

## RHSM Summer Reading List- 2008

### Picture Books:

Becker, Bonny, A Visitor for Bear, In a sweetly humorous story, Bear's efforts to keep out visitors from his home are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

Cowell, Cressida, That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown, Emily's rabbit is not for sale, not even to her Most Royal Highness Queen Gloriana the Third, not even for all the toys in the world.

Crow, Kristyn, Cool Daddy Rat, A young rat hides in his father's bass cage and tags along as he plays and scats around the big city.

Glenn, Sharlee, Just What Mama Needs, Abby assumes a different identity for each day of the week until Sunday, when she is just herself

Gonzales, Diane, My Pal, Victor, Two Latino boys experience carefree camaraderie despite one boy's disability. Fun and friendship overpower physical limitations.

Hale, Nathan, Yellowbelly and Plum Go To School, On his first day of school, Yellowbelly brings along his best friend Plum, a stuffed bear, but when Plum goes missing, Yellowbelly discovers that they both have made a lot of new friends.

Leedy, Loreen, Missing Math, Everyday activities come to a halt when a town loses its numbers.

Lucke, Deb, The Boy Who Wouldn't Swim, One very hot day Eric Dooley watches his little sister go from her first swimming lesson all the way to the diving board, while his fear of the water keeps him from joining her and all the rest of the people of Clermont County in the pool.

McMullan, Kate and Jim, I'm Bad! T.Rex, he's really BIG, Really BAD and really, really HUNGRY. He has just one thing on his mind: dinner! Another winner for the McMullan team.

Pinkwater, Daniel, Bear's Picture, A bear continues to paint what he likes despite criticism from two passing gentlemen.

Rankin, Laura, Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie, Ruthie loves tiny things and when she finds a tiny camera on the playground she is very happy, but after she lies and says the camera belongs to her, nothing seems to go right.

### **Early Chapter Books:**

Blume, Judy, Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One, Cool Zone with the Pain and the Great One. Two books in a new early series by the beloved author. This is a sister and brother team in third and first grades- fun and funny.

Di Camillo, Kate, Mercy Watson Thinks like a Pig, Can Mercy outwit animal control or has Mercy's "swine song" come at last? Find out in the new and hilarious "tongue-in-snout" adventure. If you haven't read the rest of the series, hurry up!

Hale, Bruce, Pirates of Underwhere and Prince of Underwhere, The first two books in the new series by Bruce Hale, the beloved author of the Chet Gecko mystery series. When Zeke, his twin sister Stephanie, their neighbor Hector, and Hector's cat Fitz slide into the world of Underwhere, Zeke is hailed as a prince who will, according to an ancient prophecy, free the Undies from the evil UnderLord's rule by finding and destroying his throne. In book 2 the same characters are looking for the missing Brush of Wisdom, a magical item that looks suspiciously like a jeweled toilet.

Howe, James, Houndsley and Catina by James Howe, Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

Klein, Abby, Ready Freddy, Tooth Trouble #1 This is a great series about Freddy Thresher who is in Mrs. Wushy's first grade. In this one he is the only student who hasn't lost a tooth yet. There are lots more in the series.

Pennypacker, Sara, Clementine's Letter. This is the latest in the series about a very plucky girl. Clementine and The Talented Clementine precede this book.

### **Middle Grade Novels:**

Baker, E.D. The Frog Princess, After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means- and the self-confidence- to become human again. This is the first of five that have been published, including a prequel.

Birdsall, Jeanne, The Penderwicks On Gardam Street, The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating, and they hatch a plot to stop him. Welcome the second Penderwick's story.

Buckley-Archer, Linda, The Time Thief, When an attempt to bring Peter and Kate back to their own time is bungled, Peter finds himself stranded in 1763 while the Tar Man, a villainous eighteenth-century criminal, returns with Kate to twenty-first century London. This is the second book, following Gideon: The Cutpurse.

Colfer, Eoin, Artemis Fowl, The Graphic Novel, For the first time fans will be able to see the underground fairy world, examine Foaly's incredible inventions, look inside Fowl Manor, and of course, follow their favorite criminal mastermind as he plots and connives in glorious full color.

Curtis, Christopher Paul, Elijah of Buxton, In 1860, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child of Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

Ferris, Jean: Once Upon a Marigold: Jean Ferris overturns fairy tale clichés in an offbeat, hilariously quirky novel that's part comedy, part love story, and part everything-but-the-kitchen-sink. In Twice upon a Marigold the saga continues in a sequel that is full of wit and wisdom.

Green, Tim, Football Hero, When twelve-year-old Ty's brother Thane is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty and Thane to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.

Hawking, Lucy & Stephen, George's Secret Key to the Universe, Follows the adventures of a young boy and his neighbor friend who travel through a computer portal into outer space, where they explore such mysteries as black holes and the origins of the universe, while trying to evade an evil scientist. This was written by one of the most famous physicists and his daughter.

Henkes, Kevin, Bird Lake Moon, Twelve-year-old Mitch, and his mother are spending the summer with his grandparents at Bird Lake after his parents separate. And ten-year-old Spencer and his family have returned to the lake where Spencer's older brother drowned long ago, and, as the boys become friends and spend time together, each of them begins to heal.

