



# Summer Reading at Bank Street (Lower School)

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:

- Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
- Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!

-Allie

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## Important Dates and Numbers

- All books checked out **before** May 6 are due! If you are in the middle of a book checked out before May 6, please come check it in and out at the circulation desk.
- All books checked out **after** May 6, 2013 are due Sept. 16.
- Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer.



**PARENTS, READ ME!**

# 7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

- 1 Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading\***—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.
- 2 To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore**, read Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).
- 3 Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.\*\* Remember that **“reading” is not just chapter books; non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.**
- 4 Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, **have a friend recommend books.** Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grownup.
- 5 **Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-10; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5. Check out your local public library, too.
- 6 **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours**, and invite friends too! Check [bankstreetbooks.com](http://bankstreetbooks.com) for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.
- 7 Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

\*Krashen, Stephen D. *The Power of Reading: Insights From the Research*. Libraries Unlimited: USA, 2004.

\*\**Ibid.*

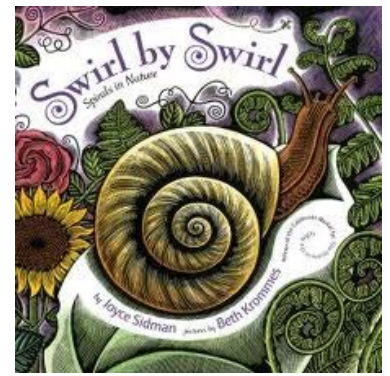
## Non-Fiction



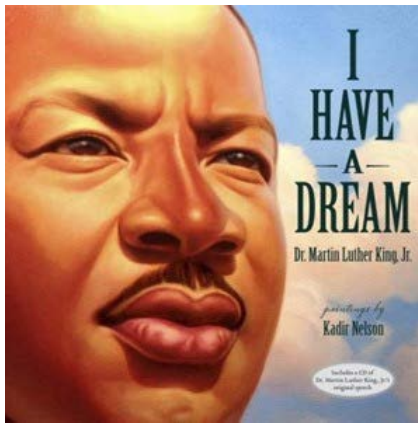
*Red-Eyed Tree Frog* by Nic Bishop  
Breathtaking photos show a frog searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for another animal.



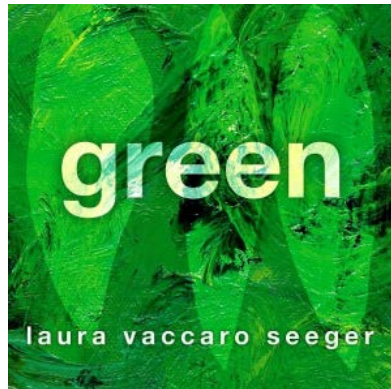
*Round is a Tortilla*  
by Roseanne Thong  
A little girl discovers things that are round, square, and rectangular in her neighborhood.



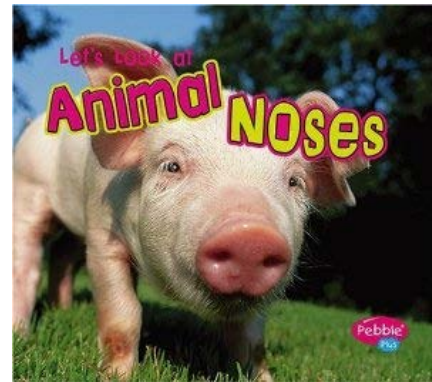
*Swirl by Swirl* by Joyce Sidman  
Celebrates the shape of a spiral in nature, from rushing rivers to flower buds and even the shape of an ear.



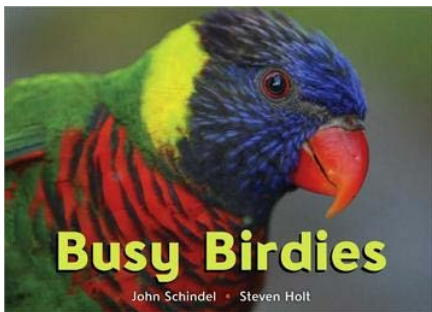
*I Have a Dream*  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Presents illustrations and the text of the speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, in which he described his visionary dream of equality and for all humankind.



