The St. Paul's 2019 Summer Reading List for students entering Grade 3 contains new and popular book suggestions. The books were chosen to reflect student and family interest, upcoming curriculum and to highlight interesting new titles and releases by popular authors. I encourage families to support daily reading throughout the summer whenever possible. All of the titles in the list can be found through new and used booksellers and some are in e-book format. Many of these books can be checked-out from your local public library. Public libraries are fantastic resources for summer reading and most public libraries sponsor generous summer reading programs. I hope you enjoy summer and that you come back with 3 or more book recommendations for the library and your classmates! Happy Reading!  -- Ms. Cosgrove
**Nonfiction – Biographies and History**


Benney, James. *Native American Indian Sites in the East Bay Hills: A Guidebook.* Orinda, CA: Rocky Ridge Publications, 2006. This is a local practical guide to archeological evidence of Native American inhabitants (including Ohlone) from up to 10,000 years ago. This guide for East Bay exploration includes maps and directions for locating these sometimes untouched areas.

Cornell, Karl. *Minecraft Creator Markus “Notch” Persson (STEAM Trailblazer Bios).* Minneapolis, Lerner Publications, 2016. "Markus Persson designed his first computer game when he was just eight years old. Learn how Persson's love of computers and design helped him [make] the popular video game Minecraft"—Provided by publisher.


Gutman, Dan. *My Weird School Fast Facts (Series): Explorers, Presidents and Toilets.* New York: Harper, released June 20, 2017. This new series by the very popular author Dan Gutman answers the questions that many kids wonder about. Other volumes include *Space, Humans and Farts, Geography, Sports* and more.


Perritano, John. *The Transcontinental Railroad (True Book Series).* New York: Children’s Press, 2010. Explores the challenges faced during the construction of the transcontinental...
railroad, covering topics such as the impact of the Civil War, on Native Americans, and the establishment of railroad towns, with photos, illustrations, a timeline, and statistics.


Wilson, Jamia. *Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present.* Minneapolis, MN: Wide Eyed Editions, 2018. This book brings together 52 iconic talents from the past and present and celebrates their inspirational achievements. Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and sporting heroes, including Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams.

**Informational Books and Activities**


Ball, Johnny. *Go Figure!* London: DK, 2005. Presents a collection of math activities that include brainteasers, magic tricks, and mind-reading games.

Bash, Barbara. *Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City.* Boston: Sierra Club/Little Brown, 1990. Describes the birds that make their homes in the heart of the city and examines how they have adjusted to such a harsh urban environment.


reading about how you can make a difference with scientific observation and research. Text, tips, and photographs explain how to observe and gather data about backyard insects and animals.


*Everything You Need to Know About Birds.* New York: DK, 2016. Photographs and text provide an overview of birds, with information on their habitat, behavior, physical characteristics, diet, and breeding habits.

Gabrielson, Curt. *Stomp Rockets, Catapults, and Kaleidoscopes: 30+ Amazing Science Projects You Can Build for Less Than $1.* Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2008. Written as curriculum to use in schools, this book scaffolds super-cool science projects about electricity, mechanics, lighting and more -- they can be done at home, but need adult supervision or clearance to conduct the projects.


Koll, Hilary. *Design a Skyscraper (You Do the Math Series).* Irvine, CA: QEB Pub. 2015. Examines the importance of math in the design of a skyscraper, and uses that format to foster an understanding of tables, graphs, multiplication, and decimals.

Levy, Joel. *Not For Parents: How to be a World Explorer: Your All-terrain Training Manual.* Footscray, Vi: Lonely Planet, 2012. Not really a travel guide, but an interesting fact-filled source for information about various places around the world. The book is organized by biomes, and includes fascinating aspects to an area as well as practical and educational traveling tips. Great for readers of nonfiction informational books and Ripley's Believe it or Not (without the shock photos!).
**Math for Minecrafters: Adventures in Addition & Subtraction.** New York: Sky Pony Press, 2017. There are many summer workbooks for kids to use for math practice. This one covers the basics, but is a Minecraft-themed workbook that provides practice with addition and subtraction.

