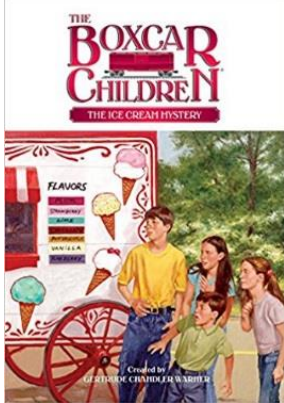


Mrs. Layton's Summer Reading List

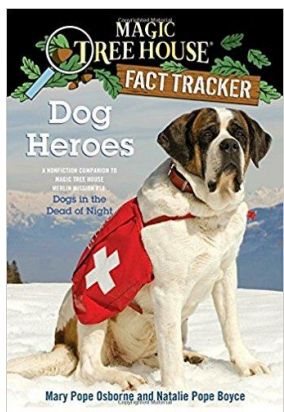
	<p><i>Amber Brown is Not a Crayon</i> by Paula Danziger (*Series)</p> <p>Amber Brown and Justin Daniels are best friends. They've known each other for practically forever, sit next to each other in class, help each other with homework, and always stick up for each other. Justin never says things like, "Amber Brown is not a crayon." Amber never says, "Justin Time." They're a great team—until disaster strikes. Justin has to move away, and now the best friends are fighting. Will they be able to work it out before it's too late?</p> <p>*Any book in the <i>Amber Brown</i> series is a good choice.</p>
	<p><i>Bellyache</i> by Crystal Marcos</p> <p>When Peter Fischer sets out to help his grandfather at Papa's Sweet Shop, he will quickly learn that sneaking sweets and covering up his sugar-dusted tracks will have major consequences. As Peter is transported to a mysteriously delicious, faraway land, a curious people known as the Candonites, some of whom have no time for a non-Candonite, will teach Peter a lesson on what it means to be different and what it means to forgive.</p>
	<p><i>Baseball's Greatest Hitters</i> by S.A. Kramer</p> <p>This Step into Reading Step 5 Sports Reader profiles the greatest hitters in baseball: Ted Williams, Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron. Now updated to include Miguel Cabrera, who made baseball history by achieving the Triple Crown in 2012, and up-and-comer Mike Trout. This star-studded survey remains contemporary by addressing the use of performance-enhancing drugs by some of baseball's top stars.</p> <p>*Any book from the <i>Step into Reading: Sports Readers</i> collection is a good choice.</p>



The Boxcar Children: The Ice Cream Mystery by Gertrude Chandler Walker (*Series)

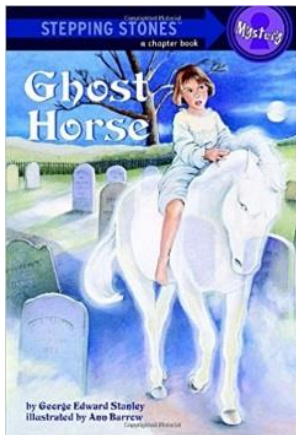
The owner of the Greenfield Ice Cream Barn has two new partners: her granddaughter Brianna and the horse Butterscotch. Benny frequents the Ice Cream Wagon, run by Brianna with Butterscotch's help. But who is trying to shut down the Ice Cream Barn?

*Any book in *The Boxcar Children Mysteries* series is a good choice. However, please do not read books #2, #3, and #74, which are part of our reading curriculum.



Dog Heroes by Mary Pope Osborne

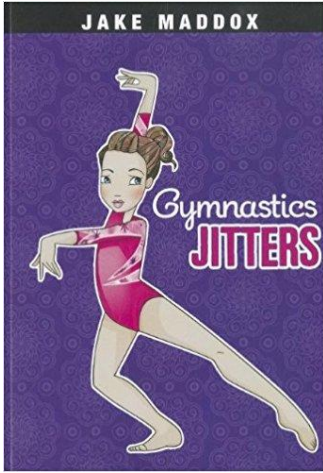
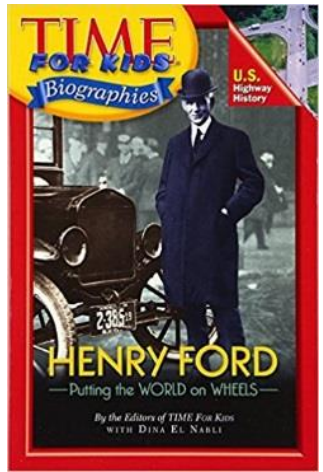
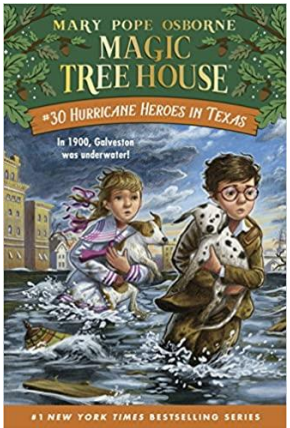
How do St. Bernards help find avalanche survivors? Who are some of the most famous war dog heroes? What breeds make good service dogs? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts.

