

Assignment 4: Materials Order

Print Titles: Picture Books

Title: All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom

- **Author:** Johnson, Angela
- **ISBN:** 978-0-689-87376-8
- **Publisher:** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$15.34
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 32
- **Summary:** “In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth.” – From the Publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book starred (Fall 2014):** “In exquisite, lyrical text, Johnson reimagines Juneteenth...The words build to a crescendo of emotions as these now-free people prepare for a new life. Lewis's soft watercolors mirror the emotion of the text--the sun reflects off the grateful faces, eyes face the future with clarity.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (March 15, 2014):** “The historical details that Lewis integrates into the images situate Johnson's story historically and give young readers a sense of what cotton plantations in the mid-1860s looked like...The richness of this book's words and images will inspire readers to learn more about this holiday that never should have been necessary...but was. (Web resources, glossary) (Picture book. 5-9)”
 - **Library Media Connection Starred (October 2014):** “Poetic, poignant text tells how life changed; the life of the African American, no longer a slave, was ‘all different now.’ Lewis portrays the myriad ways the freed slaves reacted to the news. Although Johnson's words are the backbone of the story, Lewis' illustrations provide the humanity in beautiful historically accurate watercolors, painted from photos of people re-enacting the expressions of work and joy and freedom. Highly Recommended.”
- **Rationale:** This book highlights an important event in American history. While it is designated as a K-3 book, I believe that older students would also benefit from reading this celebration of freedom.

Title: Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly True Story of His First Invention

- **Author:** Rosenstock, Barb
- **ISBN:** 978-1-62091-446-5
- **Publisher:** Calkins Creek, an imprint of Highlights
- **Dewey Number:** E
- **Cost:** \$14.46
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-5
- **Number of Pages:** 32

- **Summary:** “*Ben's Big Splash* is the story of Franklin's first invention, his journey through the scientific method, and the surprising successes that result when you're willing to make mistakes.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (September 1, 2014 (Vol. 111, No. 1)):** “Rosenstock fictionalizes somewhat in describing how Franklin constructed these wooden swim aids. She also spotlights his curiosity and emphasizes the steps of the scientific method (problem, research, hypothesis, test, analyze, conclude) in describing Franklin’s thought processes...Appended with a list of Franklin’s inventions, source notes, and time line.”
 - **Horn Book (September/October, 2014):** “Using the scientific method, Ben concludes not that he failed but that he has not yet succeeded--a philosophy that will serve him well for many decades. The text's tone is light and optimistic... Ben's curiosity, wit, and athleticism shine through, and his enthusiasm for the water is catching.” -Pamela Yosca
 - **School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2014):** “The alliterative, sibilant text is a rollicking read to share aloud with young students... An extensive bibliography, source notes for quotations, and a time line of Franklin's life add to the veracity and strength of this story. This is a fun introduction to one of the nation's founding fathers and a solid addition to collections needing a different perspective on this American icon.”-Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA
- **Rationale:** There are so many biographies of Benjamin Franklin out there but this book adds a fun twist to the traditional stories we hear. It highlights the importance of making mistakes and portrays Benjamin Franklin as a child, making him much more relatable to children.

Title: Draw!

- **Author:** Colon, Raul
- **ISBN:** 978-1-44249-492-3
- **Publisher:** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$15.34
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 34
- **Summary:** “In this wordless picture book, a boy who is confined to his room fills his sketch pad with lions and elephants, then imagines himself on a safari.” – From the publisher.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Starred (September/October, 2014):** “The story line is engaging and easy to follow, and, while it's whimsical, the majesty of the animals comes through in both the boy's sketches and the main illustrations.”
 - **Booklist (August 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 22)):** “Preschool-Kindergarten... A boy in bed, asthma inhaler within reach, sketchbook at his side, looking at a book about Africa, is not confined by the walls of his room. As he begins to draw, he takes a journey...A true celebration of where our imaginations can take us.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (August 1, 2014):** “A wordless picture book celebrates the power of art and imagination. A little boy reads about Africa and then creates his own adventures with his pencils and paints. Wordless books require readers to slow down and read the pictures, and careful children will see beyond the main storyline by looking at the whole illustration.”

- **Rationale:** This book celebrates imagination and the power of art. It proves that art can be an escape during life’s challenges, a message that will resonate with many students.

Title: Emily's Blue Period

- **Author:** Daly, Cathleen
- **ISBN:** 978-1-59643-469-1
- **Publisher:** Roaring Brook Press
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$15.34
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 55
- **Summary:** A young girl named Emily copes with her parents’ divorce using Picasso’s artistic style.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Guide starred (Fall 2014):** “Young artist Emily is learning about Pablo Picasso, whose work makes an apt frame for this story of divorce (for example, Emily's sadness over the changes in her family pushes her into her own blue period)... Heartfelt, relatable, empowering book.”
 - **School Library Journal Starred (May 1, 2014):** “Gr 1-3-A lovely, contemplative picture book. The text is short, with no more than a few sentences per page, but the writing is evocative and does a wonderful job of portraying the complicated emotions and behaviors experienced by children during confusing times...It's a first purchase for libraries that have a section of picture books for older readers, and a high-quality, nondidactic book for parents and caregivers looking to start conversations about divorce.”-Anna Haase Krueger, Ramsey County Library, MN
 - **Kirkus Reviews (May 1, 2014):** “A girl adjusts to her parents' divorce with the help of Pablo Picasso's artwork...A worthwhile, idiosyncratic demonstration of a specific artist's relevance to a young child. (Picture book. 4-7)”
- **Rationale:** Unfortunately, many of my students are dealing with divorce and the emotions that result from it. This book proves that art can be an escape during life’s challenges, a message that will resonate with many students and hopefully, help some of them through this difficult time.

Title: Flora and the Penguin

- **Author:** Idle, Molly Schaar
- **ISBN:** 978-1-45213-218-1
- **Publisher:** Chronicle Books
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$15.59
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 36 pages
- **Summary:** “In this wordless, lift-the-flap picture book, Flora and her new friend, the penguin, dance on the ice together and learn to treat each other with respect and kindness.” – From the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book (November/December, 2014):** “The limited color palette, too, recalls Flamingo, though here -- befitting the wintry scene -- the pictures are all in pale blues, with yellow pops

of color...The main action is on land, but underwater there's another playful story starring those sleek little fish. A gatefold near the end provides the tale's acrobatic climax before the warm-hearted pair skates off the copyright page." -Elissa Gershowitz

- **School Library Journal Starred (November 1, 2014):** "PreS-K...The simple story is told entirely in pictures-featuring only a few colors on a white background-that are eloquent and irresistible... There a simple conflict and a satisfying resolution, made more dramatic with a glorious gatefold. Preschoolers will enjoy narrating the action while they flip through the pages of this beautiful book.-Susan Weitz, formerly at Spencer-Van Etten School District, Spencer, NY
- **Kirkus Reviews (September 1, 2014):** "Idle's restrained palette of icy blues and soft grays combined with fluid composition that always leads the eye to the next scene in the drama keep the wordless narrative effortlessly flowing along. Small double-sided flaps on some of the pages expand the visual vocabulary, and a subtle message about friendship and compromise is conveyed. Funny and charming--a winning, worthy follow-up. (Picture book. 3-6)
- **Rationale:** Flora and the Flamingo was a huge hit in our library. This book has a similar story, but mixes in the bonus of a penguin, which seems to make a book even more eye-catching to young students.