Overdeck, Laura. *How Many Guinea Pigs Can Fit on a Plane? Answers to Your Most Clever Math Questions (Bedtime Math Series).* New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Answers to unusual questions, using mathematics. First two questions, as examples: How many birds would it take to pick you up and fly with you?; and, How many bees does it take to make one jar of honey?


Reyes, Melissa. *I Am Sausal Creek/Soy El Arroyo Sausal.* Oakland: Nomadic Press, 2015. Learn about this local waterway from 300 years ago to today including the history of the East Bay and Ohlone people. In English and Spanish.


Savage, Jeff. *Baseball Super Stats (Pro Sports State Series).* Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2018. Takes sports fans on a fun tour through the past and present of professional baseball through the lens of statistics. Answers popular questions and baseball statistics within the three eras of baseball. Reader gets experience with graphs as a way to illustrate data.


Stead, Emily. *FIFA Women’s World Cup France 2019.* Carlton Kids, 2019. The official handbook of the 2019 Women’s World Cup in Lyon France will delight soccer enthusiasts this summer by providing intel on teams, stars and the tournament rules.

Tyson, Neil deGrasse. *Star Talk: Everything You Need to Know About Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe and Beyond.* Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2016. Though this book is written for an adult audience, many entering 3rd grade students love flipping through nonfiction science books. Tyson shares facts about a variety of topics from this Star Talk podcast, including cosmology, outer space, earth science, human beings, science fiction, and more.

**Fantasy, Mystery and Science Fiction**

Abbot, Tony. *The Battle Begins (Underworlds Series).* New York, Scholastic, 2011. Owen Brown, a fourth grader, sets out to find his best friend Dana after she disappears through the floor of the school to a world ruled by mythological Gods and creatures. This is book one of the four book series.
Angleberger, Tom. *Fuzzy.* New York: Amulet, 2016. When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

Applegate, Katherine. *The Last (Endling Series Book 1).* New York: HarperCollins, 2018. From the remarkable author of *The One and Only Ivan* comes a new series in time for summer. Byx, the last of the dairnes, sets out to find others of her kind and along the way meets new allies. The group soon uncovers a secret that threatens the lives of every creature in their world. Book 2, *Endling: The First* was released this month.

Barrows, Annie. *The Magic Half.* New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2008. Fans of Annie Barrows can try a different genre from *Ivy & Bean:* Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day. A sequel, *Magic in the Mixi* is available.

Bass, Patrick Henry. *The Zero Degree Zombie Zone.* New York: Scholastic, 2014. Fourth-grader Bakari Katari Johnson is having a really bad day--class bullies Tariq and Keisha are mad at him, his best friend Wardell has nominated him for hall monitor, a pack of ice zombies from a frozen world are demanding he return the magic ring that Keisha has, and somehow he has to find a way to save the school.

Blade, Adam. *Cephalox: The Cyber Squid (Deep Dive Series Book 1).* New York: Scholastic, 2012. Max and his robodog Rivet attempt to rescue Max's kidnapped father from a giant cyber squid, and on the way they encounter Lia, princess of the underwater Merryns, on her quest to recover the magical items stolen from her people.


Brezenoff, Steven. *The Ballgame with No One at Bat (Field Trip Mysteries).* North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2014. Edward "Egg" Garrison and his friends are on a field trip to watch the local minor league baseball team, but a theft at the concession stand is delaying the game, so the four sixth-grade detectives decide to investigate.

Colfer, Chris. *The Wishing Spell (The Land of Stories Series Book 1-6).* New York: Little, Brown, 2013. This popular but hefty series introduces two twins who find themselves traveling to the land where fairy tale characters live.


