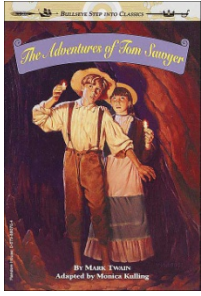
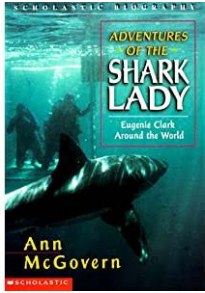


Mrs. DiGiacomo's Summer Reading List 2020



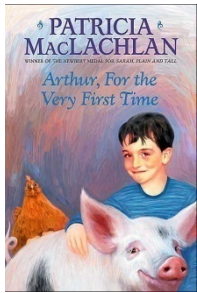
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Monica Kulling (Stepping Stones)

Join Tom Sawyer's wild adventures along the banks of the Mississippi River in this exciting addition to the Step into Classics line. Tom and his best friend, Huck Finn, share exciting make-believe escapades as treasure hunters, swashbuckling pirates, and soldiers in battle. They also unwittingly become real-life witnesses to a terrible crime!



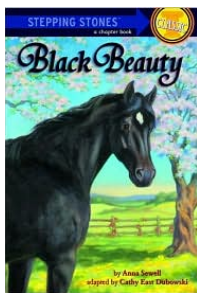
Adventures of the Shark Lady: Eugenie Clark Around the World by Ann McGovern

This amazing marine biologist has many adventures while diving with the great White Shark, being attacked by a giant crab, riding a giant whale shark, meeting monsters of the deep and being trapped 2,000 feet below the sea in a tiny submersible craft on the ocean floor.



Arthur, for the Very First Time by Patricia MacLachlan

Arthur Rasby is ten years old and having the worst summer of his life. His parents don't listen to him, so he writes everything down-everything that's real-in his journal. But when he goes to stay with his Great-Aunt Elda and Great-Uncle Wrisby on their farm, his world is turned upside down. For the first time Arthur wonders what's real and what's not.



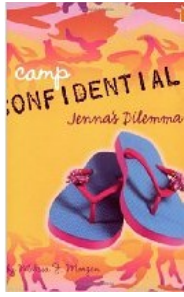
Black Beauty by Cathy East Dubowski (Stepping Stones)

The bittersweet saga of the handsome colt that is wrenched from a happy country home and almost worked to death as a London cab horse is adapted for easy reading. Large type, short chapters, and expressive art make this a must for all animal lovers.



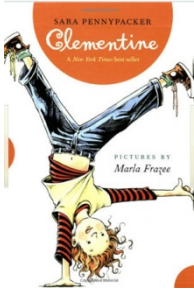
The Boys Start the War Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*series)

It's not the Hatfields vs. the McCoys, but a feud nonetheless when the four Harfield brothers square off against their new neighbors, the Malloy sisters.



Camp Confidential: Jenna's Dilemma by Melissa J. Morgan (*series)

Summer camp means lots of things: new friends, roommates, bug bites, bathroom duty...But it's also a chance to be on your own and to reinvent yourself. A shy girl can become the belle of the ball, and a jock might find new competition.



Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

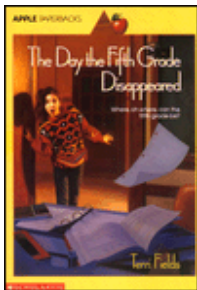
Clementine is having not so good of a week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal....again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her. Okay, fine. Clementine is having a *DISASTROUS* week.



World of Adventure Series – by Gary Paulsen

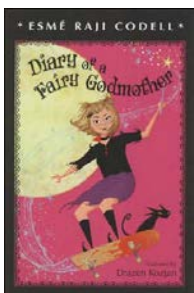
(*same series as Escape From Fire Mountain)

Jesse Rodriguez has a pretty exciting job for a 13-year-old, working for his friend Buck at a small flight and skydiving school near Seattle. But he still can't wait to turn 16 and finally be old enough to make his first free-fall jump from a plane. Buck has been like a father to him ever since Jesse's dad died, and has made sure that Jesse picks up all he needs to know about skydiving while he does odd jobs around the airport.



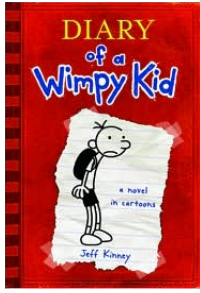
The Day the 5th Grade Disappeared by Terri Fields

When the 5th grade class disappears and then reappears before she can show anyone, Julia begins to think that something supernatural has taken over the school.



