

Salem Public Schools

Elementary Summer Reading



We hope that Salem students continue to read over the summer and come back to school ready to share reading discoveries. This summer reading list contains suggested titles and authors that students will find interesting and fun. There is a new section for informational texts (K-2 and 3-5) that contains exemplar texts from the Common Core State Standards. Any books marked with an asterisk (*) are exemplar texts from the new Common Core State Standards.

In addition to the titles on this list, we also recommend that you check out books featured at the Salem Public Library this summer.

Esperamos que los estudiantes de Salem continúen leyendo durante el verano y regresen listos para compartir los descubrimientos de sus lecturas. Esta lista de lectura de verano contiene títulos de autores que los estudiantes encontrarán interesantes y divertidos.

Hay una sección nueva de textos informativos (de kínder a segundo y de tercer a quinto grado) que contienen textos ejemplares de los nuevos *Common Core State Standards*. Cualquiera de los libros marcados con un asterisco (*) son los textos ejemplares de los nuevos *Common Core State Standards*.

Además de los títulos en esta lista, también recomendamos que usted eche un vistazo a los libros que la biblioteca pública de Salem ha seleccionado este verano.

La biblioteca pública de Salem tiene una sección de libros en español, muchos de los cuales son traducciones de títulos populares.

Picture Books K – 2

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And, of course, Dr. Seuss readers!*

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Friedman, Laurie. *Campfire Mallory*
Gregory, Kristiana. *Cabin Creek Mysteries*
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Holm, Jennifer. *Babymouse* (graphic novel)
McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody and Stink*
Meadow, Daisy. *Rainbow Magic*

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Roy, Ron. *Capital Mystery*
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Hakim, Joy. *A History of US: The New Nation 1789-1850**
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Mark, Jan and Holland, Richard. *The Museum Book: A Guide To Strange and Wonderful Collections*
Otfinsoki, Steve. *The Kid's Guide To Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It**
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Byng, Georgia. *Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure* (series) (3,4,5) Molly Moon and her friend Roger, orphans with unusual hypnotic powers, find themselves in dangerous situations from unsuspected sources.

Cabot, Meg. *The New Girl* (3) Guided by her rules, nine-year-old Allie Finkle works to get past being just the new girl at school, eagerly awaits the arrival of her kitten, and faces turmoil when her grandmother visits while the family is still settling into their new home.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts* (5) A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Delacre, Lulu. *Salsa Stories* (4,5) A collection of stories of a family celebration where the guests relate their memories of growing up in various Latin American countries. Also contains recipes.

Dowd, Siobhan. *London Eye Mystery* (5 and up) When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery.

Frazier, Sundee T. *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It* (5 and up) Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged.

Gratz, Allan. *Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings* (5 and up) In nine innings, this novel tells the stories of nine successive Schneider kids and their connection to Brooklyn and baseball.

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure* (series) (3,4) Youngsters travel back in time to meet various real-life baseball heroes and encounter life-affirming adventures.

Hale, Shannon. *Rapunzel's Revenge* (graphic novel) (5 and up) In this Old West retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso and to take on outlaws.

Hunter, Erin. *The Warriors* and *The Seekers* (series) (4,5) Animal adventure and survival series

Law, Ingrid. *Savvy* (4,5) Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (4,5) Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters* (3) When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, like that of their home-town hero Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.

Lopez, Diana. *Confetti Girl* (5 and up) Confetti and *cascarones* are part of the upheaval and exuberance in the life of Lina, a Texas sixth grader whose mother has died and whose father

seems to detach himself in a world of books. Still, Lina and her friend Vanessa immerse themselves in their Spanish culture, boys, volleyball, and an obsession with socks.

Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys* (4,5) The four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. Those who loved Lemony Snicket books will love this book.

Lupica, Mike. *The Big Field* (5 and up) When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

Martin, Ann. *The Doll People* (and sequels) (4,5) A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

Mohr, Nicholas. *Felita* (4,5) The everyday experiences of an eight-year-old Puerto Rican girl growing up in a close-knit urban community

Mull, Brandon. *Fablehaven* (3, 4) Two children staying at their grandparents' estate discover a world of magical beings and a raging battle between forces of good and evil.

Nimmo, Jenny. *Charlie Bone* (series) (3,4,5) Variation on the Harry Potter story with Charlie Bone and his friends at an academy of magic

Riordon, Rick. *The Lightning Thief* (series) (5 and up) After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Also, look for the new Kane Chronicles by this author starting with *The Red Pyramid*.

