

j 567.9 DIX

If Dinosaurs Were Alive Today by Dougal Dixon

What would they eat? Would humans fight them? Would movie crews film them? Boats bump into them? And scientists study them? Could our climate support them? Read this book and study the fabulous pictures to find answers.

j 599.352 MAR

Oh, Rats! by Albert Marin

Why do some people consider rats disgusting while others love them as pets? Did they really cause the greatest plague in European history, and, if they did, how come they make such great pets?

j 598.944 SCH

Pale Male, Citizen Hawk of New York City by Janet Schulman

One crisp autumn day in 1991, a red-tailed hawk flew across the Hudson River to Central Park in New York. Choosing the top of a swanky apartment building for a nest, Pale Male and his mate made their nest and raised children. The wealthy apartment residents wanted them gone. The rest of New York wanted them to stay. Who would win?

j 612.821 SCO

All About Sleep, From A to Zzzz by Elaine Scott

Just think: if you live to be 75 years old, that means you will have spent 25 years asleep! Yet sleep remains a mystery. What is it? And where do our minds go when we sleep? Read this book to find out what scientists say so far.

j 741.5 DAY

Garfield: 30 Years of Laughter and Lasagna by Jim Davis

Wow, Garfield does not look 30-years-old! Jim Davis has selected his favorite comic strips and added some commentary. A must read for all Odie fans.

BIOGRAPHIES

J B L'OUVERTURE ROC

Open the Door to Liberty: A Biography of Toussaint L'Ouverture by Anne Rockwell

The life of the great Haitian liberator who led the first triumphant slave rebellion in history.

J B WELLS DRA

Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells by Philip Dray

The amazing story of a former slave from Mississippi who became a crusader for justice and helped bring an end to lynching in America.

Note to Students:

To encourage more students to make reading a part of their summer vacation, the Middletown Public Schools and Russell Library have coordinated efforts by publishing this brochure.

On behalf of our schools, my colleagues, and the Russell Library, I wish you a reading enriched summer vacation.

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Grades 4-5

FICTION

j BOW

Pecos Bill, the Greatest Cowboy of All Time by James Cloyd Bowman

Raised by coyotes, Bill has one fabulous adventure after another in the Wild West.

j BRO

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

A beetle named Marvin and a boy named James have an unusual friendship. When Marvin creates a masterpiece for James' eleventh birthday, they both get tangled up with an art heist involving the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

j CHE

Saxby Smart, Private Detective: The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files by Simon Cheshire

Meet Saxby Smart, a ten-year-old who works out of a tool shed in his parents' garden. You will be his sidekick as he solves three cases.

j DRA

Monsterology: The Complete Book of Monstrous Beasts by Dr. Ernest Drake

In 1898, Dr. Drake set sail on his yacht to seek the most fabulous monsters in the world. He found them! From the Arabian Unicorn to the Egyptian Spinx, the good doctor presents them for your inspection in full-page, vivid colors.

j GAI

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Imagine what it's like to grow up in a graveyard with ghosts as your guardians and teachers. This has been Bod's life since he was a toddler. Now his life is in danger. Read the 2009 Newbury Award-winning book by the greatest master of horror since Stephen King.

j HAD

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

This is the first book in the *Missing* series. Jonah and Chip are two thirteen-year-old adoptees who discover they have mysterious origins. Why were they brought here? What is their mission?

j HOR

The Switch by Anthony Horowitz

As the son of a billionaire, Tad Spencer has it all – a mansion, servants, every toy in the universe – the works! But when a sorceress switches him into Bob Snorby's body,

Tad finds himself trapped in a criminal world ruled by hostile ingrates, hopeless criminals, and maybe even a murdering madman.

j KEH

Stolen Children by Peg Kehret

Amy thought that she was lucky when she got a last-minute job babysitting for three-year-old Kendra. When she and Kendra are kidnapped, it is up to Amy to save them in this exciting thriller.

j KIN

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley is in big trouble again. Now his father is threatening to send him to military school! The third installment in the most popular series around.

j KOR

Swindle by Gordon Korman

"Swindle" Palomino has cheated young Griffin Bing out of a million-dollar baseball card, so Griffin is out for revenge. His mission-impossible team is the best: a computer whiz, a talented actor, a dog whisperer, an amazing mountain climber, and...a class bully!?? This story moves fast!

j LAY

Lay-ups and Long Shots

An anthology of short stories all about sports. Among these tales of basketball, football, soccer, running, surfing, BMX racing, and even ping-pong, you're sure to find at least one that will get your pulse racing.

j LEZ

T4: A Novel in Verse by Ann Clare LeZotte

Although Paula is deaf, she has a happy life in pre-World War II Germany. Then the Nazis come to power and change her life. They enact the T4 policy which ordered the killing of all who were mentally or physically disabled. The author herself is deaf.

j PAL

Geek Chic by Margie Palatini

Only 198 days till Zoey gets into the sixth grade! But, with her bad hair situation and her funny earlobes, she needs help from a fairy godmother right away, or else she'll never achieve the state of cool-ability.

j PEA

A Finder's Magic by Philippa Pearce

In search of his lost dog Bess, a boy called Till needs the help of a mysterious man who can understand the language of animals. But the animals speak in riddles, and only by solving them can Till unmask the thief who stole Bess.

j SEL

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

What do clocks, a mechanical man and a great silent movie director have in common? Read this Newberry Award-winner to find out. Don't let the book's thickness fool you. This combination of novel with comic book delivers a thrill on every page.

j STG

The Ghost, the White House, and Me by Judith St. George

After their mother is inaugurated as America's first female president, KayKay and Annie begin to suspect that the White House is haunted. Is it possible that Abraham Lincoln's ghost lingers in the Lincoln bedroom?

j VAI

Lucky by Rachel Vail

Phoebe's friends think of her as lucky because she's athletic, pretty, smart, and, until recently, wealthy. But what will they think of her when they discover that she is poor?

NON-FICTION

j 297.09 HIN

Faith by Kathryn Hinds

What was it like to be a Muslim in the medieval world? This book explaining the origins of Islam is beautifully illustrated.

j 398.2097 BRU

The Girl Who Helped Thunder by James and Joseph Bruchac

Gathered from Native American tribal storytellers from every part of the country, these tales of dangerous quests, brave hunters, mighty chiefs and daring princesses, will hold you spellbound.

j 567.9 COH

Danger in the Desert: True Adventures of a Dinosaur Hunter by Roger Cohen

The Gobi Desert is a vast mystery and you need a daring person like Roy Chapman Andrews to uncover its secrets. Meet the real life Indiana Jones.