

Acton Memorial Library Children's Department

## 3rd Grade Suggested Reading

### FICTION

**J Fic Anderson                      Anderson, Sophie**  
**The Girl Who Speaks Bear (2020)**

Discovered in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka dreams of knowing who she really is. When she wakes up one morning to find her legs have become bear legs, she knows she has no choice but to leave her village and venture into the Snow Forest with her pet weasel in search of the truth about her past.

**J Fic Bar-el                              Bar-el, Dan**  
**The Very, Very Far North (2019)**

In the very, very far north, past the cold, cold ocean and just below the hill, you'll find Duane the polar bear and his friends. This is a charming classic-in-the-making that's reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh.

**J Fic Creech                              Creech, Sharon**  
**Saving Winslow (2018)**

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. So, when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far, far away in the army.

**J Fic DiCamillo                          DiCamillo, Kate**  
**Stella Endicott & the Anything Is Possible Poem (2020)**

Stella crafts a beautiful poem about Mercy Watson, the pig who lives next door -- a poem complete with a metaphor and full of curiosity and courage. But Horace Broom, Stella's irritating classmate, insists that Stella's poem is full of lies and that pigs do not live in houses.

**J Fic Galbraith                          Galbraith, Bree**  
**Wednesday Wilson gets down to business (2021)**

The most important thing to know about Wednesday Wilson is that she's an entrepreneur. She hasn't started any businesses yet, but she and her best friend, Charlie, with some help from her little brother, Mister, have made a list of potential businesses. But before they get to move forward on one, there's an unfortunate incident in class with "The Emmas".

**J Fic Gidwitz                              Gidwitz, Adam**  
**The Creature Of The Pines (2018)**

Elliot Eisner isn't exactly excited about starting at a brand-new school in a brand-new town; he'd much rather stay at home and read a book. But things take an unexpected turn when he joins a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world's mythical creatures.

**J Fiction Graves                          Graves, Luna**  
**Double, double, twins and trouble (2022)**

Bella and Dee Maleficent are twin witches with a gift for making natural disasters, not friends. They hope things will change when they start sixth grade at YIKESS (Yvette I. Koffin's Exceptional School for Supernatural Students), but instead, they accidentally set a classroom ablaze on their very first day!

**J Fic Heidicker                      Heidicker, Christian Mckay**  
**Scary Stories for Young foxes (2019)**

The haunted season has arrived in the Antler Wood. No fox kit is safe. When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world. In order to find a den to call home, they must face unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow . . . and other things too scary to mention.

**J Fic Hoffman                      Hoffman, Cara Bernard**  
**Pepperlin (2019)**

The drowsy Dormouse from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is transported to modern-day New York City for the adventure of a lifetime!

**J Fic King                              King, SJ**  
**The Secret Explorers & the Jurassic Rescue (2020)**

Dinosaur expert Tamiko and geology expert Cheng travel back to the age of the dinosaurs in an effort to rescue a dinosaur egg from destruction. However, to save the egg, the Secret Explorers first have to use all their courage and skills to outsmart a fierce Allosaurus, rescue a baby Stegosaurus, and find a way to attract an Archaeopteryx.

**J Fic Lai                                Lai, Remi**  
**Pie in the Sky (2019)**

A laugh-out-loud illustrated novel about an eleven-year-old boy's immigration experience, his annoying little brother, and their cake-baking hijinks!

**J Fic Lyons                            Lyons, Kelly Starling**  
**King of the ice (2022)**

Miles enjoys science and being the best at everything he tries. When Miles tries ice skating during a class field trip, what starts as a friendly competition between Miles and his best friend becomes a much more anxiety-inducing event for Miles.

**J Fic Mian                              Mian, Zanib**  
**Accidental trouble magnet (2020)**

Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar! Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. That is, until a Big Mean Bully named Daniel shows up!