Grades 6 –8

In addition to these suggested titles, students will want to make selections from the Collins Middle School summer reading list available online at Collins library website. This list includes titles available in Spanish. Grade levels are in parentheses.

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (8) Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Alvarez, Julia. *Before We Were Free* (7,8) In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

Cummings, Priscilla. *Red Kayak* (6,7,8) Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

Deuker, Carl. *Runner* (7,8) Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

Draper, Sharon. *Romiette and Julio* (8) Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.

Feinstein, John. *Cover-up* (7,8) Fledgling fourteen-year-old sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie investigate suspicious activities at the Super Bowl after Stevie gets fired from his co-anchor job on a ground-breaking teen sports show.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found* (6,7,8) When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery.

Howe, James. *The Misfits* (6,7,8) Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Lopez, Diana. *Confetti Girl* (6,7) After the death of her mother, Texas sixth-grader Lina's grades and mood drop as she watches her father lose himself more and more in books, while her best friend uses Lina as an excuse to secretly meet her boyfriend.

McHale, D.J. *Pendragon* series (6,7,8) An ever-expanding series of books, this is the quest of young teen Bobby Pendragon who discovers that he is not so normal and is in fact on a mission to save the world. Fantasy series sure to capture any reader

Myers, Walter Dean. *Sunrise Over Fallujah* (8) Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

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Naidoo, Beverly. *The Other Side of Truth* (7,8) Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.

Patterson, James *Maximum Ride* (series) (7,8) After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Peet, Mal *Keeper* (7,8) In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life as We Knew It* (7,8) Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Pratchett, Terry. *Nation* (6,7,8) After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Shan, Darren. *Cirque du Freak* (series). (6,7,8) Darren Shan leaves Vampire Mountain as part of an elite force on a life-and-death mission to find the newly-risen Vampaneze Lord, who is set to lead the vampaneze into war against the vampires.

Stone, Jeff. *Tiger* (Ancestors Series) 6, 7, 8) Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster.

Stroud, Jonathan. *The Amulet of Samarkand* (6,7,8) (series) Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Werlin, Nancy *Rules of Survival* (7,8) Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *After Tupac and D Foster* (6,7,8) In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Non-Fiction

The Salem Public Library has non-fiction to meet many interests. Ask the librarian to guide you. Below are a few to get started.

Grades K-5

Beeler, Selby. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof* Delightful exploration of what various cultures do when a child loses a tooth.

Fleischman, Sid. *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* A passionate and lively account of the greatest magician and escape artist of all time.

Keller, Laurie. *Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners*

Leedy, Loreen. *Follow the Money* and other books by this author

Mortenson, Greg. *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups of Tea*

Sturm, James. *Adventures in Cartooning* Combines story of knights and princesses with directions on creating your own cartoons.

Tang, Greg. *Math for All Seasons* and others in the series

Gail Gibbons books (grades 2-5)

Tana Hoban books (K-3)

Who Was...? Biography books (also in Spanish)

Look for titles from these publishers. Reading levels are marked on books and range from K-5.

DK Readers

National Geographic Kids

Usborne Beginners

Grades 6- 8

Bernier-Grand, Carmen. *Diego: Bigger than Life* The story of the life and work of the artist Diego Rivera as told through poetry.

Blais, Madeleine. *In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle* A riveting account of one championship season in the lives of the Lady Hurricanes, a high school basketball team from Amherst, Massachusetts.

D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myth With illustrations and humor, Greek mythology is brought to life in these stories.

Krakauer, Jon. *Into Thin Air* The author describes his spring 1996 trek to Mt. Everest, a disastrous expedition that claimed the lives of eight climbers, and explains why he survived.

Mortenson, Greg and David Oliver Relin. *Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers' Edition* The remarkable story on one man's work to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Turner, Pamela S. *The Frog Scientist* and other *Scientists in the Field* books How African-American Tyrone Hayes turned his childhood hobby of collecting frogs into a career as a leading scientist who discovered the horrible effects pesticides have on frogs and, in turn, on us.

Siegel, Siena Cherson. *To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel* The story of Siena whose dream of being a dancer takes her from Puerto Rico to dance classes in Boston and her performance with the New York City Ballet.

Poetry

There are many delightful and fun-filled poetry books, many filled with humor and playfulness. Look for other works by these popular poets:

Florian, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars* Clever poetry takes us to outer space.

Giovanni, Nikki. Ed. *Hip Hop Speaks to Children* Amazing range, African American voices, fabulous audio CD.

Katz, Bobbi. *Monsterologist: A Memoir in Rhyme* Ingenious scrapbook design and moveable art showcase clever poems about monsters and the evil genius who knows them best.

Lewis, J. Patrick. *Skywriting: Poems to Fly* From Greek myths to modern day, these poems capture mankind's quest to take flight.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Jazz* A celebration of jazz music and history and a tribute to New Orleans captured with vivid and participatory language.

Prelutsky, Jack. *Good Sports: Rhymes About Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More* Participating as well as winning and losing in sports is highlighted in playful rhymes.

Singer, Marilyn. *Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse* Fairytale poems that can be read both up and down.

Soto, Gary. *Neighborhood Odes* Twenty-one poems about growing up in a Hispanic neighborhood.

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Bosch, Pseudonymous. *The Name of This Book Is Secret* (series) (5) Cassandra and Max find a missing magician's notebook and start to investigate the fire which burnt down his house and his mysterious "symphony of smells."

Byng, Georgia. *Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure* (series) (3,4,5) Molly Moon and her friend Roger, orphans with unusual hypnotic powers, find themselves in dangerous situations from unsuspected sources.

Cabot, Meg. *The New Girl* (3) Guided by her rules, nine-year-old Allie Finkle works to get past being just the new girl at school, eagerly awaits the arrival of her kitten, and faces turmoil when her grandmother visits while the family is still settling into their new home.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts* (5) A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Delacre, Lulu. *Salsa Stories* (4,5) A collection of stories of a family celebration where the guests relate their memories of growing up in various Latin American countries. Also contains recipes.

Dowd, Siobhan. *London Eye Mystery* (5 and up) When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery.

Frazier, Sundee T. *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It* (5 and up) Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged.

Gratz, Allan. *Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings* (5 and up) In nine innings, this novel tells the stories of nine successive Schneider kids and their connection to Brooklyn and baseball.

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure* (series) (3,4) Youngsters travel back in time to meet various real-life baseball heroes and encounter life-affirming adventures.

Hale, Shannon. *Rapunzel's Revenge* (graphic novel) (5 and up) In this Old West retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso and to take on outlaws.

Hunter, Erin. *The Warriors* and *The Seekers* (series) (4,5) Animal adventure and survival series

Law, Ingrid. *Savvy* (4,5) Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (4,5) Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters* (3) When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, like that of their home-town hero Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.

Lopez, Diana. *Confetti Girl* (5 and up) Confetti and *cascarones* are part of the upheaval and exuberance in the life of Lina, a Texas sixth grader whose mother has died and whose father seems to detach himself in a world of books. Still, Lina and her friend Vanessa immerse themselves in their Spanish culture, boys, volleyball, and an obsession with socks.

Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys* (4,5) The four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. Those who loved Lemony Snicket books will love this book.

Lupica, Mike. *The Big Field* (5 and up) When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

Martin, Ann. *The Doll People* (and sequels) (4,5) A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

Mohr, Nicholas. *Felita* (4,5) The everyday experiences of an eight-year-old Puerto Rican girl growing up in a close-knit urban community

Mull, Brandon. *Fablehaven* (3, 4) Two children staying at their grandparents' estate discover a world of magical beings and a raging battle between forces of good and evil.

Nimmo, Jenny. *Charlie Bone* (series) (3,4,5) Variation on the Harry Potter story with Charlie Bone and his friends at an academy of magic

Riordon, Rick. *The Lightning Thief* (series) (5 and up) After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Also, look for the new Kane Chronicles by this author starting with *The Red Pyramid*.

Grades 6 –8

In addition to these suggested titles, students will want to make selections from the Collins Middle School summer reading list available online at Collins library website. This list includes titles available in Spanish. Grade levels are in parentheses.

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (8) Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Alvarez, Julia. *Before We Were Free* (7,8) In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

Cummings, Priscilla. *Red Kayak* (6,7,8) Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

Deuker, Carl. *Runner* (7,8) Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

Draper, Sharon. *Romiette and Julio* (8) Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating.

Feinstein, John. *Cover-up* (7,8) Fledgling fourteen-year-old sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie investigate suspicious activities at the Super Bowl after Stevie gets fired from his co-anchor job on a ground-breaking teen sports show.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found* (6,7,8) When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery.

Howe, James. *The Misfits* (6,7,8) Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Lopez, Diana. *Confetti Girl* (6,7) After the death of her mother, Texas sixth-grader Lina's grades and mood drop as she watches her father lose himself more and more in books, while her best friend uses Lina as an excuse to secretly meet her boyfriend.

McHale, D.J. *Pendragon* series (6,7,8) An ever-expanding series of books, this is the quest of young teen Bobby Pendragon who discovers that he is not so normal and is in fact on a mission to save the world. Fantasy series sure to capture any reader

Myers, Walter Dean. *Sunrise Over Fallujah* (8) Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

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Naidoo, Beverly. *The Other Side of Truth* (7,8) Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.

Patterson, James *Maximum Ride* (series) (7,8) After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Peet, Mal *Keeper* (7,8) In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life as We Knew It* (7,8) Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Pratchett, Terry. *Nation* (6,7,8) After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Shan, Darren. *Cirque du Freak* (series). (6,7,8) Darren Shan leaves Vampire Mountain as part of an elite force on a life-and-death mission to find the newly-risen Vampaneze Lord, who is set to lead the vampaneze into war against the vampires.

Stone, Jeff. *Tiger* (Ancestors Series) 6, 7, 8) Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster.

Stroud, Jonathan. *The Amulet of Samarkand* (6,7,8) (series) Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Werlin, Nancy *Rules of Survival* (7,8) Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *After Tupac and D Foster* (6,7,8) In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Non-Fiction

The Salem Public Library has non-fiction to meet many interests. Ask the librarian to guide you. Below are a few to get started.

Grades K-5

Beeler, Selby. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof* Delightful exploration of what various cultures do when a child loses a tooth.

Fleischman, Sid. *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* A passionate and lively account of the greatest magician and escape artist of all time.

Keller, Laurie. *Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners*

Leedy, Loreen. *Follow the Money* and other books by this author

Mortenson, Greg. *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups of Tea*

Sturm, James. *Adventures in Cartooning* Combines story of knights and princesses with directions on creating your own cartoons.

Tang, Greg. *Math for All Seasons* and others in the series

Gail Gibbons books (grades 2-5)

Tana Hoban books (K-3)

Who Was...? Biography books (also in Spanish)

Look for titles from these publishers. Reading levels are marked on books and range from K-5.

DK Readers

National Geographic Kids

Usborne Beginners

Grades 6- 8

Bernier-Grand, Carmen. *Diego: Bigger than Life* The story of the life and work of the artist Diego Rivera as told through poetry.

Blais, Madeleine. *In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle* A riveting account of one championship season in the lives of the Lady Hurricanes, a high school basketball team from Amherst, Massachusetts.

D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myth With illustrations and humor, Greek mythology is brought to life in these stories.

Krakauer, Jon. *Into Thin Air* The author describes his spring 1996 trek to Mt. Everest, a disastrous expedition that claimed the lives of eight climbers, and explains why he survived.

Mortenson, Greg and David Oliver Relin. *Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers' Edition* The remarkable story on one man's work to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Turner, Pamela S. *The Frog Scientist* and other *Scientists in the Field* books How African-American Tyrone Hayes turned his childhood hobby of collecting frogs into a career as a leading scientist who discovered the horrible effects pesticides have on frogs and, in turn, on us.

Siegel, Siena Cherson. *To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel* The story of Siena whose dream of being a dancer takes her from Puerto Rico to dance classes in Boston and her performance with the New York City Ballet.

Poetry

There are many delightful and fun-filled poetry books, many filled with humor and playfulness. Look for other works by these popular poets:

Florian, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars* Clever poetry takes us to outer space.

Giovanni, Nikki. Ed. *Hip Hop Speaks to Children* Amazing range, African American voices, fabulous audio CD.

Katz, Bobbi. *Monsterologist: A Memoir in Rhyme* Ingenious scrapbook design and moveable art showcase clever poems about monsters and the evil genius who knows them best.

Lewis, J. Patrick. *Skywriting: Poems to Fly* From Greek myths to modern day, these poems capture mankind's quest to take flight.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Jazz* A celebration of jazz music and history and a tribute to New Orleans captured with vivid and participatory language.

Prelutsky, Jack. *Good Sports: Rhymes About Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More* Participating as well as winning and losing in sports is highlighted in playful rhymes.

Singer, Marilyn. *Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse* Fairytale poems that can be read both up and down.

Soto, Gary. *Neighborhood Odes* Twenty-one poems about growing up in a Hispanic neighborhood.