Title: Following Papa's Song

- **Author:** Marino, Gianna
- **ISBN:** 978-0-670-01315-9
- **Publisher:** Viking, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA)
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 34
- **Summary:** A young humpback whale follows his Papa's song during his first migration up the coast.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (April 1, 2014):** "This beautifully executed book about the bond between father and child that can be as deep as the darkest sea and powerful enough to help navigate in times of trouble will resonate with readers both young and old. (Picture book.3-6)"
 - **School Library Journal Starred (March 1, 2014):** "Stunning artwork takes readers into the lush, inviting waters filled with marine life swimming effortlessly across the pages. The blend of text and vivid mixed-media illustrations make this original story a heartwarming reminder of how children learn to trust and listen for papas' songs in our lives. This is a story for all ages to enjoy. What a wonderful way to use science in the lower grades. A top choice for any library." -Janene Corbin, Rosebank Elementary School, Nashville, TN
 - **Booklist (April 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 15)):** "Preschool-Grade 1... The shifting colors of the underwater world—peaceful green, sun-drenched yellow, unexpected pink—give the impression that the whales are moving through a rainbow, until Little Blue finds himself so deep that color is almost nonexistent. A gorgeous, comforting book that provides a lovely counterpoint to Marino's Meet Me at the Moon (2012)."

- **Rationale:** Some students will love this book because it reminds them of their father. Others will appreciate the scientific topic of migration and the details about humpback whales. Either way, I can think of many students who would appreciate this book.

Title: Gaston

- **Author:** DiPucchio, Kelly
- **ISBN:** 978-1-44245-102-5
- **Publisher:** Atheneum Books for Young Readers
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 34
- **Summary:** “A bulldog and a poodle learn that family is about love, not appearances in this adorable doggy tale from New York Times bestselling author Kelly DiPucchio and illustrator Christian Robinson.” – From the Publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Guide Starred (Fall 2014):** “DiPucchio's lively text was made to be read aloud. Robinson's elegant illustrations feature dogs with minimal yet wonderfully expressive facial details.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (May 1, 2014):** “Robinson's brilliantly designed acrylic paintings, done in an earth-tone palette, beautifully enhance DiPucchio's clever and witty text. His simple, graphic style, reminiscent of M. Sasek, is full of energy and sophistication, and the interplay among type, text and compositions leads to humorous results. Gaston will win hearts, as will his story's message of belonging and family. A perfect read aloud that will leave them begging for more--an absolute delight. (Picture book. 2-7)”
 - **Library Media Connection (November/December 2014):** “There are complex ideas here--nature vs. nurture, cultural assimilation into one's family vs. individual identity, and rigid vs. flexible gender roles.” Kira Corngold, Librarian, Tulsa, Oklahoma [Editor's Note: Available in e-book format.] RECOMMENDED
- **Rationale:** I had to restrain myself from adding every dog-themed book to this order because of my own personal interests and bias. This book stood out from all of the other because it has a funny twist to the traditional stories. It reminds students to be themselves, regardless of what others think.

Title: Help! We need a title!

- **Author:** Tullet, Herve
- **ISBN:** 978-0-7636-7021-4
- **Publisher:** Candlewick Press
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 1 volume unpagged

- **Summary:** “The characters within the author's book are not ready to be read about yet because the book does not have a title, but the reader is encouraged to help figure one out.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014):** "Guys, come here!...There are people here...and they've opened OUR BOOK!" Caught off guard, the childishly marker-drawn central characters attempt to put on a good show (book), eventually enlisting an author's help. Collaged photos of Tullet as the author should appeal to his fans. The joke goes on too long for preschoolers, but this could be a hit with elementary-age would-be book creators."
 - **Kirkus Reviews (April 15, 2014):** “The thick, black, paper-over-board cover suggests a sketchbook; in the adeptly controlled chaos within, Tullet outlines the elements of a good story while supplying kids with plenty of inspiration to create their own. (Picture book. 4-8)”
 - **School Library Journal Starred (May 1, 2014):** “Gr 1-3-Tullet breaks the fourth wall in this fantastic book...Kids will love the messiness of the pages and the casual, witty dialogue. With this book, Tullet adds to his repertoire of interactive creations unparalleled in their cleverness and merriment.” -Alyson Low, Fayetteville Public Library, AR
- **Rationale:** This book bridges the gap between reading and writing by encouraging students to take part in the writing process as they help the characters create a title. This offers teachers a valuable tool and students an invitation to write.

Title: Shh! We Have a Plan

- **Author:** Haughton, Chris
- **ISBN:** 978-0-7636-7293-5
- **Publisher:** Candlewick Press
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$13.64
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 40
- **Summary:** Four friends creep through the forest on their quest to catch a bird. However, their quiet target has other plans, one of which is to teach them a lesson.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Starred (November/December, 2014):** “With cover art recalling Ungerer's The Three Robbers (rev. 6/62) and the wry sensibility of Klassen's Hat books, this is a natural choice for any storytime. A spare, humorous text pairs with blocky digital illustrations to tell the story of four companions...Plan on repeat readings.” Megan Dowd Lambert
 - **School Library Journal Starred (October 1, 2014):** “A masterful delight, this crafty caper has huge kid appeal and a title/refrain that will easily sneak into the family lexicon: shh! We have a plan. This perfect blend of circular narrative, deceptively spare art, and humor becomes a story that kids will want to read at storytime, at home, and to themselves if no adult is handy. Plan to make this title a first purchase.” -Anna Haase Krueger, Ramsey County Library, MN
 - **Booklist (October 15, 2014 (Online)):** “Preschool-Grade 1... Haughton’s stylish digital illustrations in chunky patches of color make masterful use of hue and contrast—the jazzy warm-toned birds are vibrant when set against the crepuscular blues of the friends and the woods. With only a few words total, a repeated refrain, and a visually unmistakable plot, this is a great choice for emergent readers or a group storytime.”

- **Rationale:** Any book that can make you laugh just by reading the reviews is sure to be hilarious for kids.