**J Fic Patterson                      Patterson, James**  
**Katt vs. Dogg (2019)**

Doggs and Katts hate each other, as everyone knows. It's an enmity that becomes more evident when Oscar, a happy-go-lucky dogg, and Mollie, a snooty katt, simultaneously vacation with their families at Western Frontier Park.

**J Fic Peters                            Peters, Helen**  
**A lamb called Lucky (2021)**

In this new addition in the *Jasmine Green Rescues Series*, It's lambing season at Oak Tree Farm! When a little lamb loses his mother, Jasmine names him Lucky and steps in to bottle-feed him and patiently help him learn to walk.

**J Fic Phelan                      Phelan, Matt**  
**Leave it to Plum! (2022)**

When a small mammal with an oversized ego tries to take over the zoo, just leave it to the big-hearted peacock Plum to save the day!

**J Fic Quigley                      Quigley, Dawn**  
**The used-to-be best friend (2021)**

Meet Jo Jo Makoons! Full of pride, joy, and plenty of humor, this first book in an all-new chapter book series celebrates a spirited young girl who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation.

**J Fic Reynolds                      Reynolds, Jason**  
**Stuntboy, in the meantime (2021)**

A hilarious, hopeful, and action-packed novel about the greatest young superhero you've never heard of!

**J Fic Rodkey                      Rodkey, Geoff**  
**We're Not from Here (2019)**

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans and it's up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.

**J Picbook Snyder                      Snyder, Laurel**  
**Endlessly ever! (2022)**

Grab your favorite outerwear (cozy coat or riding hood?) and your sense of adventure because Snyder and Santat have created a fun-filled fairy-tale mashup that puts kids in the driver's seat.

**J Fic Stowell                      Stowell, Louie**  
**The dragon in the library (2021)**

In the first book in a new fast-paced and funny adventure series, Kit makes an incredible discovery—she's a wizard--and books are the key to her abilities. Unfortunately, a greedy businessman wants to tear down the beloved library, destroying all its magic. To make matters worse, there's a sleeping dragon hidden there, and if she's awakened, her wild power will wreak havoc.

**J Fic Sullivan                      Sullivan, Kyle**  
**Hobgoblin and the Seven Stinkers of Rancidia (2019)**

Set in the faraway (and terrible-smelling) land of Rancidia, where it's good to smell bad and bad to smell good, this uproarious send-up of Snow White follows the adventures of the profoundly stinky Hobgoblin as he flees the jealous wrath of a monstrous, ogre tyrant named Fiddlefart.

**J Picbook Tarnowska                      Tarnowska, Wafa**  
**Nour's secret library (2022)**

Forced to take shelter when their Syrian city is plagued with bombings, young Nour and her cousin beginto bravely build a secret underground library. Based on the author's own life experience and inspired by a true story.

**J Fic Timberlake                      Timberlake, Amy**  
**Skunk and Badger (2020)**

No one wants a skunk. Skunks should never, ever be allowed to move in. But Skunk is Badger's new roommate, and there is nothing Badger can do about it. When Skunk plows into Badger's life, everything Badger knows is upended. Tails are flipped. The wrong animal is sprayed. And why-oh-why are there so many chickens?

**J Picbook Tokuda-Hall Tokuda,Hall  
Love in the library (2022)**

Tokuda-Hall recounts the moving story of how her grandparents, Tama and George, fell in love at a Japanese incarceration camp in Idaho. Among the 120,000 Japanese Americans forced into incarceration after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tama and George managed to find hope amid racism, injustice, and terrible living conditions.

**J Picbook Umrigar Umrigar, Thrity  
Sugar in milk (2020)**

After immigrating to the United States, a young girl moves in with her aunt and uncle. To cure the young girl's aching homesickness, Auntie relays the story of how ancient Persian refugees immigrated to India.

**J Fic Ursu Ursu, Anne  
The Lost Girl (2019)**

Twin sisters Iris and Lark experience a series of unsettling events--meeting the peculiar owner of an antique shop who claims he's doing magic, noticing objects gone missing from their home, being followed by a giant crow--that connect them to a dark secret that proves dangerous and could separate the twins forever.