Cummings, Troy. *Brute-Cake. (The Binder of Doom Series Book 1).* New York: Scholastic, 2019. "It has been several months since monsters last plagued the town of Stermont in
the Quest for Doom Series. So, when Alexander’s father signs him up for a summer maker program at the library he is happy to go--but soon he starts finding weird old-timey objects, and monster trading cards, and it starts to look like maybe monsters are back in town.

Dahl, Roald. *The Magic Finger*. New York: Puffin, 1993. In one of the Dahl books that has not been turned into a movie, a little girl turns her magic finger on her neighbors for sports hunting.


Griffin, Sammy. *Mighty Meg and the Magic Ring Series Book 1*. New York: Little Bee Books, 2019. Eight-year-old Meg's life is turned upside-down when the ring she received from her Aunt Nikki, an archaeologist, gives her superpowers.


Holub, Joan. *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training Book 1)*. New York: Aladdin, 2012. Ten-year-old Zeus, irritated that he keeps getting struck by lightning, discovers a magical thunderbolt embedded in a stone and embarks on the adventure of a lifetime when he is attacked by the Titans, who have been kidnapping other Olympian children with powers comparable to Zeus's.

Hunter, Erin. *Into the Wild* (*Warriors Series Book 1*). New York: Avon, 2003. Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan. The *Warriors* is a popular industry of books: four book series, three super editions, three guides and a manga series.


Lasky, Kathryn. *Lone Wolf (Wolves of the Beyond Series Book 1)*. New York: Scholastic, 2010. Abandoned by his pack, a baby wolf with a mysterious mark on his deformed paw survives and embarks on a journey that will change the world of the wolves of the Beyond.

Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to Silver*. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2017. In this third fairytale by Lin, author of *When the Mountain Meets the Moon*, Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor.

Luper, Eric. *The Moonstone Mystery (Key Hunters Series Book 1).* New York: Scholastic, 2016. Neither Cleo nor Evan like the new school librarian, Ms. Crowley, but they are very curious about where she disappears to at the back of the library, so one day they follow her—and find a secret door, a magical library full of locked books, and a letter from the previous librarian telling them that she is trapped somewhere between the covers of one of the enchanted books, and they must travel through the stories in order to save her.

Meadows. Daisy * (Magic Animal Friends Series).* New York: Scholastic, various years. For those who like the plot from *Rainbow Magic Fairies*, but want to read animal fiction, here is your choice. Author Meadows applies the same plot structure, this time with two girls who meet magical animals.

Messner, Kate. *Keepers of the Lost Cities (Series).* New York: Aladdin, 2013–. Right now, this is the most popular series in the library and is a highly sought after action/adventure/fantasy. While folks are waiting for Book 8 (to be released in November), catch up with the story of twelve-year-old Sophie who discovers the abilities that have always caused her to stand out are because she is actually an elf and, learns she must harbor secret secrets that others would kill to learn.

Montijo, Rhode. *Popped Star (Gumazing Gum Girl Series Book 3).* Los Angeles: Disney-Hyperion, 2018. As Gabby Gomez is trying to tell her family she is Gum Girl, she encounters Ninja-Rina, a masked ballerina for whom no crime is "tutu" big.


Patterson, James. *House of Robots (Series).* New York: Little Brown, 2015. Fifth-grader Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez struggles to fit in when his inventor mother requires him to take her latest robot creation to school with him.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief. (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Book Book 1).* New York: Miramax Books/Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 2005. Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. This is Rick Riordan’s first series based on mythology and they are for higher reading level grades 4.5 and above.

Sobol, David J. *Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Soccer Scheme (Series).* New York: Puffin Books, 2013. Idaville's secret weapon against lawbreakers, ten-year-old Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown, helps the police force solve ten new cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book.
Stilton, Geronimo. *The Test of Time (Geronimo Stilton Series Book 6).* New York: Scholastic, 2016. Geronimo Stilton tries to return historical friends (including a triceratops) to their rightful place in time, but can the new machine work out its bugs and succeed?

