



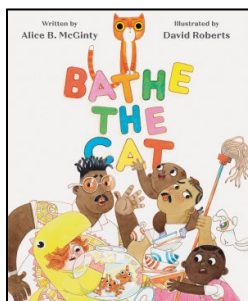
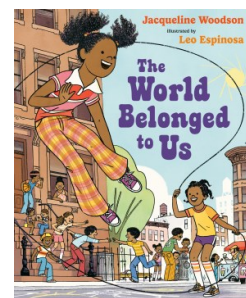
BHMS SUMMER READING 2022 Lower School

Picture Books

The World Belonged to Us

Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Leo Espinosa

It's getting hot outside, hot enough to turn on the hydrants and run through the water--and that means it's finally summer in the city! Released from school and reveling in their freedom, the kids on one Brooklyn block take advantage of everything summertime has to offer.



Bathe the Cat

Alice B. McGinty, Alice B; illustrated by David Roberts

Dad has posted a list of chores for the family to do before grandma comes, including bathing the cat; but the cat does not want a bath, so she mixes up the instructions, and soon the family is mowing the floor, vacuuming the lawn, mopping the baby--and the house is in chaos.

Little Witch Hazel: A Year in the Forest

Phoebe Wahl

A tiny witch learns life's lessons, involving adventure, friendship, nature, and community, in each of the four seasons.

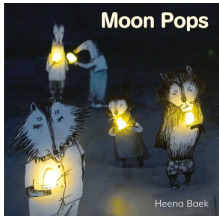


It Fell from the Sky

Terry Fan and Eric Fan

A colorful wonder falls from the sky into a garden. A greedy spider takes the opportunity to charge a fee to see it.





Moon Pops

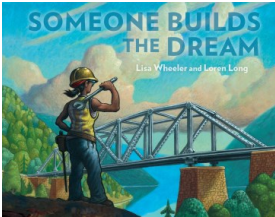
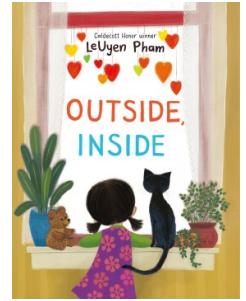
Heena Baek, translated from the Korean by Jiuen Kiaer

In this Korean fairy tale, Granny shares the drops of the moon with neighbors and helps homeless bunnies in the sweltering heat.

Outside, Inside

LeUyen Pham

Poignant illustrations and soothing rhythmic language reflect on acts of humanity during pandemic times.



Someone Builds the Dream

Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Loren Long

Shows the crucial role skilled workers play in executing the ideas of scientists, engineers, authors, illustrators, and other initial creators.

Tag Team (El Toro & Friends series)

Raúl the Third

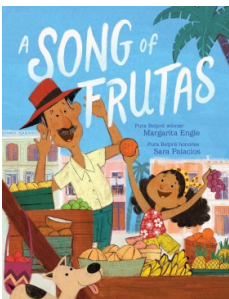
Quirky characters and dynamic comic-style illustrations evoke the world of lucha libre wrestling, while subtly promoting self-confidence and teamwork.



Bearnard Writes a Story

Deborah Underwood; illustrated by our very own Misa Saburi!

In Bearnard Writes a Book, the hilarious follow up to writer Deborah Underwood and illustrator Misa Saburi's Bearnard's Book, Bearnard decides to write a book for his best friend.



A Song of Frutas

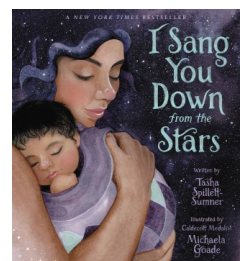
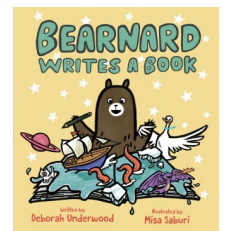
Margarita Engle, illustrated by Sara Palacios

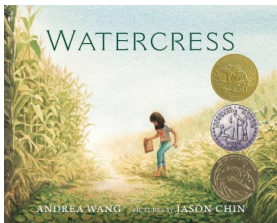
A Cuban American girl helps her grandfather sell fruit in the streets of Havana and wishes that travel restrictions between countries will end.

I Sang You Down from the Stars

Tasha Spillett Sumner, illustrated by Michaela Goade

A mother welcomes her baby to the world with a bundle of sacred gifts, following Native American cultural traditions.