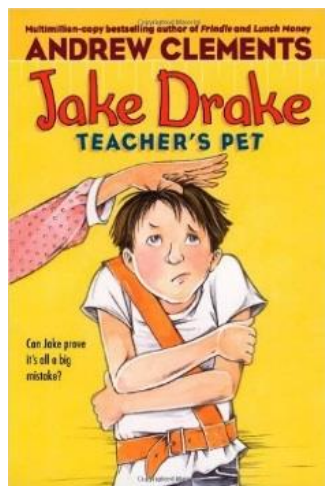


The Ghost Horse by George Edward Stanley

Can Emily free the ghost horse? Emily Clark has just moved. She doesn't like her new house, and she doesn't like her new town. But one night she wakes up to find a horse in her backyard—a ghost horse! Where did he come from? And why is he haunting Emily's backyard? Only by solving the mystery can Emily set the ghost horse free.

*Many books in the *Stepping Stones Mysteries* collection are good. However, please keep in mind that the decoding level in this collection of books varies.

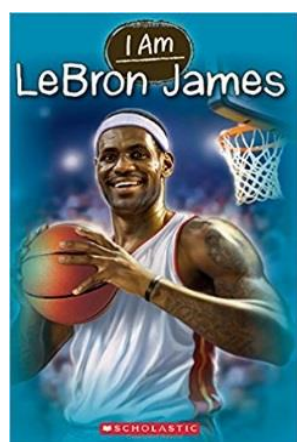
	<p><i>Gymnastics Jitters</i> by Jake Maddox (*Series)</p> <p>Dana and the rest of the Raiders gymnastics team must learn how to deal with their biggest rivals, the Superiors. When the Superiors don't play fair, the Raiders learn a valuable lesson in sportsmanship.</p> <p>*Any book in the Jake Maddox Girls Sports series is a good choice.</p>
	<p><i>Henry Ford: Putting the World on Wheels</i> by the editors of Time for Kids and Dina El Nabli (*Series)</p> <p>As a young boy, Henry Ford was fascinated by technology and how objects worked. His childhood interests led him to leave the Ford family farm in Michigan in search of a career with machinery, and the rest is automotive and economic history. <i>TIME For Kids® Biographies</i> help make a connection between the lives of past heroes and the events of today. Henry Ford made cars affordable, turning them into the primary means of travel for Americans. His innovations, including the assembly line, are still benefiting us today.</p> <p>*Any book from the <i>TIME For Kids® Biographies</i> series is a good choice.</p>
	<p><i>Hurricane Heroes in Texas</i> by Mary Pope Osborne</p> <p>Jack and Annie are on a mission! When the magic tree house whisks them back to Galveston, Texas, in 1900, they find out that a big storm is coming. But even though there is rain and wind, no one believes there is any danger. As the storm grows, seawater floods the city. Now everyone needs help! Jack and Annie have a little bit of magic and a lot of hope--but will it be enough?</p>



Jake Drake Teacher's Pet by Andrew Clements (*Series)

Mrs. Snavin looked right past all those waving hands. She looked right at me and she smiled and said, "I think I'll have Jake take it." Then Mrs. Snavin said, "but be sure to hurry right back, Jake, because we're going to work on our number-line project, and you have to be my *special* computer helper, okay?" And I could feel every kid in the class looking at me. They weren't saying anything. They weren't even whispering. But right then, I heard what they were thinking anyway. They were thinking, *teacher's pet*.

*Any book in the *Jake Drake* series is a good choice.

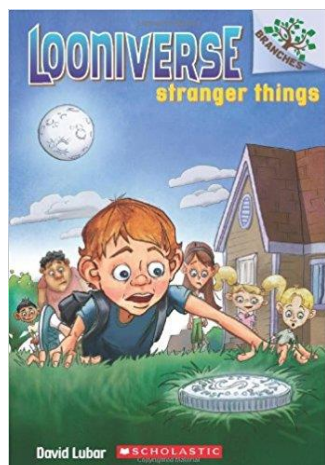


I Am LeBron James by Grace Norwich

I am basketball's biggest superstar--I am LeBron James.