Stilton, Thea. *Thea Stilton and the Secret of the Treasure Seekers (Book 1).* New York: Scholastic, 2019. A new Thea Stilton series released February 2019 - On summer vacation in Scotland, the Thea sisters are intrigued by a tapestry that is really a treasure map supposedly leading to where an ancient treasure is buried. They set out to find the treasure using the explorer's diary as a guide.

Sutherland, Tui. *The Poison Jungle (Wings of Fire Series Book 13).* New York: Scholastic, July 30th. In one of the biggest releases of the summer: Sundew and the Leafwings must unearth the oldest secret in the jungle—even if what they find has the power to destroy them all. If you are starting with the first book of this series it is *The Dragonet Prophecy (Wings of Fire Series Book 1).* Clay and the other four MudWing dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs and hidden for years in order to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war between the dragon tribes, but not all of the dragonets want their destiny.

West, Kara. *Mia Mayhem (Series Book 1).* New York: Little Simon, 2018. In this first book of a new series - eight-year-old Mia is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam.

West, Tracey. *Eye of the EarthquakeDragon (Dragon Masters Series Book 13).* New York: Scholastic, 2018. The Dark Wizard has control of the earthquake Dragon causing terrible earthquakes. Can he be stopped? Start with Book 1 if this series is new for you.

**Realistic Fiction and Humorous Stories**

Barnes, Derrick. *Ruby Flips for Attention (Ruby and the Booker Boys Series Book 4).* New York: Scholastic, 2009. Ruby an attention-seeker, decides to try to copy the moves she saw at her cousin's cheerleading competition, but she only succeeds in breaking her arm which is placed in a hot pink cast that, ironically, brings her a lot of attention.

Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two (Series).* Next to Mo Willems, Mac Barnett is the post popular picture book author/illustrator (*Rules of the House; Guess Again!*). He brings his terrific sense of humor to this chapter book series about two trouble-maker boys who become great friends.

Beatty, Andrea. *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants (The Questioneers Book 2).* New York: Amulet, 2019. When Rosie Revere's Uncle Ned gets a little carried away wearing his famous helium pants, it's up to Ada and friends to chase him down.


Booth, Coe. *Kinda Like Brothers.* New York: Scholastic, 2014. Popular Young Adult author Booth writes this middle grade fiction about Jarrett is forced to share his room and his friends with the his twelve-year old foster brother.


Creel, Ann Howard. *Nicki (American Girl of the Year)*. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 2007. When ten-year-old Nicki Fleming, who is a natural with animals, volunteers to help her mother train a service dog, she doesn't realize how much responsibility she’s taking on and how much she'll have to give up along the way.


Dominguez, Angela. *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say*. New York: roaring Brook Press, 2018. Stella’s story includes real life challenges like her parents’ divorce, her green card status and emerging ability with speaking English and Spanish. Stella loves ocean animals and her best friend Jenny, but when Jenny is assigned to a different class this year, she finds she can still make friends and believe in herself.

Draper, Sharon M. *The Birthday Storm (Sassy Series Book 2)*. New York: Scholastic, 2009. Sassy and her family go to Florida during summer vacation to visit Grammy for her birthday, and when the weather takes a turn for the worse, Sassy learns that love is more important than decorations and caterers.

Draper, Sharon M. *The Space Mission Adventure (The Clubhouse Mysteries series)*. New York: Aladdin, 2006. Ziggy and the other members of the Black Dinosaurs go to Space Camp where they learn about the space program and speculate about the existence of extraterrestrial beings.

English, Karen. *Dog Days (Carver Chronicles, Book 1)*. Boston: Clarion Bks., 2013. Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

English, Karen. *Nikki & Deja (Series Book 1)*. Boston: Sandpiper, 2010. When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expect.


Grimes, Nikki. *Halfway to Perfect: A Dyamonde Daniel Book (Series)*. New York: BP Putnam's Sons, 2018. Dyamonde and her friends love eating, but when a group of girls start talking about...
other people’s weight, Damaris becomes withdrawn and shy. Dyamonde helps support her friend and together they work on healthy eating and self-acceptance.