Watercress

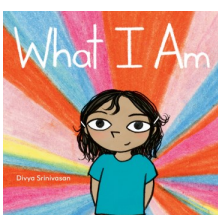
Andrea Wang, illustrated by Jason Chin

A Chinese American girl, angry and embarrassed when her immigrant parents gather watercress from a roadside ditch, learns why it is important to them

Our Planet: There's No Place Like Earth

Stacy McAnulty; illustrated by David Litchfield

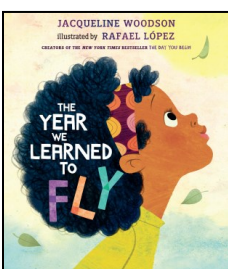
Meet Earth. Planet Awesome! And your awesome home! Actually, Earth is home to all the plants and all the animals in the solar system, including nearly eight billion people. Humans have accidentally moved Earth's climate change into the fast lane, and she needs your help to put on the brakes. Earthlings need Earth, and Earth needs Earthlings, so let's save Earth together!



What I Am

Divya Srinivasan

Surrounded by a loving Indian American family, a young girl describes the complex, sometimes conflicting qualities that make her unique.



The Year We Learned to Fly

Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Rafael Lopez

By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, siblings discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.

We Are Water Protectors

Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all . . .

When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.



The First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story

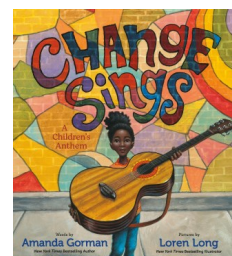
Suzanne Greenlaw and Gabriel Fry, illustrated by Nancy Baker

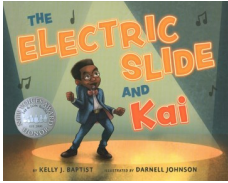
A grandmother and her grandchild harvest sweetgrass for basket making, honoring Native American traditional practices.

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem

Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Loren Long

Lyrical language and detailed, colorful illustrations of diverse children encourage young readers to embrace change in themselves and their community.





The Electric Slide and Kai

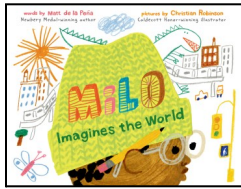
Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson

Multigenerational African American families experience joy and dance moves together.

The Bad Chair

Dasha Tolstikova

Every evening before brushing their teeth and getting ready for bed, Vivi and Monkey play the game: Monkey hides under a sheet, and Vivi pretends to look for him. Chair wishes more than anything that he could play, too.



Milo Imagines the World

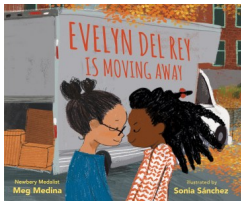
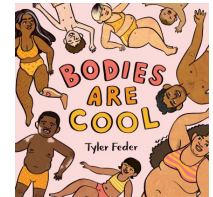
Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

While riding the subway to visit his mother, Milo observes other passengers and speculates about their lives.

Bodies Are Cool

Tyler Feder

Celebrates bodies of all shapes, sizes, ages, and colors, with different kinds of hair, eyes, spots, scars, and more.



Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away

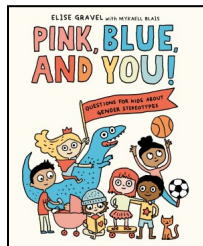
Meg Medina; illustrated by Sonia Sanchez

Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend. They do everything together and even live in twin apartments across the street from each other: Daniela with her mami and hamster, and Evelyn with her mami, papi, and cat. But not after today--not after Evelyn moves away.

Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator

By Sarah C. Campbell, Richard P. Campbell (Illustrator)

An exciting nonfiction look at the carnivorous wolfsnail trapping and devouring its victim.



Pink Blue and You

Elise Gravel

Simple, accessible, and direct, this picture book is perfect for kids and parents or teachers to read together, opening the door to conversations about gender stereotypes and everyone's right to be their true selves.

Our Skin: First Conversation about Race

Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli, illustrated by Isabel Roxas

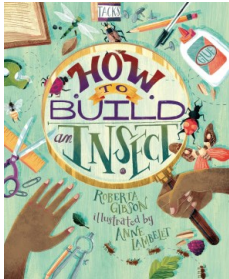
A child-friendly guide about how skin color plays an important role in who we are.



