Recommended Summer Reading List Upcoming 1st Graders

The following address will direct you to Houston County Public Library System Calendars: http://houpl.org/?page_id=1201

<u>Category</u> <u>Title</u> <u>Author</u>

Fiction Song and Dance Man Ackerman, Karen

In this tender story, three children visiting their grandfather learn about the good old days before people sat for hours in front of the television.

GRL-O

Science Digging Up Dinosaurs Aliki

Explains how scientists find and preserve dinosaurs for museums.

GRL-P

Social Studies Johnny Appleseed Aliki

This book tells the story of John Chapman, whose devotion to planting apple trees made him a legendary figure in American history.

GRL-J

Fiction Parts Arnold, Tedd

A young boy and a fly meet and begin a beautiful friendship.

GRL - I

Super Series Hi! Fly Guy Arnold, Tedd

A young boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns that new teeth grow and that hair and teeth replace themselves.

GRI - I

Fiction Too Many Frogs! Asher, Sandy

Rabbit lives alone. He cooks for himself, cleans up for himself, and at the end of the day, reads himself a story. It's a simple life, and he likes it. But one evening, Froggie shows up at his door.

GRL-N

Fiction Princess and the Pizza Auch, Mary Jane

An out-of-work princess applied to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but must first pass several tests including a cooking contest.

GRL-N

Fiction Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs Barrett, Judi

In the town of Chewandswallow, no one ever has to go food shopping because their meatballs materialize from the sky.

GRL-M

Social Studies America the Beautiful Bates, Katherine Lee

With his stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty

and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece.

Fiction I Like Myself Beaumont, Karen

High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out.

Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters.

GRL-G

Fiction Footprints in the Snow Benjamin, Cynthia

Children see tracks left in the snow and then follow the footprints into the homes of different forest animals.

GRL-D

Fiction Airmail to the Moon Birdseye, Tom

Ora Mae is certain that someone has stolen her tooth and sets out to find the culprit.

GRL-N

Fiction Bad Kitty Bruel, Nick

Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables.

GRL-I

Fiction Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel Burton, Virginia

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to modern steam shovels, they find a place that needs their help.

GRL-M

Fiction Read All About It Bush, Laura

Tyrone loves math, lives for science, and is king of the playground. But books—well, he doesn't really care for them. When his teacher, Miss Libro, reads aloud, Tyrone usually finds something better to do, like making paper airplanes. Then, during one of the story

sessions something happens: Tyrone starts listening.

Fiction The Principal's New Clothes Calmenson, Stephanie

In this updated version of the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, a school principal is tricked into wearing just his underwear to school. A twist on the traditional ending complements this modern-day story.

GRL-K

Fiction Well Done, Worm!: Brand New Readers Caple, Kathy

Four stories with a funny twist at the end of each one.

GRL-B/C

Super Series Princess and the Pizza Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

Beginning Reader stories of a dog named Biscuit.

GRL-F-H

Fiction The Grouchy Ladybug Carle, Eric

A tale about an impolite ladybug who becomes happier when she is better behaved.

GRL-J

Super Series Minnie and Moo Books Cazet, Denys

Two cows share a multitude of very funny adventures.

GRL-L

Fiction Who Am I? Christensen, Nancy

Rhyming text with clues about the nature of the animal who is speaking.

GRL-E

Social Studies My Dad's Truck Costain, Meredith

A child describes the big rig driven by her father.

GRL-E

Fiction A Fine, Fine School Creech, Sharon

When the principal loves his school so much he wants children to attend classes every day of the year, his students show him how to enjoy free time.

GRL-K

Fiction Diary of a Worm Cronin, Doreen

A young worm discovers day by day, that there are some good and not-so-good things about being a worm.

GRL-K

Fiction Click, Clack Moo, Cows That Type Cronin, Doreen

Farmer Brown thinks it odd when he hears typing sounds coming from the barn...but that is only the beginning of his trouble.

GRL-K

Super Series "Gilbert Books" deGroat, Diane

Lighthearted books about the adventures of Gilbert and his friends.

GRL-G

Fiction Tom dePaola, Tomie

As he does in many of his picture books, Tomie dePaola gives a privileged peek into yet another happy episode in his formative years. Anyone who has ever had a special relationship with a grandparent will read this book with a warm heart and a hearty chuckle.

GRL-K

Fiction Waiting For Wings Ehlert, Lois

Every spring, butterflies emerge and dazzle the world with their vibrant beauty. But where do butterflies come from? How are they born? What do they eat--and how?