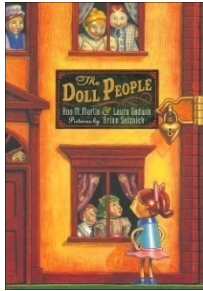
Diary of a Fairy Godmother by Esme Raji Codell

Hunky Dory's mother always told her, "You'll be the wickedest witch wherever the four winds blow." And why not? She's at the top of her class in charm school. She can make flowers wilt like wet spaghetti. She can also turn any prince into a frog - but she always changes him back. That's when she knows she has a problem. Hunky Dory's interest in "wishcraft" over witchcraft gets her kicked out of charm school. Now she's determined to follow her heart and become a fairy godmother. But how to go about doing it?



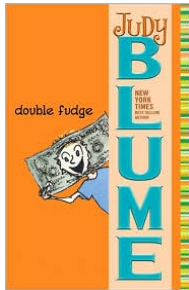
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Kinney does a masterful job of making the mundane life of boys on the brink of adolescence hilarious. Greg is a conflicted soul: he wants to do the right thing, but the constant quest for status and girls seems to undermine his every effort. His attempts to prove his worthiness in the popularity race (he estimates he's currently ranked 52nd or 53rd) are constantly foiled by well-meaning parents, a younger and older brother, and nerdy friends.



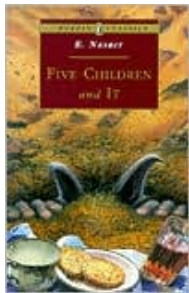
The Doll People by Ann M. Martin

Annabelle Doll is 8 years old--and has been for over 100 years. Nothing much has changed in the dollhouse during that time, except for the fact that 45 years ago, Annabelle's Auntie Sarah disappeared from the dollhouse without a trace.



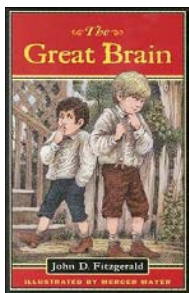
Double Fudge by Judy Blume (series)

Fans of *Superfudge* and *Fudge-a-Mania* will welcome the return of seventh-grader Peter Hatcher and his five-year-old brother, Fudge, who in this comical caper meet distant cousins from Hawaii.



Five Children and It by Edith Nesbit

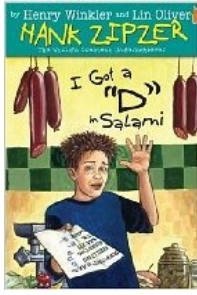
The last thing Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane, and their baby brother expect to find while digging in the sand is a Psammead—an ancient Sand-fairy! Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the fivesome doesn't realize all of the trouble that wishes can cause.



The Great Brain (Series) by John D. Fitzgerald

The best con man in the Midwest is only ten years old. Tom, a.k.a., the Great Brain, is a silver-tongued genius with a knack for turning a profit. When the Jenkins boys get lost in SkeletonCave, the Great Brain saves the day. Whether it's saving the kids at school, or helping out Peg-leg Andy, or Basil, the new kid at school, the Great Brain always manages to come out on top—and line his pockets in the process.

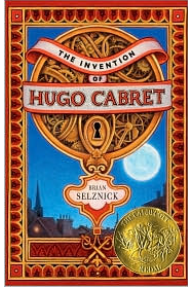
*** If you like adventure and humor, try one of the books from this series.*



I got a “D” in Salami by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver

Hank Zipzer Book Series

After getting three Ds on his report card, a panicked Hank and his friends go to his mom's deli. His report card winds up in the meat grinder and Hank watches as his Ds are ground into a big salami--and this particular salami is being made for a very important client. How will Hank get out of this one?



The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

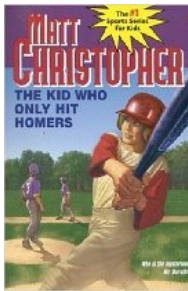
Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.



Jackie & Me by Dan Gutman

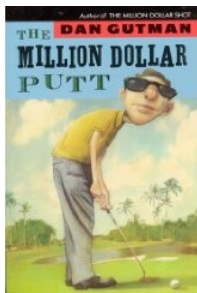
Joe Stoshack can travel through time with the help of his baseball cards. To write a report he goes back to meet one of the greatest baseball players ever, Jackie Robinson. This trip for a short time changes the color of his skin - and forever changes his view of history and his definition of courage..

