dreams of the day when he'll be able to read.

Title: Mossy

Author: Brett, Jan (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Mossy, a turtle with a garden growing on her shell, is taken from her home and new friend to become an exhibit in a museum, until the director's niece, Tory, notices how sad Mossy is and helps arrange for her to go home.

Title: Mouse Tales

Author: Lobel, Arnold (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Seven mouse boys lie awake one night, and they ask their Papa to tell them a story. Papa does better than that--he tells them seven stories, one for each boy.

Title: Mr. Putter and Tabby Feed the Fish

Author: Rylant, Cynthia

Description: After Mr. Putter buys three goldfish and takes them home, he discovers that his cat Tabby has a serious problem with them.

Title: Mrs. Harkness and the Panda

Author: Potter, Alicia; Sweet, Melissa (Illustrator)

Description: Traces the story of a 1930s female adventurer who brought America its first panda bear, describing how she inherited a seemingly impossible expedition from her explorer husband and how she travelled up the Yangtze River and into the wilderness to bring back an adorable panda cub she named Su Lin, which means "a little bit of something cute."

Title: New Shoes

Author: Meyer, Susan Lynn; Velasquez, Eric (Illustrator)

Description: "In this historical fiction picture book, Ella Mae and her cousin Charlotte, both African American, start their own shoe store when they learn that they cannot try on shoes at the shoe store"-- Provided by publisher.

Title: Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day

Author: McMullan, Kate; Alley, R. W. (Illustrator)

Description: April Fools' Day is not a happy one for Wagner the mouse because his best friend, Pearl the rabbit, and other children and adults at school keep tricking him.

Title: Penny and her Doll

Author: Henkes, Kevin

Description: Penny instantly loves the doll her grandmother sends her, but finding the perfect name for her is a challenge.

Title: Pool

Author: Lee, Jihyeon

Description: Two shy children meet at a noisy pool and dive beneath the crowd into a magical undersea land, where they explore a fantastical landscape and meet various creatures.

Title: Sam and the Firefly

Author: Eastman, P.D.

Description: Sam the owl and Gus the firefly have fun playing together at night until Gus begins to make mischief with his light.

Title: Sparkle and Spin: A Book About Words

Author: Rand, Ann; Rand, Paul

Descriptions: An introduction to the many wonderful things that words can do.

Title: Super Sand Castle Saturday

Author: Murphy, Stuart J.

Description: Introduces the concept of nonstandard measurement as three friends compete in a sand castle building contest.

Title: Three Bears in a Boat

Author: Soman, David (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on an high seas adventure to try to find a replacement.

Title: Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat

Author: Miller, Sara Swan; Kelley, True (Illustrator)

Description: A cat hears three stories about a dull rainy day, a yummy bug, and a good day of destruction in the house.

Title: Three Bears in a Boat

Author: Soman, David (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on an high seas adventure to try to find a replacement.

Title: Under the Snow

Author: Stewart, Melissa

Description: A journey through the fields, forests, ponds and wetlands to see how animals survive in the snowy winter months, and when the sun's rays grow stronger, join all the animals as they get ready for springtime.

Title: What a Day It Was at School!

Author: Prelutsky, Jack; Cushman, Doug (Illustrator)

Description: Funny poems written by animals about school.

Title: What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World

Author: Ajmera, Maya; Kinkade, Sheila; Pon, Cynthia

Description: Colorful photographs show the clothing and dress of children from places around the globe, including Peru, Uganda, and Sweden.

Title: Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery

Author: Adler, David A.; Natti, Susanna (Illustrator)

Description: Cam uses her photographic memory to find a shopping list that her dad lost at the library.

'Archaeologists Dig for Clues' is a great archaeology kids book! [Click here for details, inside shots, reading level, lesson / activity ideas...](#) Below are sample pages from inside Archaeologists Dig for Clues . As you can see, between the main text, the speech bubbles, and the informational boxes, there's a lot going on on each spread. This first spread is the first in the book. It sets the scene, explaining that the kids are accompanying their archaeologist friend on a local dig over their summer break. This spread also explains how Sophie, the archaeologist, knew to dig for artifacts in this location.