GRL-H

Fiction Goldilocks Returns Ernst, Lisa Campbell

Fifty years after she first entered the home of the three bears, Goldilocks returns to right the wrongs she did to them in her youth.

GRL-N

Fiction I Lost My Bear Feiffer, Jules

When she cannot find her stuffed bear, a girl asks her mother, father and older sister for help.

GRL-L

Fiction The Story About Ping Flack, Marjorie

This is the classic story about Ping, a little duck, who finds adventure on the Yantze River. One evening he does not want to be the last one to board his master's houseboat. Readers will be anxious to see how his individuality shines through.

GRL-P

Fiction In a Small, Small Pond Fleming, Denise

An energetic frog takes us on a tour of the small, small pond, mischievously interrupting the other animals at work and play. As the seasons pass, slowly and gradually, dragonflies hover, herons plunge, whirligigs twirl, swallows scoop, and turtles doze in the summer sun.

Favorite Authors Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild Fox, Mem

Harriet and her mother learn that even when they do things they wish they hadn't, they still love each other very much!

GRL-G

Favorite Authors Koala Lou Fox, Mem

When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time

GRL-K

Favorite Authors Shoes From Grandpa Fox, Mem

I'll buy you a skirt that won't show the dirt, to go with the socks from the local shops, to go with the shoes from Grandpa. In a cumulative rhyme, family members describe the clothes they intend to give a little girl to go with her shoes from Grandpa.

GRL-I

Favorite Authors Tough Boris Fox, Mem

Boris von der Borch is a mean, greedy old pirate — tough as nails, through and through, like all pirates. Or is he? When a young boy sneaks into Boris' ship, he discovers that Boris and his mates aren't quite what he expected!

GRL-J

Read Together Earl The Squirrel Freeman, Don

It's time for Earl the Squirrel to learn how to gather nuts. Earl doesn't know where to begin, but he is determined to make his mother proud. An all-night search leads Earl to a cranky owl and a raging bull, but will he ever find an acorn?

GKL-r

Fiction Little Red Hen Galdone, Paul

Galdone's dynamic, amusing pictures add much humor to the familiar tale of the industrious hen and lazy cat, dog, and mouse.

GRL-K

Fiction Is Your Mama a Llama? Guarino, Deborah

"Is your mama a llama?" Lloyd, the baby llama, asks his creature friends, including Dave, the bat; Fred, the duckling; Jane, the calf; and Clyde, the seal, among others.

GRL-L

The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar

Fiction County Harrington, Janice

A girl takes pride in her chicken-chasing skills, but one hen continues to elude her.

GRL-M

Favorite Authors Chrysanthemum Henkes, Kevin

Chrysanthemum loves her name — until she starts kindergarten, which is an unfamiliar world full of short names like Sue, Bill, Max, Sam, and Joe. But it's Victoria who really makes Chrysanthemum wilt, offering that *she* was named after her grandmother, which is much more important than being named after a flower.

GRL-P

Fiction Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse Henkes, Kevin

Lily loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but after she brings a toy for show-and-tell her feelings change.

GRL-M

Fiction Giant Hug Horning, Sandra

Owen wants to send a giant hug to his grandmother for her birthday. But will the hug get lost in the postal service?

GRL-

Fiction Aunt Flossie's Hats Howard, Elizabeth

The story of Sarah and Susan's Sunday afternoon with their great-great-aunt Flossie--and her many hats and stories--has become a favorite book for sharing and for initiating conversations about family history.

GRL-M

Social Studies The Doorbell Rang Hutchins, Pat

Ma makes a batch of a dozen chocolate chip cookies for her children Victoria and Sam — each child has six cookies. But when the doorbell rings and friends drop by, the cookies must be shared. The doorbell rings again, and again, and again . . until there is only one cookie for each child.

GRL-J

Fiction Little Red Riding Hood Hyman, Trina Schart

Today's young readers will truly be enchanted by this easy-to-read version of the Brothers Grimm classic illustrated with a fresh, vibrant new look set in an American frontier. Full-color illustrations.

GRL-O

Fiction Pigs Rock Jones, Melanie

Ready to meet the best, yet strangest rock band in town? Find out how these pigs dazzle their fans onstage and prepare for each performance at home.

GRL-I

Favorite Authors The Dog Who Cried Wolf Kasza, Keiko

A pet dog runs away from home to seek adventure, but soon discovers the dangers of the big-wild-world.

GRL-I

Favorite Authors Don't Laugh Joe Kasza, Keiko

Mother possum is trying to teach her child to play dead, but Joe can't stop giggling.