**J Fic West West, Tracey  
Call of the Sound Dragon series (2020)**

Drake needs to stop a dangerous wizard battle in this action-packed, bestselling series! Magic from a wizards' battle is destroying the city of Remus! To stop this dangerous duel, Drake and Petra team up with a Dragon Master named Tessa.

**J Fic Weyr Weyr, Garret  
The Language of Spells (2018)**

Grisha the dragon is born in the Black Forest in 1803, the last year any dragon was born, and while young he was trapped by the emperor's sorcerer, and turned into a teapot--until one day he meets Maggie, a poet's daughter, and the two of them set out to discover what happened to all the other dragons.

## GRAPHIC

**J Graphic Applegate Applegate, K.  
Doggo And Pupper Bk 1 (2021)**

Doggo is used to things being a certain way in his family. He likes routine. Cat says he's become boring. That is, until Pupper shows up! Pupper is playful and messy, and turns the house upside down. Soon, the humans realize that Pupper needs some training, and off he goes to puppy school. When Pupper comes back, he's well-behaved. He's not playful. He's not messy. But Doggo soon realizes that Pupper also isn't happy. So Doggo steps in to help, and rediscovers what it means to have fun.

**J Graphic Barnett Barnett, Mac  
The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza (2022)**

Something terrible is happening in the skies! Rats are eating the MOON! There's only ONE hero for the job, a bold and fearsome beast bioengineered in a secret lab to be the moon's savior and Earth's last hope! And that hero is . . . a cat.

**J Graphic Bottier      Bottier, Isabelle**  
**Cassandra, *Animal Psychic #1* (2019)**

Cassandra has a gift. Animals can show her what they're thinking. And she's done keeping her talent a secret. Cassandra sets out to help pets and their people. When Cassandra gets on the trail of a lost cat, will she be able to help its owners? Or will her first case be a flop?

**J Graphic Brooks      Brooks, Molly**  
**Sanity & Tallulah (2018)**

Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her!

**J Graphic Dickerson      Dickerson, Mason**  
**Housecat trouble (2022)**

When a scaredy-housecat is home alone for the first time, he and his furry friends are forced to face monsters and their fears on a quest to save the day.

**J Graphic Fremont      Fremont, D.**  
**Catch The Munchies series (2020)**

Professor Bolt's robot threatens to destroy a local mall. Good thing everyone's favorite spud superhero is there to stop him! But, not all is well. When Super Potato goes looking for the sinister inventor, he finds the ultimate enemy . . . Potatech, his own robotic double!

**J Graphic Gallagher      Gallagher, John**  
**Max Meow : cat crusader (2020)**

Meet a secret superhero with CAT-ITUDE--Max Meow, Cat Crusader--in this purr-fectly awesome, hiss-sterically funny graphic novel series just right for fans of Dog Man and InvestiGators!

**J Graphic Lai      Lai, Remy**  
**Pawcasso (2021)**

**The town of Redhart has a special citizen: the most adorable, polite pooch you've ever met. When a lonely girl named Jo befriends this lovable hound, everyone assumes she's his owner. Not that Jo minds this mistake, but soon, one small fib has spun into a web of lies, and she even gives the dog a name: Pawcasso.**

**J Graphic LaMotte      LaMotte, Lily**  
**Measuring Up (2020)**

Cici has recently moved to Seattle from Taiwan and desperately misses A-má, her grandmother. To pay for a plane ticket for A-má to visit her, Cici hopes to win a cash prize through a junior chef competition.

**J Graphic Laperia      Laperia**  
**Super Potato Series (2020)**

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**J Graphic Liniers      Liniers**  
**Wildflowers: a Toon book (2021)**

On a mysterious island, three sisters meet giant flowers, a tiny gorilla living in a miniscule house set in a tree, and a dragon, which sets them running through the glade. Each of these discoveries seems more and more strange, as the sisters quickly move on the next adventure.