LeBron James was the MVP of the 2013 basketball season and he is one of the best basketball players of all time. His accomplishments on and off the court will appeal to a wide audience-especially boys. He's the perfect person to lead with as the I AM series expands to include more current subjects.

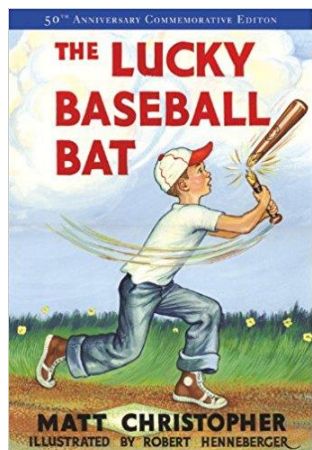
*Any book in the *I AM* collection is a good choice.



Looniverse: Stranger Things by David Lubar (*Series)

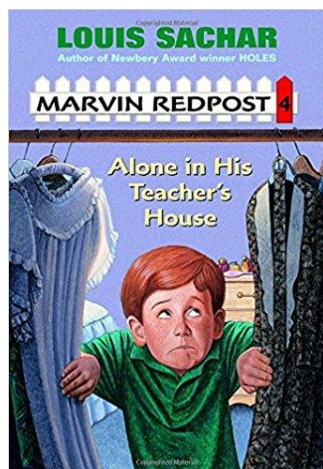
LOONIVERSE is an exciting new series that combines fantasy and humor. In this first book, Ed finds a coin bearing the words "strange, stranger." Once this coin comes into his life, strange things start happening all around him. One of his friends gets stuck in midair, his brother turns into a pool float, and his sister's food makes its way off her plate! Even more bizarre events all lead up to a surprise ending, leaving Ed with a new responsibility and a realization that there's more to this mysterious coin than meets the eye!

*Any book in the *Looniverse* series is a good choice.



The Lucky Baseball Bat by Matt Christopher

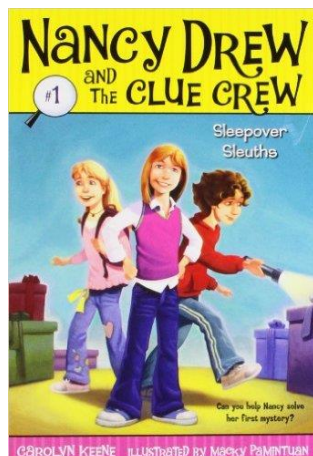
Martin is new to the neighborhood, and wants to make a good impression on his new teammates. But when he loses his lucky baseball bat, Martin fears that he has also lost his ability to play baseball. Will Martin be able to continue his winning streak without the bat?



Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth? by Louis Sachar (*Series)

Marvin Redpost has never felt like he fits in with his family. So when he hears a news report about a missing prince who looks just like him, he knows exactly what happened. Now all he has to do is tell Mr. and Mrs. Redpost that it's time for him to move in with his *real* parents at the castle....

*Any book in the *Marvin Redpost* series is a good choice.

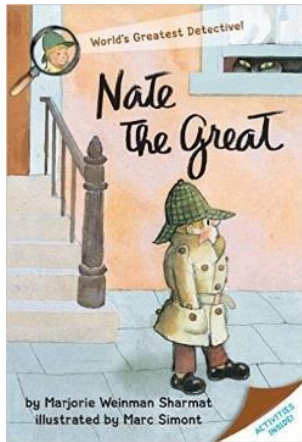


Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew by Carolyn Keene (*Series)

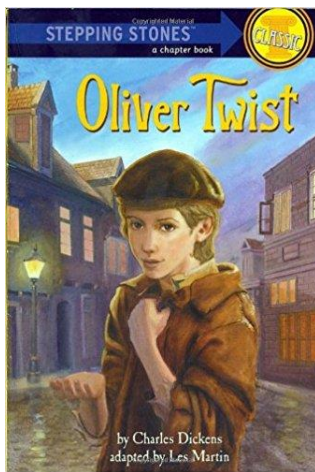
Nancy and her two best friends, George and Bess, are so excited! They have been invited to Deirdre's sleepover party! There will be pizza, cake, and even a pajama fashion show. But the most exciting thing is that the party has a City Girls doll theme. All of the guests are bringing their dolls with them!

But then Deirdre's City Girls doll -- Hollywood Heather -- goes missing. Is her sleepover ruined? Or is there a detective in the room who can make sense of this mystery?

*Any book from the *Nancy Drew* series is a good choice.