GRL-J

Social Studies Theodore Keating, Frank

Beautiful illustrations and terse text combined with quotes from Theodore Roosevelt help to tell the inspiring story of the youngest U.S. president.

GRL-Q

Fiction The Three Little Pigs Kellogg, Stephen

Three little pigs are happily working away in their delicious family business -- making the best-tasting waffles in the world. Business is so good, in fact, that the three siblings can live comfortably in their very own homes --

GRL-F

Social Studies Paul Bunyan Kellogg, Stephen

The author-illustrator of Johnny Appleseed and Pecos Bill recreates the life and times of the mythical lumberjack.

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GRL-O

Fiction Leo the Late Bloomer Kraus, Robert

Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time — all of his friends can read, write, draw, eat neatly, and speak clearly; and Leo can't do any of those things very well. Worried and sad, Leo wonders if he'll ever catch up to his friends.

GRL-I

Fiction Batter Up Wombat Lester, Helen

Last year the interspecies team, the Champs, finished last in the National Wildlife league, so when a huge wombat wanders on the field, the teammates are delighted--they think he's a super hitting "Whambat."

GRL-N

Fiction Me First Lester, Helen

Being first isn't always best, as Pinkerton Pig finds out after an encounter with a mean Sand Witch. As always, Helen Lester's wonderfully offbeat humor and Lynn Munsinger's whimsical illustrations result in a hilarious lesson about piggishness.

GRL-K

Super Series Froggy Books London, Jonathan

Rambunctious Froggy hops out into many very funny adventures.

GRL-J

Fiction How I Became a Pirate Long, Melinda

When Braid Beard's pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate talk--who wouldn't go along? Soon Jeremy Jacob knows all about being a pirate.

GRL-L

Fiction Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon Lovell, Patty

Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy and has buckteeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. But armed with the encouraging words of her grandmother, Molly Lou confidently confronts the class bully at her new school.

GRL-L

Fiction Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox Maccarone, Grace

A rhyming story about coping with chicken pox.

GRL-F

Fiction George & Martha Books Marshall, James

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Here are five stories about two of the greatest friends ever to grace a picture book. George and Martha, Jim Marshall's dearly beloved, wise, and wickedly funny hippos teach each other the importance of honesty, companionship, discretion, humility, and consolation in

GRL-L

Fiction Piggy and Dad Martin, David

Four stories about Piggy and Dad playing together.

Fiction Will's Mammoth Martin, Rafe

Though his parents explain that there have been no mammoths for a long time, Will goes out in the snow, certain he will discover some.

Fiction There's an Alligator Under My Bed

Mayer, Mercer

This sequel to "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" brings back the story's even funnier nighttime adventure.

GRL-J

Read Together Guess How Much I Love You

McBratney, Sam

Little Nutbrown Hare wants to show Big Nutbrown Hare how very much he loves him - but love as big as his is very hard to

measure! GLR-J

Read Together Make Way For Ducklings

McCloskey, Robert

This is a Caldecott award winning classic about Mr. & Mrs. Mallard and their brood of ducklings in downtown Boston.

GRL-L

Fiction Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth

McGhee, Alison

Sure, first-grade teacher Mrs. Watson may "look "human, but it is a known and proven fact that she is actually a three-hundred-year-old alien who steals baby teeth from her students.

GRL-K

Fiction Flossie and the Fox

McKissack, Patricia

In this folktale, Flossie takes a joyful and comic journey through fox-haunted woods as she carries her basket of eggs to Viola.

GRL-C

Fiction Precious and the Boo Hag

McKissack, Patricia

Precious is warned of a creature named Pruella the Boo Hag who will do anything to get inside the house and cause trouble. So when Precious is left home alone, she must be extra careful. Sure enough, the Boo Hag arrives riding on a storm and making demands.

GRL-M

Fiction Martha Blah Blah

Meddaugh, Susan

When the current owner of the soup company breaks a promise, Martha the talking dog, takes action.

GRL-M

Fiction Tiny's Bath Meister, Cari

Story of Tiny, the not-so-tiny dog who gets dirty. He needs a bath but everything is too small.

GRL-F

Fiction Tiny Goes to the Library

Meister, Cari

Tiny likes to go places with this best friend. But when they go to the library, Tiny has to wait outside.

GRL-E

Fiction Tiny the Snow Dog

Meister, Cari

Story of Tiny and his best friend playing in the snow.

GRL-D

Fiction When Tiny was Tiny

Meister, Cari

Sweet, funny story about a very big dog who was once a puppy.