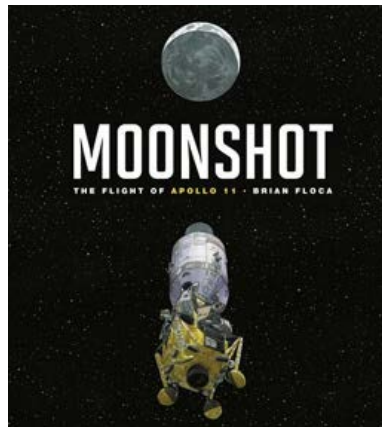
*Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
Illustrations and simple, rhyming text explore the many shades of the color green.



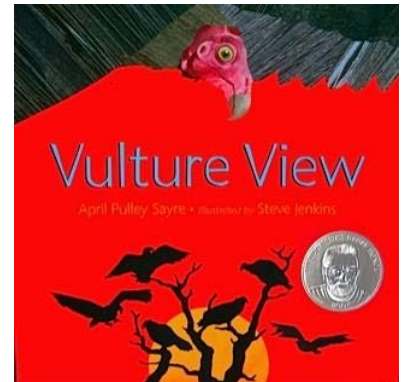
*Let's Look at Animal Noses*  
by Wendy Perkins  
Provides an introduction to animal noses, and explains how they work and how different animals use them.



*Busy Birdies* by John Schindel  
Photographs and simple text provide descriptions of birds engaged in characteristic behaviors.



*Moonshot* by Brian Floca  
The story of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon, which left and returned during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away by steady astronauts in their great machines.

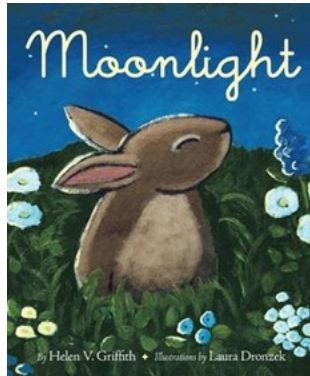


*Vulture View*  
by April Pulley Sayre  
Describes a typical day for vultures: they soar up into the heights on thermals and "sniff, search, seek / for foods that... / REEK!"

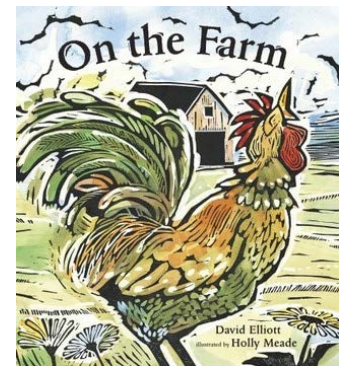
## Poetry



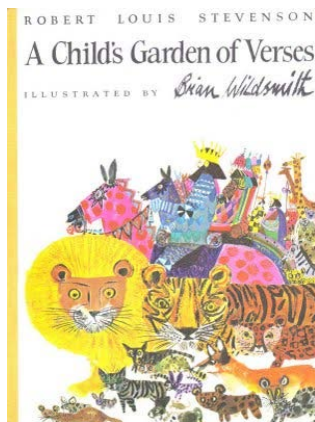
*Honey, I Love*  
by Eloise Greenfield  
A collection of sixteen poems that speak of love and the joys of everyday life, as experienced by a child.



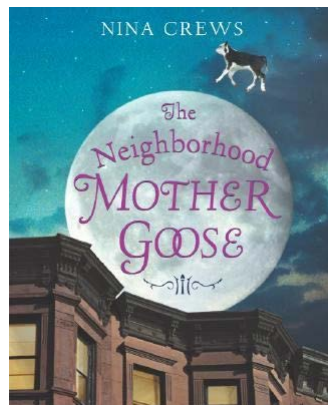
*Moonlight* by Helen V. Griffith  
One cloudy night, after Rabbit goes into his burrow to sleep, the moon comes out, covering the countryside like butter .



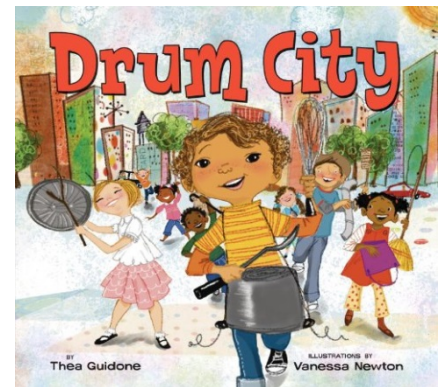
*On the Farm* by David Elliott  
From the bull to the barn cat to the wild bunny, the farmyard bustles with life. The rooster crows, the rams clash, the bees buzz, and over there in the garden, a snake silent and alone winds and watches.



