



## For Students Entering Grade 2

# SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010

Children entering Grade 2 enjoy reading a variety of topics and types of books. They love to share read-aloud books (picture books, nonfiction books), and read-alone books (Step/Level easy readers, chapter books and series books).

Reading aloud to children encourages them to read independently, and reading alone gives them time to practice their newly learned reading skills. Successful reading begins as a relaxing and enjoyable experiences so during the summer months, children should follow their reading interests and choose their own reading materials.

## Caldecott Medals 2010

The Caldecott Medal is awarded each year by the American Library Association (ALA) to honor the illustrator who had created the most distinguished children's picture book published during the preceding year. The award was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott.

### 2010 Winner



**The Lion & the Mouse** illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney

### 2010 Honor Books



**All the World** illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon



**Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors**  
illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman



# New Books for 2010

The following list of books has been compiled from the American Library Association's 2010 Notable Book List and School Library Journal's Best Books list. Many of these books are available at the Long Hill Township and Morris County libraries. Please remember that these are only suggestions. The public librarians will be happy to help you find just the right book.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
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<b>ARNOLD, Tedd.</b>	<i>I Spy Fly Guy!</i>
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A disastrous ending to a game of hide and seek finds Fly Guy hauled away to the local dump in this new take on a lost pet. **A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.**

<b>BEARN, Emily.</b>	<i>Tumtum &amp; Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall.</i>
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A retiring mouse couple enlists the aid of a neighboring general and his mouse battalion when the humans they live with receive a visit from a rodent-obsessed relative.

<b>BISHOP, Nic.</b>	<i>Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths.</i>
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Science meets artistry in an exquisitely designed photo-essay that describes the life cycles of these breathtakingly beautiful insects

<b>CHIN, Jason.</b>	<i>Redwoods.</i>
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Jason imaginatively steps into his book about redwoods and embarks on an adventurous exploration climbing through the canopy of these giants.

<b>COUSINS, Lucy.</b>	<i>Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales.</i>
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Bright illustrations in primary colors accompany bold retellings of eight familiar folktales. Young listeners will gobble these up!

<b>DAVIES, Jacqueline.</b>	<i>Tricking the Tallyman.</i>
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When Phineas Bump rides into Tunbridge, Vermont, in 1790 to count its residents for a government survey, the wary townsfolk greet him with suspicion and deceit. Blending history with high jinks, the humorous narrative and honey-hued artwork cleverly introduce the first U.S. Census.

<b>GERSTEIN, Mordicai.</b>	<i>A Book.</i>
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Part of a family who live inside a book, a young girl travels through fairy tales, mysteries, adventure yarns, and historical novels in search of a story of her own.

<b>MORA, Pat.</b>	<i>Gracias * Thanks.</i>
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Small pleasures of Latino family life and experiences are captured in nostalgic folk art illustrations. **2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.**

<b>MORTENSON, Greg.</b>	<i>Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea.</i>
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Children of Korphe, Pakistan describe their world and how they worked with an American to build a school for their village. Stunning collages enhance the story.

**PINKNEY, Jerry.** *The Lion & the Mouse.* illus. by author.  
Pinkney's stunning—and elegantly wordless—version of a well-known Aesop's fable is incandescent with the shimmering hues of its African savannah setting. **2010 Caldecott Medal Winner**

**ROSENTHAL, Amy Krouse.** *Duck! Rabbit!*  
Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Simple words and bold illustrations, challenge children with this optical illusion.

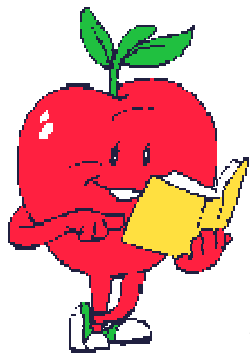
**ROTNER, Shelley.** *Shades of People.*  
Images of happy children with many shades and colors of skin show the beauty of all people inside and out.

**SALLEY, Coleen.** *Epossumondas Plays Possum.*  
The endearing baby possum gets lost in the Louisiana swamp where, distracted by thoughts of the terrifying loup-garou that his mama had warned him about, he nonchalantly plays dead and protects himself from one real-life predator after another.

**SIDMAN, Joyce.** *Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors.*  
Evocative poems celebrate color and enliven the senses as readers follow a woman and her dog surrounded by myriad intricately costumed and stylized figures through the seasons. **(A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book.)**

**STURM, James.** *Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics.*  
In this goofy graphic novel, a knight on a quest encounters a candy-stealing dragon and receives instruction in the elements of cartooning from a cheerful elf.