GRL-E

Social Studies Uncle Jed's Barbershop

Mitchell, Margaree King

Told from a young girl's point of view, this gloriously illustrated read-aloud story about dreams and determination takes place in the segregated South. Sarah Jean's uncle is the only black barber in the county and dreams of opening his own barbershop.

GRL-P

Fiction

The Funny Little Woman

Mosel, Arlene

Giggly lady from Japan chases a rolling rice dumpling and is captured by a fearsome oni. 1973 Caldecott Winner

GRL-L

Fiction Paper Bag Princess

Munsch, Robert

The Princess Elizabeth is slated to marry Prince Ronald when a dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps Ronald. In resourceful and humorous fashion, Elizabeth finds the dragon, outsmarts him, and rescues Ronald — who is less than pleased at her un-princess-like appearance.

GRL-K

Fiction If You Give A Pig a Pancake

Numeroff, Laura

If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want syrup to go with it. If you give her some of your favorite maple syrup, she'll probably get all sticky and will want to take a bath...

GRL-G

Fiction Fancy Nancy

O'Connor, Jane

Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy.

GRL-L

Fiction

Recess Queen

O'Neill, Laura

In this sassy playground romp, the irrepressible new kid dethrones the reigning recess bully, Mean Jean the Recess Queen, by doing the unthinkable — she invites her to be her friend!

GRL-L

Fiction Sweet Tooth Palaatini, Margie

Stewart's life is ruled by his sweet tooth. The Tooth, as he calls it, makes its desires for cake and candy known to everyone at the worst times! It makes demands of Stewart at the movies, at weddings, and even during class at school.

GRL-N

Fiction Play Ball ,Amelia Bedelia

Parish, Peggy

Amelia Bedelia stands in for a sick baseball player and the result, as usual is hilarious.

GRL-L

Fiction The Firekeeper's Son

Park, Linda Sue

In Korea in the early 1800s, news from the countryside reached the king by means of signal fires. On one mountaintop after another, a fire was lit when all was well. If the king did not see a fire, that meant trouble, and he would send out his army.

GRL-L

Favorite Authors The Gnats of Knotty Pine

Peet, Bill

The animals of Knotty Pine won't listen to the gnats' suggestion for keeping the hunters away, but learn to appreciate the tiny bugs when they're able to make the hunters "buzz off."

GRL-M

Favorite Authors Thunder Cake Polacco, Patricia

While gathering the ingredients for her grandmother's "thunder cake," a young girl begins to overcome her fear of storms. Recipe for "thunder cake" is included.

GRL-M

Favorite Authors Babushka Baba Yaga

Polacco, Patricia

Living alone and lonely in the woods because of the terrible stories told about her, Baba Yaga yearns for a grandchild to love and sets out to adopt a family of her own in a fable about not judging individuals by their appearance alone.

GRL-M

Math One Duck, Another Duck

Pomerantz, Charlotte

When Danny goes to the pond with his grandmother, he shows her that he can count.

GRL-I

Fiction Ruby the Copycat

Rathman, Peggy

It's the first day of school, and Ruby is new. When her classmate Angela wears a red bow in her hair, Ruby comes back from lunch wearing a red bow, too. When Angela wears a flowered dress, suddenly Ruby's wearing one, too. Fortunately, Ruby's teacher knows a better way to help Ruby fit in — by showing how much fun it is to be herself.

GRL-K

Social Studies Thomas Jefferson

Ribke. Simone

Pictures and easy words tell the story of one of America's presidents.

GRL-N

Read Together First Grade Stinks

Rodman, Mary Ann

On her first day of first grade, Haley discovers that the routines are much different and decidedly less fun than kindergarten. She gets only one recess, no sharing time, a room without the familiar decorations, a teacher who is less demonstrative than her beloved Ms. Lacy, and, worst of all, a read-aloud that isn't even finished.

GRL-N

Super Series

Henry & Mudge Books

Rylant, Cynthia

Easy chapter books about the friendship between a boy named Henry and his dog named Mudge.

GRL-J

Fiction The Great Gracie Chase

Rylant, Cynthia

Gracie Rose has always been a good, quiet puppy, but when she barks at some noisy painters she's put outside. Your child will follow Gracie as she takes a walk around the neighborhood, which turns into a hilarious chase.

GRL-K

Math How Much is a Million?

Schwartz, David M

Author Schwartz, along with illustrator Steven Kellogg, bends over backward to help young readers conceptualize — and more importantly visualize — how much a million actually is.

GRL-K

Fiction

Fiction

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Sciezka, Jon

The wolf tells his never-before-heard version of the familiar tale. Is he the bad guy or was he framed? This story will keep you laughing!