**J Graphic Tabor Tabor, Corey  
Sir Ladybug (2022)**

Sir Ladybug and his pals Pell and Sterling are called to a quest to save a caterpillar from being eaten by a black-capped chickadee. Unfortunately, the chickadee is hungry and wants to eat someone, so it's up to Sir Ladybug to use his baking skills to whip up a life-changing lemon cake and save the bug buddies from becoming lunch.

**J Graphic Vandorn Vandorn, Kaeti  
Monster friends (2021)**

Two friends: one big, one little. One old, one young. One grumpy, one cheerful. Both: MONSTERS!

**J Graphic Wang Wang, Jen  
Stargazing (2019)**

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

## BIOGRAPHY

**J Biography Adams, A. Rosenstock, B.  
Leave It To Abigail! (2020)**

This is the true story of one of America's greatest founding mothers: Abigail Adams. Everyone knew Abigail was different. Instead of keeping quiet, she blurted out questions. Instead of settling down with a wealthy minister, she married a poor country lawyer named John Adams. Instead of running from the Revolutionary War, she managed a farm and fed hungry soldiers. Instead of leaving the governing to men, she insisted they "Remember the Ladies."

**J Biography Caplan Rockliff, M.  
Try It: How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat (2021)**

Meet fearless Frieda Caplan--the produce pioneer who changed the way Americans eat by introducing exciting new fruits and vegetables, from baby carrots to blood oranges to kiwis!

**J Biography Franklin, B. Rosen, M.  
A Ben of All Trades (2020)**

A rousing biography reveals how Benjamin Franklin's boyhood shaped his amazingly multifaceted life. Young Benjamin Franklin wanted to be a sailor, but his father wouldn't hear of it. The other trades he tried-- candle maker, joiner, boot closer, turner -- bore him through and through. But each time he failed to find a profession, he took some important bit of knowledge with him.

**J Biography Jimenez, L. Amescua, Gloria  
Child of the flower-song people (2021)**

Luz Jiménez was a "child of the flower-song people, the powerful Aztecs, who called themselves Nahua--who lost their land, but who did not disappear." Amescua tells the compelling story of the woman known as "the spirit of Mexico".

**J Biography Mandella, M. McDivitt, Lindsey**  
**A plan for the people : Nelson Mandela's hope for his nation (2021)**

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison. His mission to fight apartheid in South Africa was fueled by his passion for his people and the determination to dismantle an unjust system. Finally free at the age of 71, Mandela helped his country find its way to freedom and democracy.

**J Biography Martinez, M. Freeman, Anna Harber**  
**Shaped by her hands (2021)**

The most renowned Native American Indian potter of her time, Maria Povika Martinez, learned pottery as a child under the guiding hands of her ko-ōo, her aunt. She grew up to discover a new firing technique that turned her pots black and shiny, and made them--and Maria--famous.

**J BIO MENDES, C. Ganeri, Anita**  
**Forest fighter : the story of Chico Mendes (2022)**

This beautiful picture-book biography brings readers the story of Brazilian environmentalist Chico Mendes and his important work to preserve and protect the Amazon rain forest and represent rubber tappers working there.

**J Biography Morgan, M.S. Slade, Suzanne**  
**Blast off! (2022)**

Slade introduces a little-known hero of the space race in this illustrated portrayal of rocket fuel scientist Mary Sherman Morgan, a key figure in developing the propellant that powered America's first satellite into space in 1958.

**J Biography Power, J. Griffith, E.**  
**Secrets Of The Sea: Story of Jeanne Power (2021)**

How did a nineteenth-century dressmaker revolutionize science? Jeanne Power was creative: she wanted to learn about the creatures that swim beneath the ocean waves, so she built glass tanks and changed the way we study underwater life forever.