Gutman, Dan. *Mr. Will Needs to Chill (My Weirdest School Series)*. New York: Scholastic, 2018. The ice cream truck comes to Ella Mentry School, but there are no desserts allowed on campus. Will Mr. Will find a way to keep the students happy with their favorite icy treats?


Jules, Jacqueline. *My Vida Loca (Sofia Martinez Series)*. North Mankato, MN: 2015. Fans will want to read about Sofia’s adventures and disasters as they continue in this compilation of three previously published books. Or, try the newest Sofia Martinez book: *Hector’s Hiccups*.


Klimo, Kate. *Sunny (Dog Diaries Series)*. New York: Random House, 2019. Book number 14 will be out July 23rd. This time our historical dog of note was a passenger on the Titanic.


Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones - Rock Star (Series Book 1)*. New York: Penguin, 2017. Collecting rocks and minerals was a passion for Jada and her best friend. Now her friend has moved and Jada’s needs a new collecting partner for the science fair. Will she also collect a new friend?

McDonald, Megan. *The Big Bad Blackout (Judy Moody and Stink)*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014. As Hurricane Elmer hits, Judy, Stink, and the entire Moody clan hunker down and ride out the storm, but when the power goes out, Grandma Lou proposes some activities to pass the time in the dark.


Miles, Ellen. *Sugar, Gummi and Lollipop (The Puppy Place Series Book 40)*. New York: Scholastic, 2016. While on vacation, Lizzie and her best friend Maria come across a box containing three puggle pups and the girls set out to find the cute puppies a forever home.

Montes, Marisa. *Who’s That Girl (Get Ready for Gabi! Series)*. New York: Scholastic, 2003. Gabí is delighted when a girl her age moves into her northern California neighborhood, but Lizzie's secretiveness, as well as her bullying twin brothers, threaten their new friendship.
O'neal, Shaquille. *Little Shaq: Star of the Week (Series).* New York: Bloomsbury, 2017. When Little Shaq is chosen as his class's Star of the Week, he's sure it's his moment to prove to his parents that he is responsible enough to get a kitten.

Peirce, Lincoln. *Big Nate Blasts Off (Series Book 8).* New York: Balzer + Bray, 2016. After his fight with Randy Betancourt makes headlines in the school paper, Big Nate has a problem worse than detention on his hands.


Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine and the Spring Trip (Series Book 6).* New York: Disney Hyperion Books, 2013. Third-grader Clementine's school field trip to Plimoth Plantation leads to all kind of discoveries, from fourth grade eating rules to the source of the stink on the bus.

Quintero, Isabel. *Ugly Cat & Pablo (Series Book 1).* New York: Scholastic, 2017. Ugly Cat and Pablo couldn't be more different, but when these two mejor amigos come together, there are loads of laughs, slithery misunderstandings, and tasty treats"--Provided by publisher.


Simon, Coco. *Alexis Cool as a Cupcake (Cupcake Diaries Series Book 8).* New York: Simon Spotlight, 2012. Alexis Becker, who handles the financial and organizational side of the Cupcake Club, decides to take a break from her responsibilities and really wants to ask Matt to be her date to the pep rally parade.

Smith, Clete Barrett. *Aliens On Vacation.* New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2011. Scrub arrives at his grandmother's Washington bed-and-breakfast only to discover she has opened the doors to aliens that arrive through off-Earth portals, and he must decide what to do when the local sheriff, already suspicious of Granny, notices some of the kids Scrub is chaperoning at a campout glow in the dark.

Smith, Ronald. *Black Panther: The Young Prince.* Los Angeles: Marvel, 2018. T’Challa and his friend are sent by his father to attend middle school in Chicago. There is must protect his true identify, even though he uncovers a source of evil magic.


Warner, Sally. *EllRay Jakes Stands Tall!* (Series) New York: Puffin Books 2016. Third grader EllRay Jakes, the shortest kid in class and still chosen last at recess, hones his basketball skills with Mr. Havens and earns the respect of his third-grade classmates.