Title: The Bambino and Me

- **Author:** Zachary Hyman
- **ISBN:** 978-1-77049-627-9
- **Publisher:** Tundra Books,
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$15.34
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-4
- **Number of Pages:** 48
- **Summary:** George Henry Alexander goes to a Yankees game but is forced to wear a Red Sox jersey. He worries that his hero, Babe Ruth, will see him in the other team's jersey and won't sign his baseball card.
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal Starred (June 1, 2014):** "Gr 2-4...Mixing just the right amount of nostalgia, pitch-perfect storytelling, and baseball fantasy, Pullen and Hyman have crafted a winning tale for readers, young and old-even Red Sox fans will find it irresistible"-Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (April 15, 2014):** "The historic rivalry between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox is the catalyst for a young fan's extraordinary adventures in Yankee Stadium...Pullen's oddly proportioned, compelling illustrations, rendered in oil paint and walnut oil, are in perfect tandem with the nostalgic spirit of the text and wonderfully depict every aspect of the characters' emotions. Actor Jason Alexander's CD recording of the story is included. Lively, fun-filled and altogether delightful. (Picture book. 6-10)"
 - **Booklist (May 15, 2014 (Online)):** "Grades 2-4.. In Pullen's stylized oil paintings, facial features are exaggerated and expressive. These elements add plenty of humor to this nostalgic and heartwarming story for fans of any age. Extra innings: the book jacket becomes a poster, and the book comes with a CD of the story, ably narrated by actor Jason Alexander."
- **Rationale:** Quality books about sports are always safe bets in a library. My boys flock toward them, especially if they feature a highly recognizable athlete like Babe Ruth.

Title: The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend

- **Author:** Santat, Dan
- **ISBN:** 978-0-316-19998-8
- **Publisher:** Little, Brown and Company
- **Dewey Number:** -E-
- **Cost:** \$14.50
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 40
- **Summary:** "This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match." – from the publisher

- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014):** “Imaginary friend Beekle waits and waits for a child to think him into existence. When it doesn't happen, Beekle sails off to the real world--a city full of boring adults--to find her. Santat's bright digital illustrations capture the vivid land of imagination, the drab adult world, and the giggle-inducing expressions on marshmallow-like Beekle's pudgy white face.”
 - **School Library Journal Starred (April 1, 2014):** “PreS-Gr 2.. Gazes of wonderment, broad smiles, and changes in perspective ensure an easy transition from page to page... Like Beekle's new friend, there's something here that feels just right as an "unimaginary" friendship creates a joyous, recognizable bond. A terrific addition to any library.” -Mary Elam, Learning Media Services, Plano ISD, TX
 - **Booklist (August 2014 (Online)):** “Preschool-Grade 1...Santat’s plush illustrations fill each two-page spread with beautiful, varied layouts and a kaleidoscope of tones. Whether he’s lost amid a sea of black pants-legs, lonely on top of a bare tree, or joyful at discovering the loopy, colorful world of vivacious children with vivid imaginations, Beekle’s journey is lovely.”
- **Rationale:** This book brings kids into a world of imagination. It stood out to me as an incredibly unique story that will make kids laugh while teaching them about creativity and being yourself. The reviews alone made me fall in love with Beekle.

Print Titles: Fiction

Title: Absolutely Almost

- **Author:** Graff, Lisa
- **ISBN:** 978-0-399-16405-7
- **Publisher:** Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA)
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 288
- **Summary:** “Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist starred (May 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 17)):** “Beautifully written, Albie’s story is accessible and dignified, with a gentle message that will touch any reader’s heart. Middle-grade readers will love the references to Dav Pilkey’s inexhaustibly popular Captain Underpants series, which has introduced so many children to the fun side of reading. A perfect book to share with struggling readers.
 - **Horn Book starred (Fall 2014):** “Albie is a sweet, vulnerable kid who just needs a little extra help and to whom readers may well relate. Short chapters add to the story's accessibility and keep the pace moving.”
 - **Library Media Connection (October 2014):** “The themes of how some understand and celebrate the differences they find in others underpin the entire story. Intermediate readers will recognize themselves or other children they know in Albie and will hopefully be able to

empathize with how confusing he finds the world as he struggles to find his place in it.”- Anne Hoffman, Library Media Specialist, Regis Catholic Schools, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- **Rationale:** Many students lack confidence in their own abilities and hear negative messages from those around them. This book teaches them to believe in themselves and to ignore the negative messages around them.

Title: Alvin Ho: Allergic to the Great Wall, the Forbidden Palace, and Other Tourist Attractions

- **Author:** Look, Lenore
- **ISBN:** 978-0-385-36973-2
- **Publisher:** Schwartz & Wade Books
- **Dewey Number:** Fiction/graphic novel
- **Cost:** \$20.56
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-6
- **Number of Pages:** 162
- **Summary:** “Here's the sixth book in the beloved and hilarious Alvin Ho chapter book series, which has been compared to Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Alvin, an Asian American second grader who's afraid of *everything*, is taking his fears to a whole new level--or should we say, continent.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (June 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 19)):** “Grades 2-4... Young readers will get an introduction to famous Chinese sites—perhaps more than Alvin’s family does, since he sabotages each outing with some mishap. Look’s humorous and sympathetic characters and Pham’s delightful illustrations combine for another successful chapter-book collaboration.”
 - **Horn Book (July/August, 2014):** “As usual, Pham's many illustrations capture the "fun" being had in Look's action-packed story...This series entry's heartwarming moment involves Alvin's idea to grant some Christmas wishes to a group of orphans, including someone's wish for a friend. Alvin may be full of fear, but he's also got loads of empathy.” Jennifer M. Brabander
 - **Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2014):** “The way Look channels this adorable fraidy-cat continues to delight in this sixth Alvin book. Her lightning-quick dialogue sets the ideal tone and pace for reluctant travelers... And around all the mayhem, there lies a story full of heart as big as China, where friendships (even with a girl) reach far beyond great walls. Pack your bags and prepare to fly. (glossary) (Fiction. 6-10)”
- **Rationale:** My collection analysis revealed a discrepancy between the size of our Asian student population and the number of books in our collection featuring Asian characters. This book is part of a larger series, which I would consider purchasing based on students’ reactions to this novel.

Title: Dory Fantasmagory

- **Author:** Hanlon, Abby
- **ISBN:** 978-0-8037-4088-4
- **Publisher:** Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc.
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$12.79
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 151

- **Summary:** Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (October 15, 2014 (Online)):** “Aimed at beginning readers, it is narrated by six-year-old Dory, whose chief goal in life is to be invited to play with her older brother and sister... In both words and pictures, Hanlon succeeds in getting inside Dory’s head—and it’s pretty lively in there.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (September 1, 2014):** “Often just on the edge of out of control, this inventive child is irresistible and her voice, convincing. Childlike drawings, often embellished with hand-lettered narrative or speech bubbles, of round-headed humans, Sendak-ian monsters and a snaggle-toothed witch add to the humor. Charming, funny and true to life. (Fiction. 6-9)”
 - **School Library Journal starred (November 1, 2014):** “New vocabulary words are used in context within familiar settings and situations for the audience, creating a successful transitional book for new readers ready for longer stories. Dory ultimately finds a way to prove her bravery to her brother and sister, and readers will laugh at her entertaining antics.”
-Kristine M. Casper, Huntington Public Library, NY
- **Rationale:** While I may not pick up this book for my own reading enjoyment, its silliness will certainly appeal to younger students looking for a chapter book they can understand and relate to.