How to Build an Insect

Roberta Gibson, illustrated by Anne Lambelet

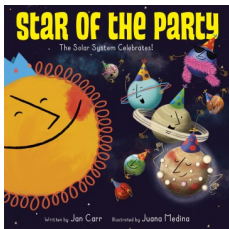
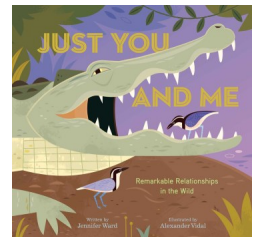
The body parts of an insect are assembled to create a model. The function of each is explained and compared to an anatomical feature of humans. Exquisitely detailed illustrations.



Just You and Me: Remarkable Relationships in the Wild

Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Alexander Vidal

Poetic text and attractive stylized illustrations demonstrate the symbiotic relationships of many wild creatures.



Star of the Party: The Solar System Celebrates!

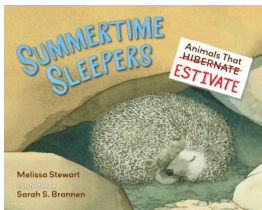
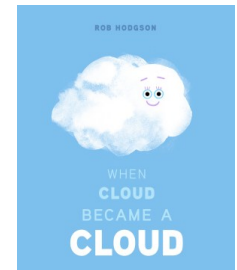
Jan Carr, illustrated by Juana Medina

The planets' witty banter as they plan for Sun's 2.6 billionth birthday while orbiting in party attire is studded with stellar and planetary facts.

When Cloud Became a Cloud

Rob Hodgson

A lighthearted account of the water cycle from lake to sky and from drizzle to snow to thunderstorm.



Summertime Sleepers: Animals that Estivate

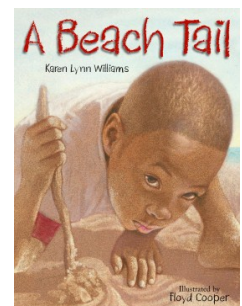
Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen

Realistic watercolors on double-page spreads with informational inserts introduce animals who slumber through hot dry weather.

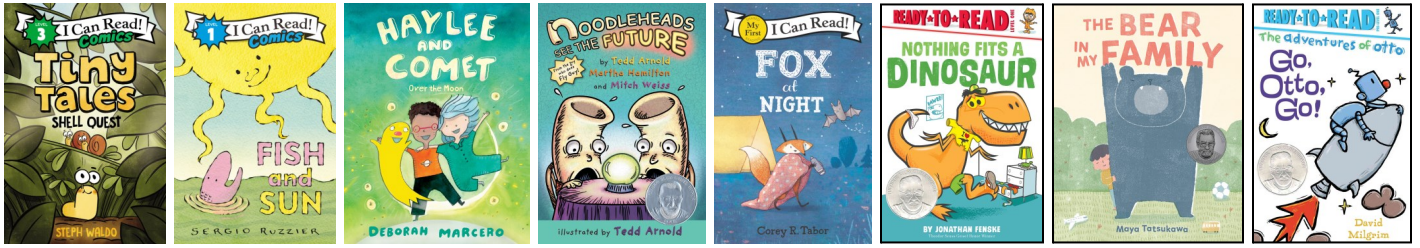
A Beach Tail

Karen Lynn Williams; illustrated by Floyd Cooper

How will Gregory find his way back to Dad? Swish-swoosh. . . Gregory draws a lion in the sand. "Don't go in the water, and don't leave Sandy," warns Dad. But the sandy lion grows a tail that gets longer and longer--and soon Gregory is lost on the beach.



Beginning to Read



Tiny Tales: Shell Quest

Steph Waldo

Fish and Sun

Sergio Ruzzier

Haylee and Comet

Deborah Marcero

Go, Otto, Go!

David Milgrim

The Bear in My Family

Maya Tatsukawa

Beak & Ally #1: Unlikely Friends

Norm Feuti

Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot!

Cece Bell

Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!

J.E. Morris

Fox the Tiger

Corey R. Tabor

I Hop

Joe Cepeda

What About Worms!?

Ryan T. Higgins

Noodleheads See the Future

Tedd Arnold

Fox at Night

Corey R. Tabor

Nothing Fits a Dinosaur

Jonathan Fenske

Where's Baby?

Anne Hunter

Penny and Her Marble

Kevin Henkes

A Pig, a Fox, and a Box

Jonathan Fenske

See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog

David LaRochelle

Ty's Travels: Zip, Zoom!