**WILLEMS, Mo.** *Pigs Make Me Sneeze!* (An Elephant & Piggie Bk.).  
In this easy reader told entirely through dialogue balloons, Gerald is dismayed by the notion that he might be allergic to his best friend-until Dr. Cat comes to the rescue.



For complete lists of ALA's 2010 Notable Books and SLJ's Best Books, go to these websites:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6708210.html?q=slj%27s+best+books+of+2009>

For a list of classic picture books, go to <http://www.kidsreads.com/lists/pic-classic.asp> .

# Leveled Readers

Leveled readers are designed for parents to read to children, for children to read to parents, and for children to read themselves. These stories have been tested for vocabulary and sentence length to make learning-to-read fun for students entering Grades 1 & 2.

Backstein, Karen.	The blind men and the elephant
Ballard, Robert D.	Finding the Titanic
Chardiet, Bernice.	The best teacher in the world
Cole, Joanna.	Monster manners
Grimes, Nikki.	Wild, wild hair
Levy, Elizabeth.	The mystery of the missing dog
Levy, Elizabeth.	The schoolyard mystery
Levy, Elizabeth.	The snack attack mystery
London, Sara.	The good luck glasses
Lundell, Margo.	A girl named Helen Keller
Marzollo, Jean.	Baseball brothers
McMullan, Kate.	Fluffy and the fire fighters
McMullan, Kate.	Fluffy goes apple picking
McMullan, Kate.	Fluffy goes to school
McMullan, Kate.	Fluffy meets the Tooth Fairy
McMullan, Kate.	Fluffy's school bus adventure
Moore, Eva.	Buddy, the first Seeing Eye dog
McNulty, Faith.	Dancing with manatees
McNulty, Faith.	Endangered animals
Noonan, Julia.	Hare and Rabbit : friends forever
Pinkwater, Daniel Manus.	Big Bob and the winter holiday potato



## THE FIVE FINGER RULE

There are so many great books from which to choose. How do you know if a book is right for you? Try the “**Five Finger Rule**” to help you choose just the right book.

Open the book to a full page of text, and begin to read.

Hold up a finger for every word you come to that you cannot pronounce or do not know.

0 - 1 finger...easy    2 – 3 fingers...just right    4 - 5 fingers...hard

If you get 5 fingers up on one page, the book is too difficult to read independently, but it may be fine to read with someone.

If you do not get any fingers up, but are reading very slowly and sounding out almost every word, you may not enjoy the book. This book might be better if someone reads it to you first, then you can try it by yourself.

By using the Five Finger Rule, you are practicing to read smoothly and with expression, and building up your sight vocabulary.

## Looking for fun and educational websites?

### ■ **The Caldecott Medal**

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For a list of previous Caldecott Medal winners dating back to 1938, go to the American Library Association's web site. Click on the titles to read a brief summary of the award-winning books from 1994 to the present.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/caldecottmedal.cfm>

### ■ **Favorite author websites:** Explore these sites to learn about the lives of the popular authors, play with their games and activities. Then enjoy reading their wonderful books!

Jan Brett	<a href="http://www.janbrett.com">http://www.janbrett.com</a>
Tomie dePaola	<a href="http://tomie.com">http://tomie.com</a>
Margie Palatini	<a href="http://www.margiepalatini.com/books.html">http://www.margiepalatini.com/books.html</a>
Barbara Park (Junie B. Jones)	<a href="http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieB/">http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieB/</a>
Dav Pilkey	<a href="http://www.pilkey.com/">http://www.pilkey.com/</a>
Shel Silverstein	<a href="http://www.shelsilverstein.com/indexSite.html">http://www.shelsilverstein.com/indexSite.html</a>
Mo Willems	<a href="http://www.mowillems.com/">http://www.mowillems.com/</a>

### ■ **Games and activities** based on popular children's book characters and PBS children's TV shows.

<http://pbskids.org/go/index.html>

### ■ **Great Web Sites for Kids:** recommended by the American Library Association. <http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

You will find links to web sites to games, activities and fun facts about animals, literature, arts, science, math, and more. For example - [Dinosaurs](#) - a fun site with pictures of exhibits and lots of fascinating dinosaur facts.

### ■ **James Patterson's READKIDDOREAD** – a website dedicated to making kids readers for life. <http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>



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