

## **Dream Big – Read! at Charleston County Public Library**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading List**

#### **Almost Zero: A Dyamonde Daniel Book** by Nikki Grimes

Dyamonde is angry at her mother for not buying her the shoes she wants, but when she finds out that a classmate is in a worse situation, she is determined to help.

#### **Ant and the Grasshopper** by Luli Gray

A fresh “seasonal” take on Aesop’s tale, this version gives the old classic a special twist at the end!

#### **Argus** by Michelle Knudsen

Sally’s class is hatching chicks for a science project, but what comes out of Sally’s egg is most definitely not a chick!

#### **Bad Kitty for President** by Nick Bruel

Bad Kitty, who never even registered to vote, is running for president of the Neighborhood Cat Coalition. It comes down to one vote, who will win?

#### **Bink and Gollie** by Kate DiCamillo

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

#### **Breaking Stalin’s Nose** by Eugene Yelchin

Sasha Zaichik is a 10 year old who believes that Communism is the best thing for him and his country. But as things take a turn for the worst, his beliefs may be changed forever.

#### **Cat Diaries: Secret Writings of the MEOW Society** by Betsy Cromer Byars

Cats from around the world convene to share their ancestors’ stories from ancient Egypt onward through history.

#### **Earwig and the Witch** by Diana Wynne Jones

Although an orphan, Earwig has always enjoyed living at St. Morwald's, where she manages to make everyone do her bidding, but when she is taken in by foster parents who are actually a witch and a demon, she has a hard time trying to turn the situation to her advantage.

#### **Felix Takes the Stage** by Kathryn Lasky

Having been discovered, a family of poisonous but friendly brown recluse spiders must flee its cozy home in a symphony hall and go searching for a new place to live. Book 1 in the “Deadlies” series.

#### **The Fourth Stall** by Chris Rylander

Mac and Vince operate a business from an underused school bathroom. They charge schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help in negotiating conflicts peacefully. But who will solve their problems?

#### **Frankly Frannie** by A.J.Stern

Frannie Miller can’t wait to grow up. When she tries to help out while on a school field trip at the local radio station, she gets more than she bargained for.

#### **A Full Moon is Rising: Poems** by Marilyn Singer

This beautiful book of poetry takes the reader on an adventure around the world as people and cultures honor the full moon.

#### **Gooney Bird on the Map** by Lois Lowry

When her second-grade classmates are envious of the three students who are going away on winter vacation, the creative and ingenious Gooney Bird Greene thinks of a geography activity to cheer them all up.

**Guinea Dog** by Patrick Jennings

Rufus has been dreaming of getting a dog. But his dad has a few objections: they whine, they bark, and they drool. Rufus pays no attention when his mom offers her suggestion, because she can't be serious when she actually comes home with a guinea pig.

**Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys** by Bob Raczka

Categorized by season and progressing through the year, these "guyku" poems celebrate the mud of spring, the campfires of summer, the transformation of fall, and the joys of winter, with plenty of laughter thrown in.

**Jeremy Bender vs. the Cupcake Cadets** by Eric Luper

When Jeremy and his best friend, Slater, do major damage to his dad's boat, they decide to enter a model sailboat race to win money for the repairs. The only problem? You must be a Cupcake Cadet (and a girl) to compete. Jeremy and Slater aren't going to let that stop them.

**Labracadabra** by Jessie Nelson

Zach isn't impressed with his new dog, Larry, at first. But once Zach discovers that when Larry twirls his ridiculously long tail - Labracadabra! - amazing things happen.

**Letters to Missy Violet** by Barbara Hathaway

While her friend Missy Violet, the town midwife, is away in Florida, eleven-year-old Viney concerns herself with ailing neighbors, schoolmates, and her irrepressible cousin Charles, who feels superior because he has been to Harlem in New York City.

**Lulu and the Brontosaurus** by Judith Viorst

Lulu is a brat and she's demanding a brontosaurus for her birthday. When she doesn't get her way, she stomps off into the woods to find him, but little does she know that the brontosaurus would like to have her for his pet. It's a battle of wills, but it all works out wonderfully in the end.

**Miss Child Has Gone Wild** by Dan Gutman

A.J. and his fellow third graders from Ella Mentry School go on a field trip to the zoo, where they meet a very strange zookeeper.

**Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet** by Janet Wilson

Young people are doing amazing things for the future of our planet. Here are true stories of kids from around the world who each had an idea that started small and turned into something big.

**Orange Peel's Pocket** by Rose Lewis

Orange Peel was born in China but has lived in America all her life. One day at school her classmates ask her what China is like. Orange Peel has no idea, but she is determined to find out!

**Play, Louis, Play! The True Story of a Boy and his Horn** by , Muriel Harris Weinstein

This is the story about Louis Armstrong's childhood as seen from the perspective of his first horn, which he bought as a young boy with five hard-earned dollars.

**Ruby Lu: Star of the Show** by Lenore Look

Ruby Lu has just started third grade. When her father loses his job many things in her life change. She is willing to do a lot to help out, but giving up some things seems impossible

**Scapegoat: The Story of a Goat Named Oat and a Chewed-Up Coat** by Dean Hale

Poor Jimmy Choat's goat gets blamed for everything! But Patsy the goat knows who is to blame for things going wrong, and she's ready to prove it!

**Super Amoeba** by Jennifer L.Holm,

First book in the graphic novel series, Squish, this is a tale of Squish's attempt to take on a bully after being inspired by his favorite superhero, Super Amoeba.

**The Swamps of Sleethe: Poems From Beyond the Solar System** by Jack Prelutsky

In this hilarious and somewhat creepy book, Jack Prelutsky teaches all about the solar system.

**Ten Rules for Living With My Sister** by Ann M. Martin

Pearl must find a way to share a room with her older sister, Lexie, after their grandfather comes to live with their family.

**The Tree That Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science and Imagination** by Mary Ann Hoberman

This is an anthology of more than 100 poems celebrating the wonders of the natural world and encouraging environmental awareness.

**Uncle Pirate to the Rescue** by Douglas Rees

When you have a mom who bakes "Bad News Pie" and an uncle named, Captain Desperate Evil Wicked Bob, adventures are sure to abound!

**What Color is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors** by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

This beautifully illustrated book follows twins Herbie and Ella as they learn the amazing stories of inventors whose inventions affect our lives every day.

**Whatever Happened to the Pony Express?** by Verla Kay

The Pony Express cut the time in half that it took to get a letter across the country, but only lasted a year and a half when new technologies could move the mail faster.

**Who Wants to Play Just for Kicks?** by Chris Kreie

It's spring break and Josh's friends are spending their free time on the soccer field. Josh isn't catching onto the sport, and he starts wondering, "Who wants to play just for kicks?" Will Josh learn that sometimes it's okay to play just for fun?

**Why I Quit Zombie School** by R.L. Stine

When Matt's parents send him to a strange boarding school, where the students move at a dead-slow pace, he begins to suspect he has been enrolled in a school for zombies.

**Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off** by Jacqueline Jules

Freddie Ramos finds a mysterious box outside of his apartment with a pair of shoes in it. Amazingly, these shoes give Freddie powers to run faster than a train!

**The Zoo With the Empty Cage** by Steven Brezenoff

Egg is excited about the Science Club's field trip to the zoo because they will get to see rare display of island foxes. But when the club arrives, they learn that the foxes have been nabbed! Can Egg and his friends find the foxes?

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