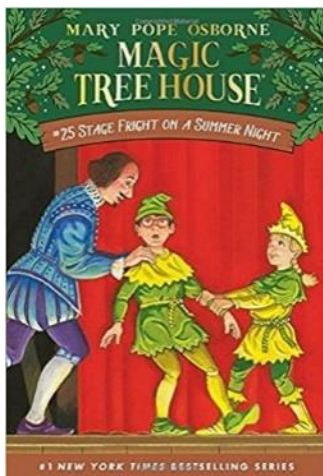
Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (*Series)
 Nate the Great has a new case! His friend Annie has lost a picture. She wants Nate to help her find it. Nate the Great must get all the facts, ask the right questions, and narrow the list of suspects so he can solve the mystery.
 *Any book from the *Nate the Great* series is a good choice.



Oliver Twist – Stepping Stones Adapted Classics by Charles Dickens, adapted by Les Martin

Oliver Twist is a desperate orphan. A gang of thieves takes him in and teaches him to steal, but then he is caught. What will become of poor Oliver Twist? Kids can find out in this easy-to-read chapter book adaptation of the Dickens classic.

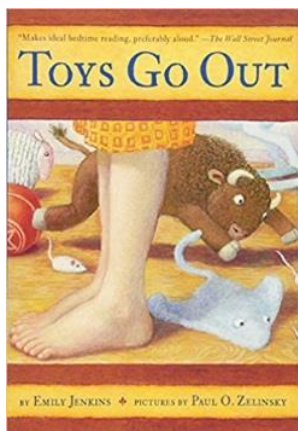
*Any book in the *Stepping Stones Adapted Classics* collection is a good choice. However, please do not read *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *Dracula*, *The Knights of the Round Table*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Tom Sawyer*, or *The Wizard of Oz*, which are part of our reading curriculum.



Stage Fright on a Summer Night by Mary Pope Osborne and (*Series)

The show must go on! That's what Jack and Annie learn when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to Elizabethan England. There they meet William Shakespeare himself—one of the greatest writers of all time! But Mr. Shakespeare's having a hard time with some of the actors in his latest show. Are Jack and Annie ready to make a big entrance? Or will it be curtains for Shakespeare?

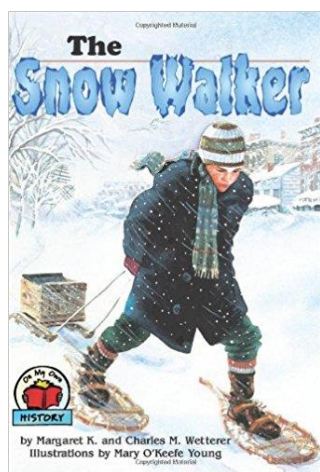
*Any book in the *Magic Tree House* series is a good choice. However, please do not read *Night of the Ninjas*, and *Hour of the Olympics*, which are part of our reading curriculum.



Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins (*Series)

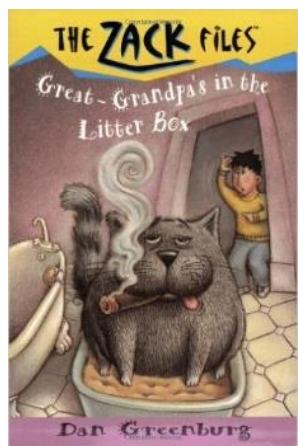
Here is the first book in the highly acclaimed Toys trilogy, which includes the companion books *Toy Dance Party* and *Toys Come Home* and chronicles the unforgettable adventures of three brave and loving toys.

*Any book from the *Toys* trilogy is a good choice.



The Snow Walker by Margaret K. and Charles M. Wetterer

One morning in March 1888, twelve-year-old Milton Daub awoke to find the world buried in snow. The blizzard was like nothing Milton and his neighbors in the Bronx had ever seen. No one dared go out into the storm. No one, that is, except Milton. He and his father made a pair of snowshoes from barrel hoops and old roller skates. Then Milton stepped bravely into the storm to buy milk for his family. Soon he was buying supplies for everyone in the area. His neighbors declared him a hero. The Blizzard of 1888 set records in the Northeast that are still unbroken. It forced whole cities to shut down for days. But Milton didn't let the snow stop him from helping neighbors in need. His true story is both an exciting adventure and a heartwarming glimpse of old New York.



The Zack Files: My Great-Grandpa is in the Litter Box by Dan Greenburg and Jack E. Davis (*Series)

What I wanted was a cute little kitten. Instead, I got a tough tomcat that talks. And that's not all! He says he's my Great-Grandpa Julius and he needs my help. And messy litter box or not, family is family!

*This is the first book in *The Zack Files* series. Any book in this series is a good choice.