Wayans, Kim. *All Mixed-Up! (Amy Hodgepodge Series Book 1).* New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2008. Attending a "regular" school for the first time, former homeschooler Amy, whose family is racially mixed, meets new friends who celebrate their differences and include Amy in their song and dance routine for the upcoming talent show.


Wight, Eric. *Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom.* New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.


Sports Fiction


Barber, Tiki. *Kickoff!* New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2007. Twelve-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high football team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.

Christopher, Matt. *The Captain Contest (Matt Christopher Soccer Cats series).* New York: Little Brown, 1999. Dewey loves to draw and wants to enter the soccer team logo contest, but he does not want to win the grand prize--being team captain.


balance beam after a routine in which she forgot to control her super strength and broke the beam in half.

Kelly, David. *The Basketball Blowout (MVP Series #4)*. New York: Random House, 2017. The MVP Club need to raise money for their basketball tournament. At first, they think selling popcorn will be easy ... but not when Luke eats more popcorn than he sells! Plus there’s a new kid at school who might need the money even more than the team does

Kelly, David. *The San Francisco Splash (Ballpark Mysteries Book 7)*. New York: Random House, 2013. While they are kayaking outside the San Francisco Giants’ ballpark, Mike and Kate rescue an old ballplayer who has fallen overboard and discover his World Series ring is missing–

Maddox, Jake. *Soccer Surprise (Jake Maddox Sports Series)*. Minneapolis, MA: Stone Arch Books, 2008. Alex has just moved and joined a new soccer team, where she is has to play a different position, and when her error leads to the team’s first loss she has to learn to put aside her pride and put the team first.


Robinson, Sharon. *Slam Dunk!* New York: Scholastic, 2007. At Harlem's Langston Hughes Middle School, eleven-year-old Elijah "Jumper" Breeze and his friends compete against Nia and her girlfriends on the basketball court, in a video dance tournament, and for a student council seat.

*Sports Illustrated Kids Victory School Superstars (Various Titles, Authors and Publication Years).* Minneapolis: Stone Arch Books. This friendly illustrated format features engrossing sports fiction at reading levels J-M. They are popular light reading for many students.

Stoudemire, Amar'e. *Home Court (STAT book 1)* New York: Scholastic Press, 2012. Between sports, school, and working for his father, eleven-year-old Amar'e's life is full and he is not yet ready to concentrate on basketball--but when a group of older boys start hogging the local basketball court he knows that he has to do something to help his friends.

**Comics and Graphic Novels**

Aguirre, Jorge. *Giants Beware! (Series)* New York: first Second, 2012. Claudette wants nothing more than to slay a giant but her little village is too safe and quiet.

Beauregard, Lynda. *The Great Space Case (Summer Camp Science Mysteries Series)*. Minneapolis: Graphic Universe, 2013. Angie and the Astro Explorers compete to be the first team to answer three astronomy riddles and attend the "big event."


Fuji, Hideaki. LBX, Little Battlers Experience (Series 1-6). San Francisco: Viz media, 2014 Van Yamano loves Little Battlers eXperience, also known as LBXs, the hot toy of the future in present day 2050. And it's kind of cool that his dad invented them! But when the plane his dad is on goes down, everything goes wrong for Van. Until he starts getting hints that his dad may be still alive...and that a secret organization is coming after Van to procure the secrets that might be hidden inside his own LBX robot.

Guibert, Emmanuel. Ariol. New York: Papercutz, 2014. The latest from the French graphic novel author of Sardine in Outer Space follows the adventures of a blue donkey named Ariol, who lives with his parents in the suburbs, as well as a host of other animal friends and teachers.

Hatke, Ben. Legends of Zita the Spacegirl. New York: First Second, 2012. Zita is determined to find her way home to Earth, but her exploits have made her an intergalactic megastar, and as her true self is eclipsed by her public persona, she faces a robot doppelganger, unsure of whom she can trust.