Kelly Starling Lyons

Pass the Ball Mo

David A. Adler

Ling and Ting

Grace Lin

Fox and Chick

Sergio Ruzzier



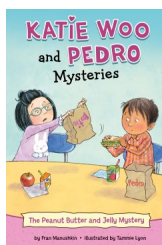
Early Chapter Books



Yasmin (series)

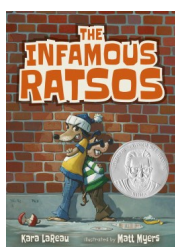
Saadia Faruqi

Yasmin tackles every challenge she faces with her head and her heart. Whether she's helping to solve a recycling problem at school, trying to avoid a science fair fiasco, searching for a favorite lost book, or gathering her courage to join in the fun, Yasmin is always willing to give it a try!



Katie Woo & Pedro Mysteries (series)

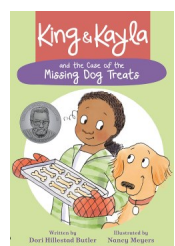
Katie Woo and her pal Pedro are teaming up to solve simple puzzles together in the early chapter book series Katie and Pedro Mysteries. By investigating the problem and collecting clues, the sleuthing friends don't stop until the mysteries are solved! After each case is closed, readers will review the investigation, hypothesis, and resolution of the mystery, earning a basic understanding of the mystery genre.



The Infamous Ratsos (series)

By Kara LaReau

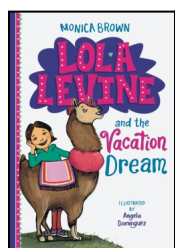
Two city dwelling rat brothers set out to prove just how tough they are. Yet their every attempt to cause havoc has unintended – and positive – outcomes.



King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats (King and Kayla series)

Dori Hillestad Butler

King, the dog, and Kayla, his human, solve the mystery of missing dog treats and make some interesting discoveries along the way.



Lola Levine (series)

Monica Brown

A chapter-book series starring Lola Levine, a biracial, bicultural second-grader by acclaimed author Monica Brown.

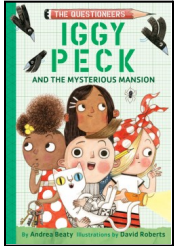




The Used-to-Be Best Friend (Jo Jo series)

Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. It always seems like her mom, her kokum (grandma), and her teacher have a lot to learn--about how good Jo Jo is at cleaning up, what makes a good rhyme, and what it means to be friendly. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore



Iggy Peck and the Mysterious Mansion (Questioneers series)

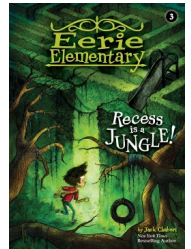
Andrea Beatty

Iggy is delighted when Ada Twist's Aunt Bernice inherits a mansion featuring his favorite architectural periods, but unless the Questioneers can find its missing antiques, the house may be lost forever.

Eerie Elementary (series)

Jack Chabert

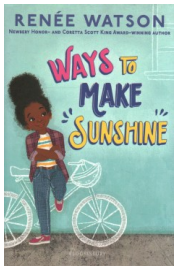
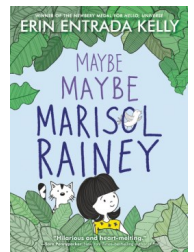
On his first day as the school hall monitor Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is alive! Sam must defend himself and his fellow students against the evil school, Is Sam up to the challenge?



Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey

Erin Entrada Kelly

Marisol, who has a big imagination and likes to name inanimate objects, has a tree in her backyard named Peppina...but she's way too scared to climb it.



Ways to Make Sunshine

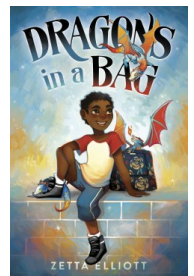
Renee Watson

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

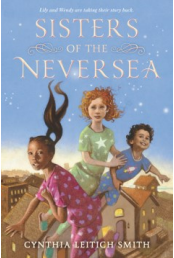
Dragons in a Bag (trilogy)

Zetta Elliott

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.



Independent Readers + Read Alouds



Sisters of the Neversea

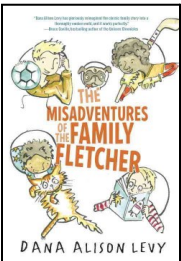
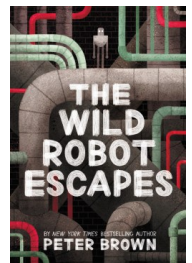
Cynthia Leitich Smith

In this magical, modern twist on Peter Pan, stepsisters Lily and Wendy are spirited away to Neverland by a mysterious boy and must find a way back to the family they love.

