

❖ 2nd & 3rd Grade ❖

Best Books of 2016

Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

* *Additional formats available from other libraries and/or downloadable from OverDrive.*

***Animal Gymnastics* – Isabel Thomas**

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Who would win the Olympic gold medals if all the competitors were animals?

***The Bad Guys* – Aaron Blabey**

+Blabey

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.

***The Bolds* – Julian Clary**

+Clary

Two hyenas from Africa find a pair of passports (memo: do not go swimming in a crocodile pool), and move to Teddington, England, where they live suburban lives, hold jobs, and raise their children to hide their tails and act human--the only trouble is old Mr. McNumpy, their nosy neighbor, who is hiding a secret of his own.

***Cool Crosby (series)* – Shelley Swanson Sateren**

++Early Readers Sateren

Alfie Wolfe thinks his twin sister is the biggest pain in the world and they are constantly getting into fights, until he observes how patiently the German shepherd Crosby at the Hound Hotel behaves with his super annoying little "brother" puppy, Bruno.

***Dog Man* – Dav Pilkey**

+Pilkey Graphic Novel

George and Harold create a new comic book hero in Dog Man, a crime fighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, who faces off against his arch nemesis, Petey the cat.

***Fabulous Frogs* – Martin Jenkins**

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Looks at all kinds of frogs, from exotic species to the common greenish-brown specimens found in backyards, discussing their characteristics, life cycles, and habitats.

***Fish Hotel* – Lynn Markham (local author!)**

++Markham

Two cousins discover an underwater oasis where fish and aquatic creatures enjoy the benefits of trees in lakes. Then they take action to help the fish.

***Freedom in Congo Square* – Carole Boston Weatherford**

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Six days a week, slaves labor from sunup to sundown and beyond, but on Sunday afternoons, they gather with free blacks at Congo Square outside New Orleans, free from oppression.

***Giant Squid* – Candace Fleming**

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A nonfiction picture book exploring the mysterious life of the elusive giant squid.

***Glow: Animals with their Own Night-Lights* – W. H. Beck**

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Whether it's used to hunt, hide, find a friend, or escape an enemy, bioluminescence (the ability to glow) is a unique adaptation in nature. Join world renowned photographers and biologists on their close encounters with the curious creatures that make their own light.



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***Jack and the Beanstalk: An Interactive Fairy Tale Adventure* +Series Interactive Adventure**

In this adventure a giant has to figure out what to do with an annoying human boy named Jack who climbed up a beanstalk: send him back, put him to work, or eat him--and the choice is up to the reader.

***The Journey* – Francesca Sanna ++Sanna**

What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope. Based on the author's interactions with people forced to seek a new home, and told from the perspective of a young child.

***Juana & Lucas* – Juana Medina +Medina; +CD-Audio Bk Medina ***

A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

***Magic Tree House Incredible Fact Book* – Mary Pope Osborne +Series Magic Tree House**

A nonfiction companion to the Magic Tree House series.

***Narwhal, Unicorn of the Sea* – Ben Clanton +Clanton Graphic Novel**

A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

***Pedro (series)* – Fran Manushkin ++Early Readers Manushkin**

Pedro would love to be the goalie in the team's first game, but another boy is bigger--so all his friends come over to help him practice before the tryout.

***Sing a Season Song* – Jane Yolen ++Yolen**

Illustrations and rhyming text introduce the four seasons as icicle popsicles drip, daffodils bloom on hills, fireflies blink on and off, and honking geese fly by.

***Totally Wacky Facts about the Human Mind (series)* – Cari Meister +612.82 Mei**

Presents more than 100 facts about the human mind in a unique layout.