Johnson, Cathy G. The Breakaways. New York: First Second, 2019. Faith, an introverted fifth grader with a vivid imagination, starts middle school worrying about how she will fit in. She is convinced to join the school soccer team, the Bloodhounds. Having never played soccer in her life, Faith ends up on the C team, a ragtag group with a tendency for drama over teamwork. Despite their losing streak, Faith and her fellow teammates form strong bonds both on and off the soccer field, which challenge their notions of loyalty, identity, friendship, and unity.

Kibuishi, Kazu, Editor. Explorer: The Hidden Doors. New York: Amulet Books, 2014. While you are waiting for the 8th Amulet to be released in September, try the Explorer anthologies of short graphic works by such artists as Kazu Kibuishi, Jason Caffoe, and Jen Wang, all on the theme of hidden doors. The Hidden Doors is the fourth in the series.


Konami, Kanata. – Fuku Fuku Kitten Tales (Series). New York: Vertical, 2017. Fans of Chi’s Sweet Home will love this new series about mischievous kitten and her owner.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. Lunch Lady and the Mutant Mathletes. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. For having skipped the school field trip, Dee, Hector, and Terrence must join the mathletes team but as they are poised to beat the undefeated champions, secret crime fighter Lunch Lady discovers something strange about the opposing team.

Miyazaki, Hayao. *Kiki’s Delivery Service Picture Book*. San Francisco: Viz Mediz, 1989. Kiki’s quest to become a real witch takes a bizarre turn when her magical abilities begin to disappear, leaving Kiki unable to communicate with her cat or fly on her broomstick.

Monster, Ste. *Minecraft (Graphic Novel Series Book 1)*. Milwaukie, OR: Dark Horse Books, 2019. The first book in a new series! Tyler, along with Evan, Candace, Tobi, and Grace have been going on countless Minecraft adventures together across the Overworld and are in need of a challenge - face off against the ender dragon!"


Peirce, Lincoln. *Big Nate Revenge of the Creampuffs*. Boston: Andrews McMeel, 2016. Nate and his baseball team are mocked by their opponents – can one of them save the day?

Pilkey, Dav. *Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas (Series Book 5)*. New York: Graphix, August 28, 2018. After Capt. Underpants, George and Harold create a new hero. The newest Dogman won’t be out until August 28th, but it can be a nice back-to-school surprise.

Santat, Dan. *Sidekicks*. New York: A.A. Levine, 2011. Captain Amazing tries to hire a new sidekick when he feels he is getting too old to be a reliable superhero, but his pets have different ideas.


Smith, Jeff. *Out From Boneville (Bone Series Book 1)*. New York: Graphix, 2005. Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of their home, Boneville, and become separated in the wilds, but better fortune begins when the three cousins reunite at a farmstead in a deep forested valley, where Fone meets a young girl named Thorn. For those who have read the *Bone* series, try *Quest for the Spark* by Tom Sniegoski with art by Jeff Smith.

Winick, Judd. *Hilo (Series)*. New York: Random House, 2015-2018. Local creator Winick’s colorful series about a mysterious boy falls from the sky, makes friends as they work to save the world.

**Bilingual and Libros Traducida en Español**


DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora y Ulises: Las Aventuras Iluminadas.* Barcelona: Grantravesia, 2014. Una chica llamada Flora y una ardilla llamado Ulises, cuya vida fue salvada por Flora después de que él estaba involucrado en un incidente con una aspiradora, se unen para utilizar potencias de Ulises a la conquista de villanos y proteger a los débiles


Pilkey, Dav. *Las aventuras de Súper pañal del bebé.* Amigos incontenible George y Harold crear un nuevo superhéroe de cómic, super pañal de bebé.


Willems, Mo. *¡Estamos en un Libro!.* New York: Disney, 2015. Cerdita se da cuenta de que ella y el Elefante se encuentran en un libro y que ella puede hacer que el lector diga palabras.