Title: File Under: 13 Suspicious Incidents

- **Author:** Snicket, Lemony
- **ISBN:** 978-0-316-28403-5
- **Publisher:** Little, Brown and Company
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$10.25
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 259
- **Summary:** "Called upon to investigate thirteen suspicious incidents in Stain'd-by-the-Sea, young Lemony Snicket collects clues, questions witnesses, and cracks every case"--Provided by publisher.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (June 1, 2014 (Online)):** “Grades 4-6.. Snicketeers will relish the chance to revisit Lemony and several familiar characters (in every sense of that word!). Once again, Seth’s black-and-white illustrations are charming .”
 - **Horn Book Guide starred (Fall 2014):** “Kid-detective Lemony Snicket treats us to thirteen short mysteries (missing newt, ghostly appearance, series of break-ins) in which he leaves readers poised just before the reveal, with a chance to solve the mystery themselves before they flip to the back of the book. (It's Encyclopedia Brown for Snicket-Hipsters.) The actual puzzles are dandy, and the format is ideal for the author's comic avalanche.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (April 1, 2014):** “Snicket solves small cases; readers can match wits as the solutions are only presented in a subfile at the volume's end... Literary allusions and witty wordplay abound as expected, with the added fun of getting to play detective. (Mystery/short stories. 8-14)”

- **School Library Journal (May 1, 2014):** “Gr 4-6...Black-and-white illustrations highlight key details and provide a few subtle clues along the way. Though there is a narrative thread connecting the individual tales, readers can also delve into the separate cases one-by-one with equal enjoyment. By the end, not all mysteries are solved, nor all questions answered; whodunit aficionados will want to revisit again and again.” -Kiera Parrott, School Library Journal
- **Rationale:** Lemony Snicket books simply do not stay on the shelves in our library! This book combines the excitement of mysteries, which is a safe-bet.

Title: Fly Away

- **Author:** MacLachlan, Patricia
- **ISBN:** 978-1-44246-008-9
- **Publisher:** Margaret K. McElderry Books
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$13.64
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 108
- **Summary:** “While in North Dakota helping her Aunt Frankie prepare for a possible flood, Lucy finds her voice as a poet with the help of her two-year-old brother Teddy, the rest of their family, and a few cows.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (April 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 15)):** “MacLachlan writes with simplicity and clarity, weaving adults and children into a close-knit circle of caring...The appealing jacket art, large type, and wide-spaced lines of text make this volume an inviting choice for readers who are beginning to read longer chapter books.”
 - **Horn Book (Fall 2014):** “Lucy, an aspiring poet, discovers the strength of her own gifts. This is a sparsely written, lyrical story about a pleasingly old-fashioned, close-knit, appealing family.”
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (March 1, 2014):** “Filled with little moments of quiet wisdom and gentle humor, Newbery winner MacLachlan's story about family love soars...The climax, when it comes, is less of a nail-biter and more of a warm, cozy blanket of love and support--and readers won't mind one bit. A story that never cloys, succeeding on all levels. (Fiction. 6-10)”
- **Rationale:** This book addresses deeper topics such as family, finding yourself and dealing with a natural disaster. However, it is written in easy-to-understand language, making it accessible and appropriate for younger students who want to read a chapter book.

Title: My Heart is Laughing

- **Author:** Lagercrantz, Rose
- **ISBN:** 978-1-877579-52-3
- **Publisher:** Gecko Press
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$16.95
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-2
- **Number of Pages:** 119

- **Summary:** “Dani's been trying her best to stay happy ever since her best friend Ella moved away. But some girls are cruel to her... It would all be okay if only Ella would move back.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist starred (October 1, 2014 (Vol. 111, No. 3)):** “Grades K-2... Like My Happy Life (2013), the previous book about Dani, this simple narrative may have been written and illustrated in Sweden, but its emotionally resonant story is universal... Keep this volume in mind as an accessible chapter book for younger children and a riveting read-aloud choice for the classroom.”
 - **Horn Book starred (November/December, 2014):** “Lagercrantz's text is funny, real, and full of fresh, convincing detail. Eriksson's line drawings brilliantly portray facial expressions and body language...Salty and sweet, this is umami for the emerging reader.” -Sarah Ellis
 - **School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2014):** “Gr 1-3.. Lagercrantz has the ability to develop her characters fully, while keeping the story approachable for young readers just wanting to tackle chapter books. Genuine feelings such as humor, honesty, and heartbreak will leave readers yearning for Dani to return once again.” -Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA
- **Rationale:** Many of the chapter books published for younger readers (Grades 1-2) seem to focus on silly stories. However, this book addresses deeper topics such as friendship and bullies.

Title: Rain Reign

- **Author:** Martin, Ann M
- **ISBN:** 978-0-312-64300-3
- **Publisher:** Feiwel and Friends
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 226
- **Summary:** "Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels , even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet"--OCLC.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist starred (August 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 22)):** “Simplicity, clarity, and emotional resonance are hallmarks of Rose’s first-person narrative, which offers an unflinching view of her world from her perspective... A strong story told in a nuanced, highly accessible way.”
 - **Horn Book (September/October, 2014):** “Rose is a character we root for every step of the way. She is resilient, honest, and, in her own odd way, very perceptive; a most reliable narrator. The plot here is uncontrived, the resolution completely earned, and the style whole-grain simple.” -Sarah Ellis
 - **School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2014):** “Rose's story is often heartbreaking, her matter-of-fact narration provides moments of humor. Readers will empathize with Rose, who finds strength and empowerment through her unique way of looking at the world. A first purchase.” -MaryAnn Karre, West Middle School, Binghamton, NY
- **Rationale:** Fallsmead is a LAD school, which means that we have a large population of special education students who come to our school from all over MCPS. As a school, we work very hard to

create a community of inclusion and acceptance among all students. This book supports our goal by featuring an Autistic main character in a positive light.

Title: The Turtle of Oman: A Novel

- **Author:** Nye, Naomi Shihab
- **ISBN:** 978-0-06-201972-1
- **Publisher:** Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers,
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$14.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 299
- **Summary:** “When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (September 15, 2014 (Vol. 111, No. 2)):** “Aref and Sidi’s adventures are a testament to the family’s motto of discovering something new every day, and Nye’s image of turtles who carried their homes on their backs and swam out so far and returned safely to the beach they remembered will deeply touch young readers who have also moved between countries—and it might enlighten their new friends.”
 - **Horn Book starred (November/December, 2014):** “Nye’s story about the special bond between a boy and his grandfather and their mutual love for their country is somehow both quiet and exhilarating.” - Jennifer M. Brabander
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (June 1, 2014):** “Spanning Aref’s final week in Oman, this sensitive chronicle perceptively conveys the feelings and fears of a boy about to leave the known and face the unknown. A warm and humorous peek at the profound and mundane details of moving from one country to another—a perfect pick for kids on the move.” (Fiction. 8-12)
- **Rationale:** Fallsmead has a growing population of students who recently came to America from other countries around the world. Like Aref, some of them are not happy about the move to America. This book addresses these emotions while exposing other students to a culture that is underrepresented in our current library collection.

Print Titles: Nonfiction

Title: 100 Hungry Monkeys!

- **Author:** Sebe, Masayuki
- **ISBN:** 978-1-77138-045-4
- **Publisher:** Kids Can Press
- **Dewey Number:** 513.2
- **Cost:** \$14.46
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-2
- **Number of Pages:** 23

- **Summary:** Use pictures and a silly story to reinforce the skill of counting to 100.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014):** “Sebe's latest 100-themed book, an outlet for the illustrative feat of a hundred different monkeys on every spread, is more seek-and-find ("who's eating a mushroom?") than story, but visual details and comical commentary ("oh, no!") will captivate readers.”
 - **School Library Journal (May 1, 2014):** “Each spread is abundant with visual details, jokes, and cartoon animals in colorful scenes set against a white background. A search-and-find element extends the book's age appeal, making this a fun jungle romp.”-Laura Hunter, Mount Laurel Library, NJ
 - **Booklist (March 15, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 14)):** “Preschool-Grade 2... There is plenty to keep counters and seekers busy... Considering the prominence of one-hundredth-day activities in kindergarten and early elementary school, this book should find plenty of comfortable homes.”
- **Rationale:** This book directly relates to the Kindergarten and first grade goal of counting to 100. There are currently only two other books in the collection that specifically addresses this goal. Nicole Shantillo, the Kindergarten teacher I interviewed, highlighting this as a need for her team.

Title: Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents

- **Author:** Judge, Lita
- **ISBN:** 978-1-59643-925-2
- **Publisher:** Roaring Book Press
- **Dewey Number:** 591.3
- **Cost:** \$16.19
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 48
- **Summary:** “This awww-inspiring book looks at the traits that all baby mammals share and proves that, even though they're born in the wild, they're not so very different from us, after all!” – From the Publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (September 1, 2014):** “Text in a comfortably large font against open space conveys just enough, while individual backmatter paragraphs provide more in-depth information about the specific circumstances, habitats and adaptations of each animal... Warmly friendly and inviting for a wide range of ages. (Informational picture book. 2-8)”
 - **School Library Journal Starred (July 1, 2014):** “K-Gr 2.. The simple and clear language will keep readers engaged and their interest piqued...This title will surely be popular in the library as a beginning research tool, but some may find it quite appropriate as bedtime reading, too.” - Martha Rico, El Paso ISD, TX
 - **Booklist (October 15, 2014 (Vol. 111, No. 4)):** “Grades K-3. This attractive large-format book features 26 species of baby mammals and their families...In addition, many of these beautifully drawn pictures capture the feeling of an animal’s form, motion, and presence...A visually captivating volume on animal families.”
- **Rationale:** This book is designated for grades K-3, which means that it provides younger students access to high interest topics within the nonfiction section of the library. However, it does not leave

out the important topics related to the mammals that are addressed in their curriculum. Instead, it explains topics such as adaptations and habitats in a way that young students can understand.

Title: Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have Changed the Earth

- **Author:** Bang, Molly
- **ISBN:** 978-0-545-57785-4
- **Publisher:** The Blue Sky Press
- **Dewey Number:** 333.8
- **Cost:** \$16.19
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-5
- **Number of Pages:** 42
- **Summary:** “Colorful illustrations and text introduce young readers to the fossil-fuel energy cycle that begins with sunlight caught by plants.” – From the Publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal (July 1, 2014):** “Gr 2-4-The sun narrates this book about the slow creation but relatively quick depletion of fossil fuels, or ‘buried sunlight.’...An important, thought-provoking look at the growing environmental crisis.” -Alyson Low, Fayetteville Public Library, AR
 - **Booklist starred (July 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 21)):** “Grades K-3...Bang’s expertise and creativity in making picture books are well matched with Chisholm’s solid grasp of science. Every element in the complex, beautiful illustrations supports the informative text, which offers a welcome, long-term perspective on the subject. Combining an amiable voice with unusual breadth of vision, depth of knowledge, and subtlety of presentation, this is a masterful book in a highly original science series.”
 - **Horn Book (September/October, 2014):** In the latest of Bang and Chisholm's excellent books on the role of the sun's energy in powering life processes on Earth (Living Sunlight, rev. 5/09; Ocean Sunlight, rev. 5/12), the production and consumption of fossil fuels are explained, along with the sobering--and overwhelming--evidence for the consequences of all that energy use: climate change...Extensive end notes provide a deeper explanation of the science of climate change. “- Danielle J. Ford
- **Rationale:** This is exactly what I was hoping to find when I discovered my current collection’s lack of resources about climate change and other current environmental issues. Climate change is highly emphasized in the upper grades’ curriculums, which inspires many students to continue learning on their own.

Title: Does it Really Rain Frogs? Questions and Answers About Planet Earth

- **Author:** Canavan, Thomas
- **ISBN:** 978-1-78212-393-4
- **Publisher:** Arcturus Publishing Limited
- **Dewey Number:** 550.2
- **Cost:** \$22.00
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 32

- **Summary:** "Answers common questions young readers have about weather, space, and other phenomena of planet Earth"--Provided by publisher.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (December 1, 2013 (Vol. 110, No. 7)):** "Grades 2-5...With clever headings, questions kids would actually ask, and simple, easy-to-follow text, this will pull scientifically curious kids who may follow up with the concluding further reading suggestions. Hand to reluctant readers and use to foster STEM literacy."
 - **Horn Book (Spring 2014):** "Questions and answers about earth and its atmosphere are loosely grouped into thirteen categories such as "Make a splash" with information about oceans and rain and "Air we go" about wind and air pressure. A photo or graphic accompanies all four questions on each bright but busy spread. Reading list, websites. Glos., ind."
 - **School Library Journal (November 1, 2013):** "Gr 2-5.. this set of science Q & A's offers nontechnical but specific and clearly reasoned explanations for a wide range of common and uncommon natural phenomena...Some questions don't have tidy answers ("When will we run out of oil?"), thus making fine springboards for discussion and further research."
- **Rationale:** I included this book because it addresses many topics in the curriculum, including: the water cycle, animal behavior, weather and natural disasters. The information is presented in a highly engaging, thought-provoking format.

Title: El Deafo

- **Author:** Cece Bell
- **ISBN:** 978-1-41971-020-9
- **Publisher:** Amulet Books
- **Dewey Number:** 305.9082 (graphic novel/autobiography)
- **Cost:** \$18.71
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 233
- **Summary:** "In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid."- From the publisher.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (August 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 22))** "Bell's bold and blocky full-color cartoons perfectly complement her childhood stories—she often struggles to fit in and sometimes experiences bullying, but the cheerful illustrations promise a sunny future. This empowering autobiographical story belongs right next to Raina Telgemeier's *Smile* (2011) and Liz Prince's *Tomboy*."
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (September 1, 2014):** "Her whimsical color illustrations (all the human characters have rabbit ears and faces), clear explanations and Cece's often funny adventures help make the memoir accessible and entertaining. Readers will empathize with Cece as she tries to find friends who aren't bossy or inconsiderate, and they'll rejoice with her when she finally does. Worthy of a superhero."
 - **School Library Journal (September 1, 2014):** "Bell tells it all: the joy of removing her hearing aid in summer, the troubles watching the TV when the actor turns his back, and the agony of slumber party chats in the dark. Included is an honest and revealing afterword, which

addresses the author's early decision not to learn ASL, her more mature appreciation for the language, and her adage that, 'Our differences are our superpowers.'"

- **Rationale:** This book teaches students to accept and celebrate differences in their classmates. As a school with a large population of special education students, this message is even more important for students to embrace.

Title: Fractions in Disguise: A Math Adventure

- **Author:** Einhorn, Edward
- **ISBN:** 978-1-60734-604-3
- **Publisher:** Charlesbridge
- **Dewey Number:** 513.2
- **Cost:** \$6.99
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 32 pages
- **Summary:** Learn how to identify and find equivalent fractions in an entertaining story.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (February 15, 2014):** "The pages simply ooze with the aura of a great mystery. No question--a large fraction of parents and teachers will be reaching for this."
 - **Horn Book (Fall 2014):** "This introduction to simplifying fractions is that rare book about math that's as entertaining as it is instructive. Clark's parodic illustrations feature heightened characters reminiscent of Monty Python creations."
 - **Booklist (February 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 11)):** "Grades 1-3.... Using a restrained palette, cartoonist Clark boosts the story's comedy and its drama with his exaggerated portrayals of the characters and their actions. An appended page tells and shows how to reduce a fraction, an idea that even noncollectors may find useful. This amusing book could help lessen the all-too-common fear of fractions."
- **Rationale:** The new curriculum places a deeper emphasis on understanding and exploring fractions in the upper elementary school grades. Our current collection lacks a variety of resources to meet this goal.

Title: Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey

- **Author:** Burns, Loree Griffin
- **ISBN:** 978-1-46772-542-2
- **Publisher:** Millbrook Press
- **Dewey Number:** 595.78
- **Cost:** \$21.95
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-6
- **Number of Pages:** 33
- **Summary:** A detailed look into the life cycle of a butterfly through beautiful photographs and explanations.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Horn Book starred (Fall 2014):** "An explanation of the life cycle of butterflies gets an intriguing twist in this account of the work of a Costa Rican butterfly farm, where blue morpho butterflies are raised and the pupae eventually shipped to museums for display and

observation. Detailed discussion of each life stage is accompanied by wonderfully sharp, close-up photographs that show intricate structural details. Reading list. Bib., glos., ind.”

- **School Library Journal (February 1, 2014):** “Gr 1-4... This fascinating topic, rarely featured for a young audience, offers an accessible, visual delight.”-Meg Smith, Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville, NC
- **Booklist (February 15, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 12)):** “Grades 2-4. This colorful book takes readers to a butterfly pupa farm in Costa Rica. Captured and taken to greenhouses, varieties of caterpillars eat, grow, and molt... Using proper terminology, Burns writes clearly about the butterfly’s life cycle.”
- **Rationale:** This book supports the science instruction of butterfly life cycles in grade 2. Teachers and students in this grade expressed a need for additional resources for this unit, and this is a quality resources to address their need.

Title: Kids Who Are Changing The World

- **Author:** Jankeliowitch, Anne
- **ISBN:** 978-1-40229-532-4
- **Publisher:** Sourcebooks Jabberwocky
- **Dewey Number:** 363.7
- **Cost:** \$12.79
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Number of Pages:** 140
- **Summary:** “Discusses forty-five young environmentalists from around the world, relating how they are working to fight climate change and pollution.” - from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (October 1, 2014 (Online)):** “Photographs are dynamic and stunning, and background information and statistics on environmental issues are included in the margins. Here are countless examples of the tremendous impact that one person with a clear goal can have, no matter their age.”
 - **Publishers Weekly (August 11, 2014):** “Allowing the children and their efforts to speak for themselves, the book suggests that curiosity, creativity, and mindfulness are key ingredients in making an impact. Ages 9-12.”
 - **School Library Journal (October 1, 2014):** “Gr 3-6... Tween and teen activists ages nine through 16 and from countries around the world are featured, with a balance of gender, age, and ethnicity...The book acknowledges that some stories have multiple sides (“the pipeline and its construction will provide work for some people but...”) and recognizes that sometimes success can require multiple attempts, resulting in an optimistic but well-rounded tone.” -Jill Ratzan, I. L. Peretz Community Jewish School, Somerset, NJ
- **Rationale:** This book addresses our collection’s need of current environmental issues, which is addressed in multiple grade levels’ curriculums. However, it is different from the other books in my order because it focuses on the power of a single child’s actions. This will teach and inspire students to become active in improving the world.

Title: The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

- **Author:** Bryant, Jennifer
- **ISBN:** 978-0-8028-5385-1

- **Publisher:** Eerdmans Books for Young Readers
- **Dewey Number:** 409.2
- **Cost:** \$14.93
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:**
- **Number of Pages:** 40
- **Summary:** "A picture book biography of Peter Mark Roget, the creator of Roget's Thesaurus, one of the most widely used reference books ever published." – From the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist starred (August 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 22)):** "Grades K-3. Bryant's and Sweet's talents combine to make the lowly thesaurus fascinating in this beautifully illustrated picture-book biography of Peter Mark Roget...In brilliant pages teeming with enthusiasm for language and learning, Bryant and Sweet (A Splash of Red, 2013) joyfully celebrate curiosity, the love of knowledge, and the power of words."
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (August 1, 2014):** "Bryant's prose is bright and well-tuned for young readers...In a word: marvelous! (chronology, author's and illustrator's notes, selected bibliography, suggested reading, quotation sources, photograph of manuscript page) (Picture book/biography. 6-10)" **identified as a finalist for the 2014 Kirkus Prize*
 - **School Library Journal Starred (October 1, 2014):** "Gr 2-5... Expertly researched and well written, Bryant's narrative not only details the creation of the thesaurus; it also conveys a sense of Roget the man: his shy nature, his keen intelligence, and his passion for knowledge...An excellent illustrated biography."-Joanna K. Fabicon, Los Angeles Public Library
- **Rationale:** Mona Kerby went out of her way to recommend this book, which means that it must be wonderful. It also provides a unique connection between the subject of a biography and the reason we remember them. Many justifications for a biography are far removed from students' lives because they are dated, but this book relates to a tangible resource they use regularly in school.

Title: Water Can Be...

- **Author:** Salas, Laura Purdie
- **ISBN:** 978-1-46770-591-2
- **Publisher:** Millbrook Press
- **Dewey Number:** 553.7
- **Cost:** \$13.51
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Number of Pages:** 32
- **Summary:** "This picture book poetically explores the many things water can be--from home maker and ship breaker to cloud fluffer and fire snuffer. Backmatter provides additional explanations"-- Provided by publisher.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Kirkus Reviews starred (February 15, 2014):** "In a look at the forms, functions and uses of water, Salas and Dabija turn the ordinary into the extraordinary... Even older elementary students will welcome the shimmering pairings of words and artwork, their teachers using this as both a science lesson and a writing exercise--can students write as poetically, economically and informatively (glossary, further resources) (Informational picture book. 4-10)."

- **Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014):** “Calling attention to water helps children appreciate this necessary and ubiquitous resource. In lilting rhymed text, Salas shows readers that water can be many things.”
- **Booklist (March 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 13)):** “Grades K-2...This picture book explores an aspect of the natural world in a way that is imaginative but ultimately informative. A fine choice for reading aloud in the classroom or at home.”
- **Rationale:** This book directly supports the K-3 curriculum study of the water cycle.

Title: Zoobots: Wild Robots Inspired By Real Animals

- **Author:** Becker, Helaine
- **ISBN:** 978-1-55453-971-0
- **Publisher:** Kids Can Press
- **Dewey Number:** 629.8
- **Cost:** \$15.31
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-6
- **Number of Pages:** 32
- **Summary:** “Innovations in the world of robotics are multiplying, with many cutting-edge breakthroughs, and this exciting and timely new book for young readers explores one particularly intriguing area: the world of robo-animals, or zoobots.” – From the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **Booklist (May 1, 2014 (Vol. 110, No. 17)):** “Using scientific headings, a black background, and a larger-than-life Photoshop illustration of each zoobot (along with a smaller illustration of the animal on which it is based), this ought to engage the imagination of future scientists—and who knows what they might create? This one won’t stay on library shelves for long.”
 - **Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014):** “This unique book introduces a variety of robotic devices based on animals. Each device is introduced on a two-page spread set up like a video-game-character profile, touching on name, realm, team, super skill, specifications, applications, and animal inspiration. Illustrations are a clear, colorful mix of the technological and lifelike and the fantastic. Glos., ind.”
 - **Library Media Connection (October 2014):** “This book will capture the attention of future scientists and encourage them to think of inventing the next Zoobot. The artwork is designed in science fictional illustrations. Glossary. Table of Contents. Index. Teresa Raimo, School Library Media Specialist, Ridgefield Park (New Jersey) School District. **Recommended**”
- **Rationale:** Our collection’s technology section lacks current inventions, which this book would help to address. The book features current and interesting inventions that are sure to entice young readers.

Nonbook/Media Titles

Title: Amazing Animals.

- **Author:** National Geographic Kids
- **ISBN:** 978-1-42634-627-9
- **Format:** DVD

- **Publisher:** Cinedigm Home Entertainment LLC
- **Dewey Number:** 791.45
- **Cost:** \$11.49
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-5
- **Length:** 1 DVD (136 Minutes)
- **Summary:** "Presents three children's television programs that feature amazing animals from around the world: Are we there yet? World adventure (Television program) ; Mama Mirabelle's home movies (Television program) ; Toot & Puddle (Television program)." – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal 06/01/14:** "This charming collection of episodes from three television series is sure to please science and nature lovers...This mostly animated series teaches viewers interesting facts about animals, such as elephants and whales, and children will learn and embrace new information and valuable life lessons about being themselves." -Katy Charles, Virgil Elementary School, Cortland, NY
- **Rationale:** Nearly every grade in the school studies animals and their habitats. This DVD supports the curriculum in an entertaining format and offers additional resources to support instruction, such as websites and games.

Title: Coretta Scott

- **Author:** Ntozake Shange
- **ISBN:** 978-0-06-125364-5
- **Format:** Digital Audiobook
- **Publisher:** Weston Woods
- **Dewey Number:** 323
- **Cost:** \$9.00
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-5
- **Length:** 15 minutes
- **Summary:** This recording incorporates music and Coretta Scott King's poetry into the reading of her biography.
- **Reviews:**
 - **ALSC's 2014 Notable Recordings List:** "Narrator Phylicia Rashad beautifully interprets Ntozake Shange's lyrical poem about Coretta Scott King. The inclusion of music and singing intensifies the listening experience."
- **Rationale:** The Coretta Scott King Award is one of the most popular awards that librarians use to purchase books and guide their lessons. However, many people do not know her story. This resource would allow me to teach students about her life and the book award, reinforcing the true meaning of the award itself.

Title: The Wheels on the Bus: Animal Adventure

- **Format:** DVD – 45 minutes
- **Publisher:** Happy Child Production Company
- **Dewey Number:** 590s
- **ISBN:** 1417240342
- **Copyright:** 2013
- **Cost:** \$9.98

- **Age Level:** Pre-K - Kindergarten
- **Summary (about 35 words):** A playful sing-a-long about the different animals you find in the zoo, park and aquarium.
- **Review:**
 - **School Library Journal (November 1, 2013): PreS-K—** “The three main characters exit at various child-appealing locations, including an aquarium, a zoo, and a park, and are introduced to the creatures found there. Top quality footage of a wide range of animals, reptiles, and insects is accompanied by their names....Preschoolers will enjoy the ride and the music, learn a bit, and may extend the inviting concept into their play.”—Constance Dickerson, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, OH
- **Rationale:** The majority of the Kindergarten curriculum focuses on animals. One of the major focuses is comparing animal habitats in the zoo and aquarium, which aligns very well to this video. The sing-a-long format is an age appropriate and engaging way to learn.

Title: Timeless Tales of Beatrix Potter: Peter Rabbit and Friends

- **Author:** Potter, Beatrix
- **Format:** Audiobook (CDs)
- **ISBN:** 978-1-49450-000-9
- **Publisher:** Tantor Media
- **Dewey Number:** 813
- **Cost:** \$29.99
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-3
- **Length:** 4 CDs (240 min.)
- **Summary:** “This volume brings together twenty-one of Potter's tales and verses in one book. Although each story stands on its own, several are linked together by events and characters.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal (July 1, 2014):** “Each story is told in faithful, dramatic style and, thankfully, without musical interludes or inventions. Kellgren's British accent lends an air of authenticity. She brings each character clearly into focus...This is a lovely choice for those who seek a fast-paced, lively interpretation of Potter's works.”-Robin Levin, Fort Washakie School/Community Library, WY
 - **AudioFile 04/01/14**
- **Rationale:** These short stories would make an excellent listening station for emergent readers in the library. They could also be checked out to support struggling readers at home. This resource would also support the primary grades’ study of traditional stories.

Title: Ophelia and The Marvelous Boy

- **Author:** Foxlee, Karen
- **Format:** Audiobook (CD)
- **ISBN:** 978-0-8041-6836-6
- **Publisher:** Listening Library
- **Dewey Number:** -Fic-
- **Cost:** \$35.00
- **Copyright:** 2014

- **Age Level:** Grades 3-6
- **Length:** 5CDs (6 hours, 20 minutes)
- **Summary:** “Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal (May 1, 2014):** “The overall quality of the tale is elevated tremendously in the audio performance, thanks to the talented Jayne Entwistle. Her lilting delivery takes on a musical quality and effortlessly draws the audience into the adventure; the rhythm is mesmerizing and complements this modern-day fairy tale perfectly. Recommended for fans of folk tales and good storytelling.” -Audrey Sumser, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Mayfield, OH
 - **Publishers Weekly (February 24, 2014):** “Narrator Entwistle shines in this entertaining audio edition. With an accented voice, steady pacing, and a crisp delivery, Entwistle ably captures the magic and fun of Foxlee's tale. The voices Entwistle lends Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy are spot-on, while she also produces a host of distinct and appropriate voices for the book's other characters. Ages 8-12.”
 - **Horn Book starred (Fall 2014):** “This is a fable of psychic healing, in which Ophelia, mourning her mother, must battle the Queen armed only with her powers as ‘defender of goodness and happiness and hope.’ Foxlee's deftness with characterization and setting makes this a satisfying fantasy.”
 - **AudioFile 03/01/14**
- **Rationale:** Normally, there is a delay between a book's publishing date and the release of an audiobook format. This means that our ESOL students and struggling readers need to wait to gain access to the popular books their peers are reading. However, this audiobook is available at the same time as the highly recommended book, allowing all students to access it together.

Title: Treasury of Egyptian Mythology

- **Author:** Napoli, Donna Jo
- **Format:** Audiobook (CD)
- **ISBN:** 978-1-47039-786-9
- **Publisher:** Recorded Books, Inc
- **Dewey Number:** 398.2
- **Cost:** \$30.75
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-6
- **Length:** 3 CDs (3.5 hr.)
- **Summary:** “The new "National Geographic Treasury of Egyptian Mythology" is a stunning tableau of Egyptian myths, including those of pharaohs, queens, the boisterous Sun God Ra, and legendary creatures like the Sphinx.” – from the publisher
- **Reviews:**
 - **School Library Journal (May 1, 2014):** “Gr 3-7-Christina Moore's expressive voice engages the listener in these tales of Egyptian mythology...Stories of the deities' interactions with humans illustrate how the beliefs in these deities influenced and enhanced Egyptian life and culture. Greek and Egyptian names of the deities are provided, and a time line of Egyptian history and full cast of characters are given at the end... Mythology enthusiasts and those interested in Egypt will find much to fascinate them here.-Cynthia Ortiz, Hackensack High School, NJ

- **Rationale:** My school’s librarian noted that one of the most frequent requests she has is for mythology books. Younger students want stories they can comprehend and older students want more books. Teachers have asked for myths from other cultures so that they compare the stories in class. This resource addresses all of these requests.

Websites, Apps or Tools

Title: Audubon Guides: Butterflies APP

- **Author:** Green Mountain Digital
- **Dewey Number:** 595.789
- **Cost:** \$9.99
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 2-5
- **Summary:** This app features incredibly detailed photographs that allow students to study and analyze butterflies, as well as post their own observations.
- **Reviews:**
 - **AASL Best Apps for Teaching and Learning 2014:** “This app will interest a wide range of users, from 3rd graders exploring local butterflies and the butterfly life cycle, to high school students tracking rare and common species and learning about species classification.”
- **Rationale:** This app will support the 2nd grade butterfly inquiry project. Other grades can also use it to support their studies of life cycles, classification and observations.

Title: PebbleGo Animals

- **Format:** Online Database
- **Publisher:** Capstone Press
- **Dewey Number:** 590s
- **Cost:** \$395 for unlimited school-wide access
- **Age Level:** Grades K-2
- **Summary:** An extremely in-depth and engaging database of animals designed for emergent readers.
- **Review:**
 - **School Library Journal (April 2014, Vol. 60 Issue 4, p38):** “K-Gr 3— SLJ readers were vocal—and almost unanimous—in their appreciation of this fun, informative resource. Contributors praise the Capstone Digital database created for students in kindergarten through third grade, not just for its excellent nonfiction content, but also for its ease of navigation and age-appropriate supplementary materials, including videos, pictures, and glossaries. For teachers and librarians, it also contains citation information and suggested cross references.”
 - Also listed as “Most Highly Recommended” in **Wilson’s Nonprint Collection**
 - **Booklist Fifteen Best Bets for Student Researchers, 2011**
- **Rationale:** Students love reading about animals! Each of the primary grades completes a research project about animals. This highly recommended database would be the perfect companion to the print resources in the library and has features that make it accessible for emergent readers.

Title: Shaddow Puppet App

- **Publisher:** Shadow Puppet, Inc.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Copyright:** 2014

- **Age Level:** Grades K-5
- **Summary:** Shadow Puppet is an exciting way for students to present their inquiries to others using pictures, videos and voice recordings.
- **Reviews:**
 - **AASL Best Apps for Teaching and Learning 2014:** “Presentations may be saved to the photo stream or shared via email. Users do not need accounts to use this app making it appealing to elementary classes. Students can use this app to share knowledge from research project or for storytelling.”
- **Rationale:** The possibilities for this app are endless because it can be used in virtually every subject area. Students can create book reports, present scientific research projects, explain an art project or teach someone how to kick a soccer ball correctly. It provides an exciting way for students to share knowledge about any inquiry with their classmates!

Title: The EPA Climate Change Kids Site

- **Format:** Website
- **URL:** <http://epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html>
- **Publisher:** United States Environmental Protection Agency
- **Cost:** Free
- **Last Updated:** 8/28/2014
- **Age Level:** Grades 3-5
- **Summary:** This website explains the causes and effects of climate change as well as ways for kids to help.
- **Reviews:**
 - **Featured in Wilson’s Nonprint Core Collection:** “This site does a great job of making **climate change** understandable to elementary and middle school students. . . . [It includes a section called] ‘The **Climate** Detectives,’ on how scientists gather data on global **changes.**” - SLJ
- **Rationale:** I chose to include this website because it is from a credible source and is written specifically for children. It is directly linked to the curriculum and would support students’ research about current environmental issues. It includes special features such as a glossary, embedded videos and games.

Title: Water Cycle HD App

- **Author:** Sprout Labs, LLC
- **Dewey Number:** 551
- **Cost:** \$1.99
- **Copyright:** 2014
- **Age Level:** K-5
- **Summary:** This app provides pictures, videos and narration to explain the stages of the water cycle. It also features “WOW Facts” that explain how each stage impacts life on Earth.
- **Reviews:**
 - **AASL Best Apps for Teaching and Learning 2014:** “The read aloud feature and graphics allow all elementary students to grasp the concept of the water cycle at an early age.”
- **Rationale:** Almost every grade studies the water cycle in my school, yet students seem to forget it each year. This app would provide an engaging format for students. Hopefully, by changing the way we teach students the water cycle, we can improve our results.