**J Biography Ramanujan Alznauer, A.**  
**The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity (2020)**

In 1887 in India, a boy named Ramanujan was born with a passion for numbers. Ramanujan struggles in school -- but his mother knows that her son and his ideas have a purpose. As he grows up, Ramanujan reinvents much of modern mathematics!

**J Biography Simone, N. Todd, Traci N.**  
**Nina : a story of Nina Simone (2021)**

This biography of African American icon Nina Simone follows the development of her early musical talent to her popularity as a musician during the civil rights movement.

**J Biography Tello, J.C. Brown, Monica**  
**Sharuko (2020)**

The story of Julio C. Tello, the first Indigenous archaeologist of the Americas and a hero to all Peruvians. Follow Julio--known as Sharuko, which means "brave" in his native Quechua language--from his roots in the foothills of the Peruvian Andes to making many important archaeological discoveries.

**J Bio Wright, P. Anderson, Beth  
Revolutionary Prudence Wright (2022)**

This is the first picture book about female Revolutionary War activist Prudence Wright of Pepperell, Massachusetts who rallied the first and only group of "minute women" to fight the British. Prudence Wright had a spark of independence. Annoyed when the British king held back freedoms in colonial Massachusetts, feisty and fearless Prudence had enough. She said no!

**NONFICTION**

**J 152.4 B849 Brian, Rachel  
The Worry (Less)Book (2020)**

Start worrying less and enjoying life with this book for people who worry or struggle with anxiety (so yeah -- everyone)! We all have a mixture of fun and not-so fun feelings. And everyone feels worried sometimes. But too much anxiety can get in the way. So, this book is here to help you identify your anxiety, understand why it's just part of that thing we call life, and equip you with all the tools you need to find calm again.

**J 304.2 NAT**

**Nature and me : a guide to the joys and excitements of the outdoors (2022)**

Children are used to hearing about how important it is to protect nature, but they may not fully understand how the natural world can positively impact their emotional wellbeing. With that in mind, this book looks to enhance this time spent outside and show children how nature can be fun, uplifting, consoling, and even offer companionship.

**J 304.6 M122 McCann, Jackie  
If the world were 100 people (2021)**

With almost 7.8 billion people sharing the earth, it can be a little hard to picture what the human race looks like all together. But if we could shrink the world down to just 100 people, what could we learn about the human race? What would we look like? Where and how would we all be living? This book answers all these questions and more!

**J 323.1196 PIN Pinkney, Andrea Davis  
Because of you, John Lewis (2022)**

Ten-year-old Tennessean Tybre Faw finds a hero in Congressman John Lewis, a civil rights icon nicknamed "Good Trouble," who worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr.

**J 391.423 HOL Holt, Hannah  
A history of underwear with Professor Chicken (2022)**

Not only is this book amazingly informative and chock-full of facts, but this is a hilarious history of underwear starring chickens!! The juxtaposition of the mostly serious historical text with such charming and adorable chickens is just magical.

**J 398.2 U84 Sebag-Montefiore, Mary  
Usborne forgotten fairytales of kindness and courage (2021)**

A collection of much-loved, now forgotten tales, beautifully retold and featuring diverse, inspiring and empowering characters. This collection celebrates kindness, courage and the importance of being true to yourself.



**J 551.48 V128      Vaicenavičienė, Monica**  
**What is a river? (2021)**

A curious girl and her grandmother spend the day at a riverbank in this beautiful look at rivers and their significance to the world.

**J 568.19 C263      Carballido, Jose Luis**  
**Titanosaur : discovering the world's largest dinosaur (2019)**

Through a combination of photographs and illustrations, this picture book tells the story of the discovery of this new dinosaur, while weaving in exciting facts about what life was like for this brand new species that doesn't even have an official name yet!

**J 582.16 J92      Judge, Lita**  
**The wisdom of trees (2021)**

With lush illustrations, poems, and accessible scientific information, *The Wisdom of Trees* is a fascinating exploration of the hidden communities trees create to strengthen themselves and others.

