

Nonfiction for Upper Elementary Readers (Grades 3 - 5)

Parents, please read with or to your children on a regular basis, and take them to the public library as often as possible. Middle graders should be reading at least one book per month and are challenged by their teachers to read more. While at the library, you can look for the books listed below, or just let your children browse. Students should also keep reading logs for everything they read – or listen to – and turn them in to their teachers. The reading log form can be accessed [here](#) or through the link on the [Library Resources](#) page under Important Links for Readers.

- The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A. with 50 Fact-Filled Maps – Balkan
- Alien Deep: Revealing the Mysterious Living World at the Bottom of the Ocean – Hague
- All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World – Alexander
- Amazon Adventure: How Tiny Fish Are Saving the World’s Largest Rainforest – Montgomery
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart – Fleming
- The Atlas Obscura Explorer’s Guide for the World’s Most Adventurous Kid – Thuras
- Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle – Rose
- Beyond Words: What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel – Safina
- A Black Hole Is Not a Hole – DeCristofano
- Bone Collection: Animals – Colson
- The Book of Chocolate: The Amazing Story of the World’s Favorite Candy – Newquist
- Boy: Tales of Childhood – Dahl
- Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman – Nobleman
- Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner – Harrington
- Can You Hear the Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest – Wohlleben
- Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift’s “Chocolate Pilot” – Tunnell
- D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths – D’Aulaire
- Death Eaters: Meet Nature’s Scavengers – Halls
- The Discovery of Longitude – Galat
- Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why, Commas Really *Do* Make a Difference! – Truss
- Eclipse Chaser: Science in the Moon’s Shadow – Loomis
- Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There – Kelly
- Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini – Fleischman
- Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay – Stewart
- Everything Dinosaurs – Hoena
- The FeederWatcher’s Guide to Bird Feeding – Barker and Griggs
- First Flight Around the World: The Adventures of the American Flyers Who Won the Race – Grove
- Frightlopedia: An Encyclopedia of Everything Scary, Creepy, and Spine-Chilling, from Arachnids to Zombies – Winterbottom
- From Mud Huts to Skyscrapers – Paxmann
- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science – Sidman
- Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women – Thimmesch
- Greta’s Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike to Save the Planet – Camerini
- Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America – Pinkney
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race – Shetterly
- Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball – Coy
- How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous – Bragg
- How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World – Johnson
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark – Levy
- Itch!: Everything You Didn’t Want to Know About What Makes You Scratch – Sanchez
- Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka – Scieszka
- The Man Who Walked Between the Towers – Gerstein

- Marley: A Dog Like No Other – Grogan
- Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France – Rockliff
- Moles (The Superpower Field Guide) – Poliquin
- The Monarchs Are Missing: A Butterfly Mystery – Hirsch
- Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 – Floca
- The Mystery of Darwin's Frog – Crump
- National Parks of the U.S.A. – Siber
- No Map, Great Trip: A Young Writer's Road to Page One – Fleischman
- Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability – Burcaw
- One Iguana, Two Iguanas: A Story of Accident, Natural Selection, and Evolution – Collard
- Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew as Kids – Weissman
- Pioneer Girl – Wilder
- Playing with Collage – Baker
- The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy – Earnest
- Resist: 40 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice – Chambers
- Roanoke: The Lost Colony – An Unsolved Mystery from History – Yolen and Stemple
- Science Comics: Bats: Learning to Fly – Koch
- Science Warriors: The Battle Against Invasive Species – Collard
- Seven Wonders of the Solar System – Aguilar
- Shackleton's Journey – Grill
- Shark Week: Everything You Need to Know – Brockenbrough
- Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People – Nelson
- The Skull in the Rock: How a Scientist, a Boy, and Google Earth Opened a New Window on Human Origins – Aronson
- Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White – Sweet
- Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill – Montgomery
- The Street Beneath My Feet – Guillain
- Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog – Bausum
- Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May or May Not Exist – Halls
- The Tarantula Scientist – Montgomery
- Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story – Nobleman
- This Book Stinks: Gross Garbage, Rotten Rubbish, and the Science of Trash – Flynn
- Through My Eyes – Bridges
- The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms – Carson
- Ugly – Hoge
- Unstoppable: True Stories of Amazing Bionic Animals – Furstinger
- Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Silvey
- Walt's Imagination: The Life of Walt Disney – Rappaport
- Warriors: The Greatest Fighters in History – Callery
- We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball – Nelson
- What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet – French
- What If You Had Animal Teeth? – Markle
- When Plants Attack: Strange and Terrifying Plants – Hirsch
- When the Sky Breaks: Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and the Worst Weather in the World – Winchester
- Wicked Bugs: The Meanest, Deadliest, Grossest Bugs on Earth – Stewart
- The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth: Understanding Our World and Its Ecosystems – Ignatofsky
- The Woolly Monkey Mysteries: The Quest to Save a Rain Forest Species – Markle
- Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions – Barton
- World Without Fish – Kurlansky
- Zoo Scientists to the Rescue – Newman