GRL-Q

Fiction A Bad Case of Stripes

Shannon, David

Camilla Cream loves lima beans — but she won't admit it to anyone. The other kids don't like them, and Camilla wants to fit in. "Camilla was always worried about what other people thought of her." But as she tries on her forty-second potential outfit for the first day of school, the unthinkable happens: Camilla breaks out in stripes.

GRL-P

Super Series Nate the Great Books

Sharmat, Mariorie

Nate is a nine-year-old pancake eating detective who solves neighborhood mysteries with the help of his dog Sludge.

GRL-K

Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport

Sharmat, Marjorie

A little boy imaginatively explains why he would rather not move from New York City to "out West".

GRL-J

Fiction The Missing Piece

Silverstein, Shel

"It was missing a piece. And it was not happy, so it set off in search of it's missing piece. And as it rolled it sang this song....Hi-dee-ho, here I go....

GRL-K

Fiction Caps For Sale

Slobodkina, Esphyr

This clever, original folk tale told by internationally renowned artist Esphyr Slobodkina has entertained children for generations. Full of drama, humor, and repetition and illustrated with warmth and wit, *Caps for Sale* begs to be read aloud — and shared again and again.

GRL-K

Fiction Too Many Tamales

Soto, Gary

While helping her parents make the tamales for Christmas dinner, Maria sees her mother set her precious diamond ring to the side. It's so beautiful! And Maria only means to try it on for a minute. Then, all of a sudden, the ring is gone. Does she spy it in the tamale dough?

GRL-M

Read Together Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Steig, William

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

GRL-N

Author Category Title

Read Together Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter

Mufaro has two daughters, the bad-tempered Manyara and the loving Nyasha, who must pass a series of tests in order for one of them to be considered a beautiful and worthy wife for the Great King.

GRL-T

Fiction I Love Mud and Mud Loves Me Stephens, Vicki

Steptoe, John

Sam is always messy, but the mess is to blame, not him. He cleans himself in a bath because he loves his mother.

Fiction Tops and Bottoms Stevens, Janet

Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear in this funny, energetic version of an old slave story. With roots in American slave tales, "Tops & Bottoms" celebrates the trickster tradition of using one's wits to overcome hardship.

Fiction Great Fuzz Frenzy Stevens, Janet

Deep, deep down in their underground town, the prairie dogs live in harmony--until a mysterious, fluorescent, very fuzzy "thing" (otherwise known as a tennis ball) rolls down their hole. When the prairie dogs discover that they can pluck and pull the fuzz into fabulous fashions, their fear quickly turns to curiosity, then delight, then pure greed.

GRL-K

Super Series Black Lagoon Books Thaler, Mike

All outrageously funny tales of how rumors can make a student create a monster of any teacher!

Fiction I'm Hungry Tuer, Judy

The hungry members of the monkey family each prepare something and then decide to have a party.

DK Reader Series Various Authors Nonfiction

Nonfiction book series written by various children's book authors.

Nonfiction National Geographic Series Various Authors

This high interest series of beginning readers features images from National Geographic, acompanied by text written by various children's book authors.

Nonfiction Pebbles Plus Series Various Authors

Nonfiction book series with captivating photographs on a variety of non-fiction topics.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,

Fiction Very Bad Day Viorst, Judith

From the moment Alexander gets up and finds gum in his hair, everything goes wrong!

GRL-L

Read Together

Ira Sleeps Over

Waber, Bernard

Ira is thrilled to spend the night at Reggie's, until his sister raises the guestion of whether he should take his teddy bear.

GRL-L

Math Mouse Count Walsh, Ellen Stoll

A hungry snake counts ten little mice into a jar as he anticipates his dinner. But the clever mice outwit the snake as they count down from ten until they've all gotten away. "

GRL-F

Fiction Scaredy Squirrel

Watt Melanie Scaredy Squirrel has a wonderful, safe life in his tree away from poison ivy, Martians, and spiders. When his emergency kit falls out of

the tree, Scaredy Squirrel tries to catch the kit and discovers that the unknown below is not so scary after all. GRL-L

Author Pigeon Books Willems, Mo.

In wonderfully expressive pictures and text, the pigeon begs to do all kinds of things that he shouldn't do . Very, very fun to read

GRL-J

Author Elephant and Piggy Books Willems, Mo

Yolen, Jane

Great books to read together about the special relationship between friends elephant and piggy.

Fiction Owl Moon

A young girl and her father take a nighttime stroll near the farm where they live to look for owls. It is a beautiful night, a moonlit winter night. Bundled tightly against the cold, they trudge through the pristine snow,

GRL-P