**J 591.1 T238      Taylor, Barbara**  
**Inside animals (2021)**

Think you know what a crocodile looks like? Think again! Inside Animals explores the inner workings of over 20 incredible creatures, from the bony to the brainy, the brawny and bizarre.

**J 591.5 M877      Morris, Sandra**  
**North and South (2021)**

In a remarkable exploration of animals' lives, Sandra Morris's informative text and beautiful illustrations take readers through the months of the year in both the northern and southern parts of the globe.

**J 597.92 MOO      Moore, Lindsay**  
**Yoshi and the ocean: a sea turtle's incredible journey home (2022)**

The remarkable true story of Yoshi, a loggerhead sea turtle who traveled an astounding 25,000 miles after being released from the aquarium that rehabilitated her.

**J 600 C627      Clendenan, M.**  
**Design Like Nature: (2021)**

Biomimicry, the scientific term for when we learn from and copy nature, is a revolutionary way to look to nature for answers to environmental problems such as climate change. Did you know that gloves designed like gecko feet let people climb straight up glass walls? Or that kids are finding ways to make compostable plastic out of banana peels?

**J 628.2 PAE      Paeff, Colleen**  
**The Great Stink (2022)**

Unearth the smelly, complicated history of London's sewage system! In the summer of 1858, London's River Thames STINKS! The answer is gross: the river is full of poop. One engineer dreams of making London a cleaner, healthier place. His name is Joseph Bazalgette.

**J 629.45 B877      Brown, Don**  
**Rocket to the moon! (2019)**

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" when Apollo 11 landed on the moon. But it wasn't just one man who got us to the moon. This graphic-format book explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible.

**J 725.91 HOY     Hoyt, Megan**  
**The greatest song of all (2022)**

Music, history, and social justice combine in the unique story of famed violinist Isaac Stern's struggle to save Carnegie Hall from destruction.

**J 730.92 S855     Stiefel, C.**

***Let Liberty Rise!: How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save The Statue of Liberty (2021)***

On America's 100th birthday, the people of France built a giant gift. And when she arrived on our shores in 250 pieces, she needed a pedestal to hold her up. Joseph Pulitzer appealed to his fellow citizens. He invited them to contribute whatever they could to raise funds to mount this statue. The next day, pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters poured in. Soon, Pulitzer's campaign raised enough money to construct the pedestal. And with the help of everyday Americans the Statue of Liberty rose skyward, torch ablaze, to welcome new immigrants for a life of freedom and opportunity!

**J 796.334 R573     Riley, Scott**  
**The floating field (2021)**

This real-life celebration of resourcefulness follows a boy who, with his friends, found space for a soccer field on the Thai island of Koh Panyee and founded one of the most successful youth soccer clubs in Southern Thailand.

**J 796.357 B261     Barnes, D.**  
**Who Got Game?: Baseball (2020)**

Celebrate the unheralded people and stories that helped shape the game of baseball! Meet unsung pioneers, like John "Bud" Fowler, William Edward White, and brothers Moses Fleetwood Walker and Weld Walker, four African Americans who integrated white teams decades before Jackie Robinson.

**J 796.522 S849     Stewart, A.**

***Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay (2020)***

In the late morning of May 29, 1953, the sun was shining brightly and a gentle breeze was blowing on the highest elevation of the world--and two men were there to witness it for the first time ever. Their names were Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, and they had ascended Everest. This is the breathtaking story of how two very different, yet equally determined, men battled frost-biting temperatures, tumbling ice rocks, powerful winds, and death-defying ridges to reach the top of the world's highest mountain.

**J 811.54 S568     Sidman, Joyce**  
**Hello, Earth!: poems to our planet (2021)**

We walk on Earth's surface every day, but how often do we wonder about the incredible planet around us? From the molten cracks below to the shimmering moon above, Hello, Earth! explores the wonders of the natural world with imaginative poems.