*There are other books in the series: *Mickey & Me*, *Shoeless Joe & Me*, *Babe & Me*



The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher

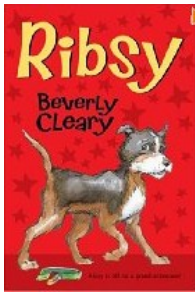
When a mysterious man promises to make him a great player, Sylvester accepts and begins a phenomenal home-run streak.



The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman

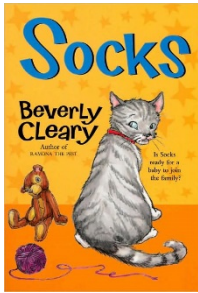
Edward Bogie Bogard may be blind, but he can learn just about anything he sets his mind to riding a bike, parasailing, or playing guitar. His dad encourages all of his interests except one: golf. So when a few of his classmates invite him to a driving range, no one is more surprised than Bogie when he turns out to have the swing of a natural player. Now what he needs is a coach to win the golfing tournament with a million-dollar prize.

(There are other “Million Dollar...” books by Dan Gutman, including Million Dollar Shot (basketball) and Million Dollar Goal (hockey))



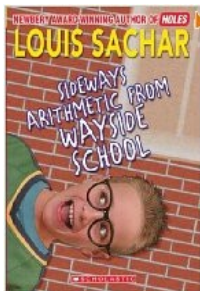
Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

Henry Huggins's dog, Ribsy, is hopelessly lost in a huge shopping mall parking lot. It's raining hard, the pavement is slick, horns are honking, and drivers are shouting. When Ribsy thinks he has found the Huggins' new station wagon at last, he jumps in the open tailgate window and falls asleep, exhausted. When he wakes up, he finds himself in the wrong car.



Socks by Beverly Cleary

After a rough start, and a brief internment in a mail box, Socks the cat has landed on his feet. He belongs to the Brickers—a young couple who dote on him. Then a baby arrives in the household and Socks discovers that the people he'd trained so well no longer consider him the center of their universe.



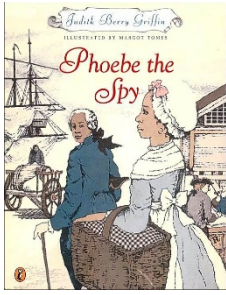
Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School by Louis Sachar (series)

"Everyone take out your spelling books," said Mrs. Jewls. "It's time for arithmetic." Sue is so excited about her first day at WaysideSchool. But things at Wayside are far from normal, and Sue's teacher, Mrs. Jewls, is completely wacky. She expects the students to add and subtract words! She knows adding apples plus oranges is impossible...or is it? Anything can happen at WaysideSchool.



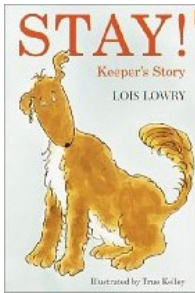
Board Battle (Jake Maddox sports series)

When a group of bullies decide they own the local skatepark, Conner and his best friend, Hannah, are forced to practise elsewhere. Conner and Hannah have to outsmart the bullies if they want to practise for the upcoming competition. Because in the end, the fight for the skatepark will come down to the ultimate battle of the boards.



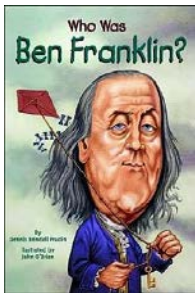
Phoebe the Spy by Judith Griffin

Someone is planning to kill George Washington, and young Phoebe Fraunces is trying to save his life. Phoebe gets a job as George Washington's housekeeper, but her real job is to work as a spy. She listens and watches very carefully, and she meets her father every day to tell him what she has learned. One day Phoebe's father tells her that Washington is planning to leave town in a few days, and the person plotting against him will act before then. Phoebe is very frightened, but she is determined to figure out who is after Washington before it's too late.



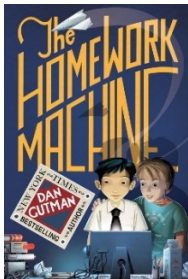
Stay Keeper's Story by Lois Lowry

This is the story of a dog who tells his own tale. As a pup he is separated from his mother and siblings. Through it all, Keeper can't forget his long lost little sister. If only they could be together again, life would be perfect. But an old enemy is watching and waiting to make his move.



Who Was Ben Franklin by Dennis Fradin

This is an often funny, always engaging introduction to one of America's most fascinating founding fathers. Franklin is affectionately and respectfully depicted as a man of insatiable intellectual curiosity with a tireless creative and inventive mind who played indispensable roles in the War for Independence and the establishment of the U.S. government.



Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand.