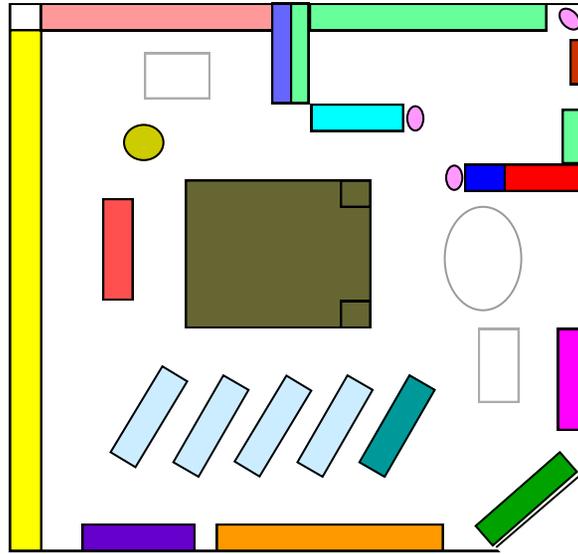


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SECOND GRADE

recommended reading list



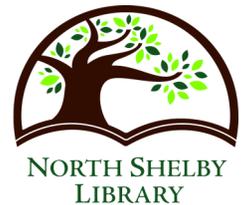
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First Chapters

Brown, Monica. *Lola Levine Is Not Mean*. Lola accidentally fouls another soccer player and is banned from playing, but she has a loving family and friends who make her feel better.

Coven, Wanda. *Heidi Heckelbeck (series)*. Heidi can do magic—with some fun and kooky adventures as a result!

Hale, Shannon. *Princess in Black (series)*. When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Kirby, Stan. *Captain Awesome and the Missing Elephants (series)*. Can Eugene McGillicuddy and the Sunnyview Superhero Squad find the zoo's missing elephants?

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho (series)*. Alvin, an Asian American second grader, is afraid of everything—elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school.

Moser, Lisa. *Squirrel's Fun Day (series)*. Squirrel is determined to have a very fun day with each of his animal friends.

Myracle, Lauren. *The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems (series)*. While on a field trip to the aquarium, 7-year-old Ty “rescues” a baby penguin and takes it home.

Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio (series)*. A book from his magician uncle transports Joe and his friends, Fred and Sam, back in time to swashbuckling adventures fraught with dangers at every turn.

Warner, Sally. *Ellray Jakes is not a Chicken (series)*.

EllRay Jakes is tired of being bullied by fellow classmate Jared Matthews. But when EllRay tries to defend himself, he winds up in trouble.

Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*. In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

Nonfiction

Brown, Calef. *Hypnotize a Tiger: Poems About Just About Everything*. A whimsical collection of nonsense poetry and art.

Heos, Bridget. *I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are*. An earnest (and highly partisan) fly narrator provides a refreshing new perspective on his fascinating species.

Jenkins, Steve. *How to Swallow a Pig*. A clever book about animal behavior disguised as a how-to/advice book.

Roth, Susan L. *Parrots Over Puerto Rico*. Learn about the endangered Puerto Rican parrot, efforts to save the species, and the island of Puerto Rico.

Picture Books

Ellis, Carson. *Home*. This book will encourage children to think about their own homes and the homes of others and dream about living in a palace or a shoe one day.

Falatko, Julie. *Snappy the Alligator*. Snappy's ordinary day is interrupted by a meddling narrator.

McCloskey, Robert. *Time of Wonder*. Two children spend their summer vacation on an island off the coast of Maine.

Graphic Novels

Castellucci, Cecil. *Odd Duck*. Theodora, a duck who swims with a teacup on her head and stays north when other ducks fly south, makes a new friend who may be equally “odd.”

Coudray, Philippe. *Benjamin Bear in “Bright Ideas!” (series)*. Benjamin Bear, accompanied by his faithful rabbit friend, shares his observations about the world around him.

Hatke, Ben. *Little Robot*. When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time.

Liniers. *Written and Drawn by Henrietta*. When Henrietta's mother gives her a box of colored pencils, she sets out to draw a terrifying and fantastic adventure.