Herge, Tintin, Whether he's trolling the high seas for treasure or blasting off for the moon, young reporter-sleuth Tintin and his faithful dog, Snowy, have delighted readers everywhere for generations with their timeless adventures. These are some of the original Graphic Novels. READ THEM ALL.

Hunter, Erin, The Seekers, The Quest Begins- a new series from an old favorite: This time it is three bears, instead of cats. Due out May 27.

Lowry, Lois, The Willoughbys, In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. This could be a fun family read aloud.

Rex, Adam, The True Meaning of Smekday, A book about what happens when a girl named Gratuity and a cat named Pig join forces with an alien named J. Lo to try to save the world from another group of aliens. It gets complicated but it never stops being funny.

Riordan, Rick, The Battle of the Labyrinth (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #4), Percy Jackson, now 15, isn't expecting freshman orientation to be any fun. But when a mysterious mortal acquaintance appears on campus, followed by demon cheerleaders, things quickly move from bad to worse. Time is running out as war between the Olympians and the evil Titan Lord Kronos approaches. Even the safe haven of Camp Half-Blood grows more vulnerable by the minute as Kronos's army prepares to invade its once impenetrable borders.

### **Nonfiction:**

Adkins, Jan, What if You Met a Pirate? You may think you know all about pirates, but pirates and piracy, buried treasure, and life on the high seas are brought to life in this colorful, appealing book.

Cheney, Lynne, Our 50 States, A Family Adventure across America, Each of the 50 states is represented by important people, ideas, and events in the history of the United States as if a family were traveling on the greatest adventure imaginable. Fact filled with fun art.

DeRothschild, David, Earth Matters, Earth Matters is a celebration of our fragile planet, a warning to protect it, and an inspiring sourcebook full of ideas for making a positive change. With gorgeous photographs, it is a celebration of our earth, the latest DK book.

Farrell, Jeanette, Invisible Allies, Usually, microbes are equated with disease, but in fact most microbes are actually our allies. Learn how the microbes that are everywhere around us help us to survive every day.

Farrell, Jeanette, Invisible Enemies, Illustrates the hope and confusion, the logic and paranoia that humankind has experienced when confronting terrifying diseases

Lasky, Kathryn, John Muir, America's First Environmentalist, John Muir loved the land. He was a writer, a scholar, an inventor, a shepherd, a farmer, and an explorer, but above all, he was a naturalist. This is his story.

Markle, Sandra, Hornets, A book about what makes hornets similar to and different from other insects. Close-up diagrams reveal extraordinary details about hornets' bodies, both inside and out.

Markle, Sandra, Praying Mantis, Learn what makes a praying mantis similar to and different from other insects. Close-up photographs and diagrams reveal extraordinary details about mantis bodies, both inside and out.

Montgomery, Sy Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, an Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea, This tells the story of the Matschie's tree kangaroo. It looks like a bear, climbs a tree like a monkey and has a belly pocket like a kangaroo. It lives in Papua New Guinea's cloud forest. Scientist Lisa Dubek, author Sy Montgomery, and photographer Nic Bishop are on the trail of the Tree Kangaroo. An exciting nonfiction animal story.

Murphy, Glenn, A Kid's Guide to Global Warming, An information-packed text, and hundreds of colorful illustrations and photos that will answer all your questions about global warming and show many easy ways to make a difference.

Rappaport, Doreen, Lady Liberty: A Biography, This powerful, moving, and authentic portrait of the Statue of Liberty is told through the eyes of those who created her and is lavishly illustrated in glorious detail.

Storie, Paul D. Perseus, The Hunt for Medusa's Head, A Greek Myth, Tells the famous story of Perseus and Medusa in graphic format. This would be a nice companion with the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

Strother, Ruth, W is for Woof, a Dog Alphabet, Using the alphabet to learn about dog behavior, domestication, grooming, K-9 police dogs, and much more. Simple poetry for each topic is paired with detail-filled expository text. Realistic illustrations complement the text.

## **Poetry**

Clements, Andrew, Dogku, In this sweet story told in haiku, a stray puppy looks for a home.

Dillon, Leo and Diane, Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose, Children will enjoy learning to count with this playful collection of Mother Goose number rhymes.

Ditchfield, Christin, Cowlick! Where do cowlicks come from? Find out in this imaginative picture book rhyme.

Harrison, David Lee, Bugs: Poems About Creeping Things, The 40 creepy, wild, and silly verses are for reading aloud. Several of them are intended for two voices or a chorus.

Perry, Andrea, The Snack Smasher: and other Reasons Why it's Not My Fault, This set of poems reveals the little creatures that cause everyday annoyances such as "why are half the chips in a bag crumbs?"

Prelutsky, Jack, Good Sports: Rhymes about Running, Jumping, Throwing and More  
From scoring touchdowns to striking out, this humorous set of poems describes the ups  
and downs of children's sports.

Spinelli, Eileen, Where I Live, Told in a series of poems, this novel describes a young  
girl's feelings when her family must move away from their home to live with her  
grandfather.

Yolen, Jane and Andrew Fusek Peters, Here's a Little Poem: a very first Book of Poetry,  
This anthology of poems by a variety of well-known authors celebrates the everyday  
events for a young child.