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**Are You Ready to Play Outside?** by Mo Willems

Gerald and Piggie are back in this easy reader about rain. Can a pig and an elephant have fun playing outside during a rainstorm? If it's Gerald and Piggy they can!

**NON-FICTION**

J577.699 KUD

**The Seaside Switch** by Kathleen V. Kudlinski

Depending on the seasons or the time of day the seaside can reveal many different treasures.

J636.7 JEN

**Dogs and Cats** by Steve Jenkins

Fabulous illustrations enhance this unique and informative book which gives equal consideration to the virtues of both cats and dogs.

J641.5 FAU

**Puffy Popovers and Other Get-Out-of-Bed Breakfasts** by Nick Fauchald

Help your kids learn the basics of nutrition, meal planning and food preparation this summer by bringing home some interesting selections from our large and varied collection of cookbooks written especially for children.

J745.594 HEN

**Card Making** by Sally Henry

Looking for some creative outlets for your children's imagination and energy? Check out the large selection of craft books, many of which offer suggestions for activities using things you already have on hand at home. From knitting to jewelry making, from paper airplanes to soap-box derby cars, there are ideas enough to last the summer in the library's craft section.

J790.1 RIP

**Play With Us: 100 Games From Around the World**

by Oriol Ripoll

Indoor games, outdoor games, competitive games, cooperative games—no matter what the weather, the interests, or the size of your group, there are games for every situation in this book and similar books with the same call number.

J811.008 BIL

**The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry** edited by Bill Martin, Jr.

This big, bright, colorful book is full of poems that will please a wide audience and may inspire further reading. Why not pick up some nearby books of riddles and jokes too?

**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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Assistant Superintendent  
for Curriculum & Instruction



**Grade K - 1**

## PICTURE BOOKS

P AVE

**In a Blue Room** by Jim Averbeck

Alice can't fall asleep unless she has a room that's blue. Her mother tries everything she can to help, but it's the moon that finally helps Alice fall asleep.

P CUR

**Big Words for Little People** by Jamie Lee Curtis

The team of Jamie Lee Curtis and illustrator Laura Cornell is back with this book about the big words adults use that little people hear all the time. Some of the words little people hear all the time are: inconsiderate, patience, inappropriate, but most importantly, love and respect.

P DEW

**Llama Llama Misses Mama** by Anna Dewdney

Little Llama is excited about his first day of preschool, until he realizes that Mama is leaving! Llama makes friends and realizes just how much fun preschool can be. Don't miss **Llama, Llama Mad at Mama** and **Llama, Llama Red Pajama**.

P DOR

**Papa and Me** by Arthur Dorros

Papa and his young son spend the day together, naming things both in English and Spanish.

P FRA

**A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever** by Marla Frazee

James and Eamon spend a week at Eamon's grandparents' house. During that week they go every day to "Nature Camp" and earn the combined nickname "Jamon".

P GRA

**How to Heal a Broken Wing** by Bob Graham

When one small bird falls in a big city, it's up to one little boy to help the bird fly again.

P HAR

**Maybe a Bear Ate It** by Robie H. Harris

One little monster has lost his book. His imagination can think of many things that may have happened to it, including its having been eaten by a bear.

P LAR

**Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival** by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

This picture book, based on a true story, shows love that transcends tragedy and species. You will fall in love with Bob cat and Bob the dog.

P MCC

**Adele and Simon In America** by Barbara McClintock

Simon has a great time visiting America, but manages to lose something in every town he visits, much to the consternation of his sister Adele. End pages describe details of historical and architectural interest, including the famous people who appear on several pages. Don't miss the first book **Simon and Adele!**

P NEW

**Posy** by Linda Newbery

Cat lovers will enjoy this simple but beautiful book that follows a day in the life of Posy, a busy striped kitten.

P NUM

**The Jellybeans and the Big Dance** by Laura Numeroff

Emily loves to dance and can't wait for dance class to begin. When she gets there, the other girls don't really want to dance. Emily has a sweet idea to get them together for the big dance!

P OCO

**Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words from Accessories to Zany** by Jane O'Connor

Fancy Nancy is back with this wonderful alphabet book that shows the reader how to accessorize your wardrobe and your vocabulary too!

P OKI

**Winston of Churchill: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming** by Jean Davies Okimoto

Winston, a polar bear, has an idea to help people understand their part in the fight against global warming.

P OTO

**One** by Kathryn Otoshi

Blue is a quiet color, but red is a hot head. It takes other colors and numbers to create harmony and peace between them.

P ROB

**The Day Leo Said I Hate You!** by Robie Harris

Leo made a mistake when he said "I Hate You" to his Mommy. He wishes he could just stuff the words right back in his mouth. Mama understands, and they talk about things that are ok to hate—like broccoli!

P ROD

**Sergio Makes a Splash** by Edel Rodriguez

Sergio the penguin loves to drink water, take baths in water and play in the rain. But Sergio has a problem. Sergio doesn't like too much water because he can't swim.

P ROS

**Wild Boars Cook** by Meg Rosoff

The Wild Boars from **Meet Wild Boars** are back. They're hungry as usual. They decide to make the most massive pudding ever. Readers won't believe the ingredients that go into this huge dessert.

P SCH

**There Are Cats in this Book** by Viviane Schwarz

There are many cats in this book, just waiting to meet you. See if you can find them behind the many clever flaps in this funny, fuzzy book.

P SCI

**Smash! Crash!** by Jon Scieszka

The perfect book for the car and truck loving kid. Also check out Jon Scieszka's *Trucktown* books in our Easy Reader collection!

P STP

**What the Sea Saw** by Stephanie St. Pierre

Beautiful illustrations by Beverly Doyle are a highlight of this visit to the seaside.

P SWA

**The House in the Night** by Susan Marie Swanson

This beautiful, calming bed-time story won the 2008 Caldecott Award for best illustrated picture book.

## EASY READERS

E GEO

**Goose and Duck** by Jean Craighead George

A small goose and a small duck consider one little boy their mother. They follow him everywhere until autumn, when it's time to rejoin their flocks.

E GRA

**Chicken Said, "Cluck!"** by Judyann Ackerman Grant

Earl and Pearl compete to grow the best pumpkins; if only Chicken would stop getting in the way!

E MCM

**Pearl and Wagner One Funny Day** by Kate McMullan

Poor Wagner the mouse is having a bad day. If that isn't bad enough, it's also April Fool's Day! Enjoy the latest in the *Pearl and Wagner* series by Kate McMullan.