The Wild Robot & The Wild Robot Escapes

Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



Misadventures of Family Fletcher

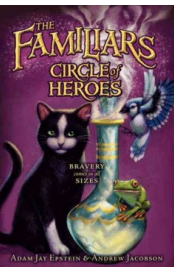
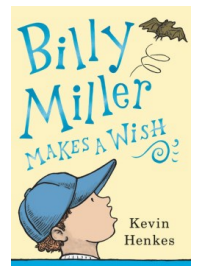
Dana Alison Levy

The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

The Year of Billy Miller & Make a Wish Billy Miller

Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.



Familiars (series)

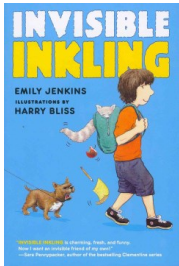
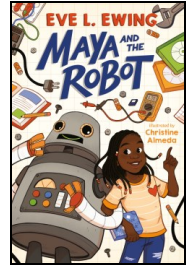
Adam Jay Epstein

Three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen and their familiars--Aldwyn the alley cat, Skylar, a know-it-all blue jay, and Gilbert a tree frog who can see the future--set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.

Maya and the Robot

Eve L. Ewing, illustrated by Christine Almeda

Fifth grader Maya, feeling lonely without her best friends, finds a robot and uses her scientific skills to make it work. A whole new world opens for her.



Invisible Inkling (trilogy)

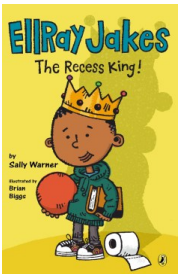
Emily Jenkins

When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

EllRay Jakes (series)

Sally Warner

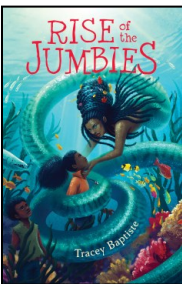
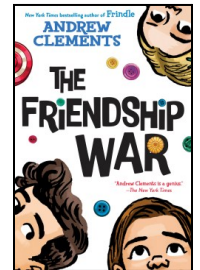
Even though he's the smallest kid in class, eight-year-old EllRay Jakes can get himself into big trouble.



Friendship War

Andrew Clements

When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a fad at school that draws her closer to one friend, but further from another.



Jumbies (trilogy)

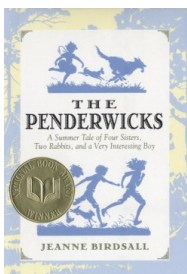
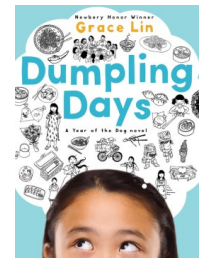
Tracey Baptiste

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Dumpling Days (Pacy Lin series)

Grace Lin

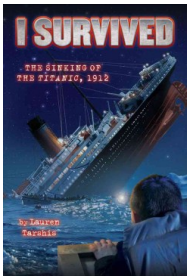
This summer, Pacy's family is going to Taiwan for an entire month to visit family and prepare for their grandmother's 60th birthday celebration. But everything about the trip is harder than she thought it would be. At least the dumplings are delicious...



Penderwicks (series)

Jeanne Birdsall

The beloved Penderwick sisters share stories filled with irresistible laughs, pathos, and family fun!



I Survived... (series)

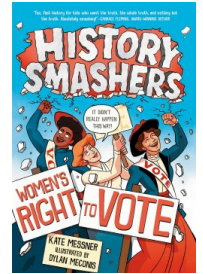
Lauren Tarshis

History's most exciting and terrifying events are brought to life in this fictional series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing children and how they survived!

History Smashers (series)

Kate Massner

Myths! Lies! Secrets! Uncover the hidden truth behind history — a fun mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels.



A Note from Rebecca:

**Summer Reading is a chance to relax and discover what you love to read.
You get to choose!**

This list is meant as a starting place for you and your family to find some great books. If you see something interesting on this list, try it! If you are not finding what you're looking for, send me a note! [rduvall@bhmsny.org] We'll come up with some titles that fit your interests.

You also get to choose the way you like to read: Read by yourself. Read outloud. Read in your head. Read together with your family; talk about what you're reading. Have someone read to you. Read to someone else. Read audiobooks with your ears! Read paper books with your eyes! Read eBooks on a screen! Try it all. What do you like best?

Be sure to check out Brooklyn Public Library's and New York Public Library's Summer Reading Programs: summerreading.org

Get your own library card and go wild! There are even [games](#) to borrow.

Finally, remember to visit [SORA](#) (log in with your school Google account and password), where you'll find many of the titles from this list in eBook and audiobook form.

I hope your summer is lovely — full of sun and shade and lots of books.

