

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library

Grade Three Reading List

Title: All Stations! Distress!: April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank

Author: Brown, Don

Description: The captivating story of this amazing vessel, the people who built it, and its tragic demise during its maiden voyage across the Atlantic as told through first-hand accounts and detailed illustrations of the events as they happened.

Title: Amber Brown is Not a Crayon

Author: Danziger, Paula; Ross, Tony (Illustrator)

Description: The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

Title: Andy Shane and the Queen of Egypt

Author: Jacobson, Jennifer Richard; Carter, Abby (Illustrator)

Description: Andy Shane selects Egypt as the topic of his first-ever Culture Fair project, but the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle declares that she is the Queen of Egypt and does not give him a moment's peace until he agrees to let her work with him.

Title: Arrow to the Sun

Author: McDermott, Gerald

Description: An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.

Title: Bad Kitty Gets a Bath

Author: Bruel, Nick

Description: Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water.

Title: Ben Franklin's Big Shock

Author: Jango-Cohen, Judith; Lepp, Kevin (Illustrator)

Description: Read about the famous experiment in electricity and its importance.

Title: Big Anthony and the Magic Ring

Author: dePaola, Tomie

Description: When Big Anthony borrows Strega Nona's magic ring to turn himself into a handsome man, he gets more trouble than fun.

Title: Bink and Gollie

Author: DeCamillo, Kate; McGhee, Alison; Fucile, Tony (Illustrator)

Description: 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.

Title: Black Cowboy, Wild Horses: A True Story

Author: Lester, Julius; Pinkney, Jerry (Illustrator)

Description: The story of Bob Lemmons, a cowboy so in tune with wild mustangs that they accept him into the herd, thus enabling him singlehandedly to take them to the corral.

Title: The Chocolate Touch

Author: Catling, Patrick Skene; Apple, Margot (Illustrator)

Description: A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Title: Chrysanthemum

Author: Henkes, Kevin

Description: Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

Title: Cinderella Smith

Author: Barden, Stephanie; Goode, Diane (Illustrator)

Description: Cast off by her old friends, Cinderella agrees to help a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have, and meantime, a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

Title: Clementine

Author: Pennypacker, Sara; Frazee, Marla (Illustrator)

Description: While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Title: The Day the Crayons Quit

Author: Daywalt, Drew; Jeffers, Oliver (Illustrator)

Description: While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Title: Dinosaurs in Your Backyard

Author: Brewster, Hugh; Base, Graeme; Barnard, Alan

Description: Discusses species of dinosaurs found on the continent of North America 70 million years ago.

Title: The Dragon of Doom

Author: Coville, Bruce; Coville, Katherine (Illustrator)

Description: Life in the village of Pigbone is boring until an aspiring magician and his talking toad come to town and ask Edward to help them slay the Dragon of Doom.

Title: Dust Devil

Author: Isaacs, Anne; Zelinsky, Paul O. (Illustrator)

Description: Having moved to Montana from Tennessee in the 1830s, fearless Angelica Longrider--also known as Swamp Angel--changes the state's landscape, tames a wild horse, and captures some desperadoes.

Title: Each Kindness

Author: Woodson, Jacqueline; Lewis, E.B. (Illustrator)

Description: When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

Title: The First Drawing

Author: Gerstein, Mordicai

Description: Thirty thousand years ago, an imaginative child sees the shapes of animals in clouds and on the walls of the cave he shares with his family, but no one else can see them until he makes the world's first drawing. Includes author's note on cave drawings.

Title: Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom

Author: Wight, Eric (Author, Illustrator)

Description: 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.

Title: The Gadget War

Author: Duffey, Betsy; Wilson, Janet (Illustrator)

Description: Danville School's third grade class doesn't seem big enough for rival inventors Kelly Sparks and Albert Einstein Jones

Title: Ghosts: A Nonfiction Companion to A Good Night For Ghosts

Author: Osborne, Mary Pope; Boyce, Natalie Pope; Murdocca, Sal (Illustrator)

Description: Discusses the history of human belief in ghosts, famous hauntings in the United States and Great Britain, and some possible alternative explanations for them.

Title: Heckedy Peg

Author: Wood, Audrey; Wood, Don (Illustrator)

Description: A mother saves her seven children from Heckedy Peg, a witch who has changed them into different kinds of food.

Title: Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller

Author: Rappaport, Doreen; Tavares, Matt (Illustrator)

Description: An introduction to the life and legacy of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan.

Title: Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion

Author: Kline, Suzy; Remkiewicz, Frank (Illustrator)

Description: Horrible Harry of classroom 2B cuts back on his mischievous pranks after falling for Song Lee.

Title: Ivy + Bean

Author: Barrows, Annie; Blackall, Sophie (Illustrator)

Description: When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Title: Klondike Gold

Author: Provensen, Alice (Author, Illustrator)

Description: A fictionalized account of William Howell, a young prospector who braved the arduous journey from Boston to the Yukon Territory in search of gold in the Klondike River valley.

Title: Little Red Writing

Author: Holub, Joan; Sweet, Melissa (Illustrator)

Description: Once upon a time, in pencil school, a brave little red pencil sets out to write an exciting story with nouns and adverbs and everything--but first she has to face the ravenous pencil sharpener, the Wolf 3000.

Title: Locomotive

Author: Flocq, Brian (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Learn what it was like to travel on the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s.

Title: Looking for Bigfoot

Author: Worth, Bonnie; Nelson, Jim (Illustrator)

Description: "Over two thousand sightings of wild ape-men have been reported in America. Does Bigfoot really exist? Or is it just a myth?" – Back cover.

Title: Lulu and the Duck in the Park

Author: McKay, Hilary; Lamont, Priscilla (Illustrator)

Description: A young girl who loves animals brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned her from bringing animals to school ever again.

Title: Lunch Walks Among Us

Author: Benton, Jim (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.

Title: The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

Author: Gerstein, Mordicai (Author, Illustrator)

Description: The story of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.

Title: The Many Troubles of Andy Russell

Author: Adler, David A.; Hillenbrand, Will (Illustrator)

Description: When some of his gerbils escape and he gets in trouble for not paying attention in class, fourth-grader Andy Russell worries about asking if a friend can move in with his family--especially when he learns that his mother is going to have another baby.

Title: Martin's Big Words: the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Author: Rappaport, Doreen; Collier, Bryan (Illustrator)

Description: A brief biographical sketch of Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest figures in the American civil rights movement.

Title: Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, out of Control!

Author: DiCamillo, Kate; Van Dusen, Chris (Illustrator)

Description: Afraid of his new mountain bike, third-grader Marvin finds himself in a desperate situation when he accepts a challenge to ride down Suicide Hill.

Title: Mercy Watson to the Rescue

Author: DiCamillo, Kate; Van Dusen, Chris (Illustrator)

Description: After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Title: My Haunted House

Author: Sage, Angie; Pickering, Jimmy (Illustrator)

Description: Araminta enlists the help of several ghosts in an attempt to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House.

Title: My Rows and Piles of Coins

Author: Mollé, Tololwa M.; Lewis, E.B. (Illustrator)

Description: A Tanzanian boy saves his coins to buy a bicycle so that he can help his parents carry goods to market, but then he discovers that in spite of all he has saved, he still does not have enough money.

Title: My Teach is a Monster! (No, I Am Not.)

Author: Brown, Peter

Description: Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.

Title: Owl Moon

Author: Yolen, Jane; Schoenherr, John (Illustrator)

Description: On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

Title: A Picture Book of Harry Houdini

Author: Adler, David A.; Adler, Michael S.; Collins, Matt (Illustrator)

Description: The story of how Harry Houdini astounded audiences around the globe as he freed himself from ropes, handcuffs, and prison cells.

Title: Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum

Author: McCarthy, Meghan (Author, Illustrator)

Description: With historical facts, the book tells the true story of how bubble gum was invented by Walter Diemer in the late 1920s.

Title: Redwoods

Author: Chin, Jason (Author, Illustrator)

Description: A young city boy, riding the subway, finds an abandoned book about redwoods. He finds himself in the very forest described in the book. After finishing the book, he leaves it for someone else to read.

Title: The Secret Cave: Discovering Lascaux

Author: McCully, Emily Arnold

Description: Jacques, Jojo, Simon and Marcel were looking for buried treasure when they explored a cave in the south of France in 1940. The treasure inside was not what they expected, and in fact far more valuable: the walls were covered with stunning prehistoric paintings and engravings, preserved within the sealed cave for over 17,000 years. This is the true story of the boys who discovered the cave.

Title: Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems and Paintings

Author: Florian, Douglas; Neubecker, Robert (Illustrator)

Description: An illustrated collection of poems for children about pirates.

Title: Stanley, Flat Again!

Author: Brown, Jeff; Nash, Scott (Illustrator); Pamintuan, Macky (Illustrator)

Description: After Stanley Lambchop goes flat once again, he uses his flatness to help win a sailboat race and to rescue a classmate from a collapsed building.

Title: Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid

Author: McDonald, Megan; Reynolds, Peter H. (Illustrator)

Description: The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

Title: The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales

Author: Scieszka, Jon; Smith, Lane (Illustrator)

Description: Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

Title: The Stories Julian Tells

Author: Cameron, Ann; Strugnell (Illustrator)

Description: Episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.

Title: The Sword in the Tree

Author: Bulla, Clyde Robert; Bowles, Bruce (Illustrator)

Description: After he and his mother flee for their lives, a young boy goes to King Arthur for help in winning back his castle from his wicked uncle, and discovers that his father is still alive.

Title: Tales From the Waterhole

Author: Graham, Bob (Author, Illustrator)

Description: During the dry season, Morris the crocodile and his animal friends enjoy playing in and near the water hole.

Title: This Is a Moose

Author: Morris, Richard T.; Lichtenheld, Tom (Artist)

Description: Director Billy Waddler is trying to film a documentary about moose, but the moose in question has no intention of spending his life in the woods and his animal friends, who have dreams of their own, help him prove his point.

Title: Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes

Author: Davies, Nicola; Sutton, Emily (Illustrator)

Description: Looks at all the different microbes that inhabit the Earth and examines the varied jobs they do.

Title: The Year of Billy Miller

Author: Henkes, Kevin (Author, Illustrator)

Description: 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.

Title: You Are the First Kid on Mars

Author: O'Brien, Patrick (Author, Illustrator)

Description: Looking back to the beginnings of the space race, 2009 is also the year for looking forward to humankind's next step toward the stars. In the spirit of books that once imagined colonies on the moon, Patrick O'Brien has created a unique look at your first trip to Mars. Using the most up-to-date designs and theories of what it will take to establish a base on Mars, you are off on an incredible journey.