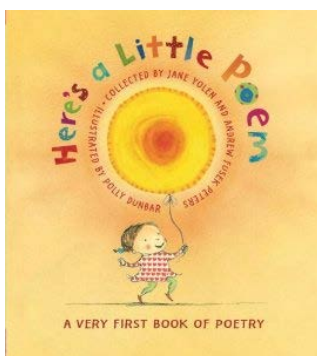
*A Child's Garden of Verses*  
by Robert Louis Stevenson  
From flying through the air on a swing to building an imaginary world out of blocks to being tucked into bed for a night of dreams, this poetry collection has celebrated the lives of children since 1885.



*The Neighborhood Mother Goose*  
by Nina Crews  
A collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, illustrated with warm, sparkling photographs of a city neighborhood setting.



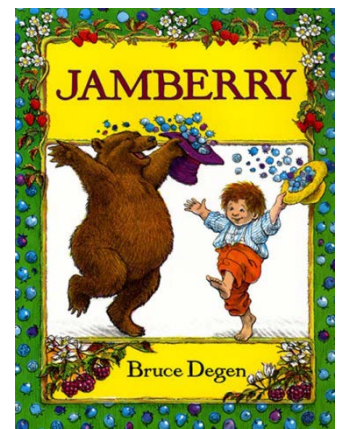
*Drum City* by Thea Guidone  
A young boy begins banging on pots and pans in his front yard, enticing other children to join him, and before long the entire city is feeling the beat.



*Here's a Little Poem*  
by Jane Yolen  
A collection of poems for children, exploring themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.

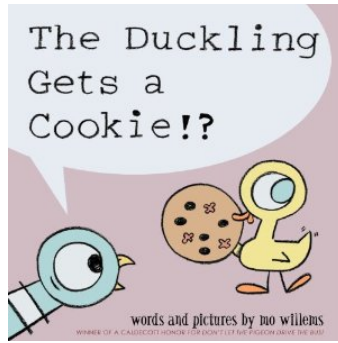


*Arroz Con Leche : Popular Songs and Rhymes from Latin America*  
by Lulu Delacre  
A collection of traditional Latin American songs and rhymes, in Spanish and English, with the music included.

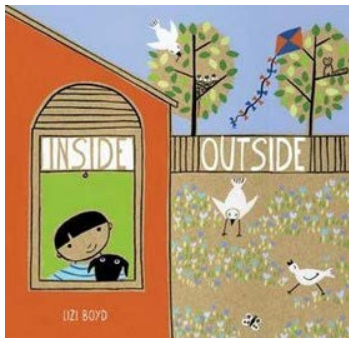


*Jamberry* by Bruce Degen  
A little boy walking in the forest meets a big lovable bear that takes him on a delicious berry-picking adventure in the magical world of Berryland.

## Fiction



*The Duckling Get a Cookie!?*  
by Mo Willems  
Pigeon is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.



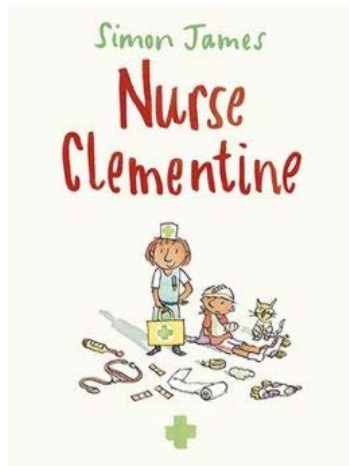
*Inside Outside* by Lizi Boyd  
What is happening outside today? Peek through the window to find out. What is happening inside? Peek again!



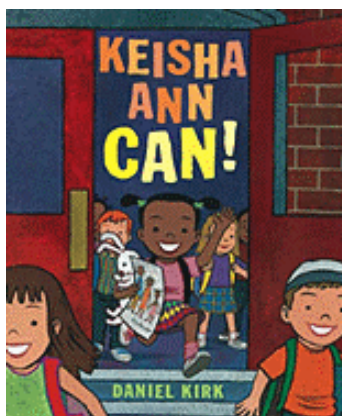
*One Cool Friend* by Tony Buzzeo  
On a momentous visit to the aquarium, Elliot discovers his dream pet: a penguin. It's just proper enough for a straight-laced boy like him. But when his father says he can have one, Elliot probably should have realized that Dad thought he meant a stuffed one...



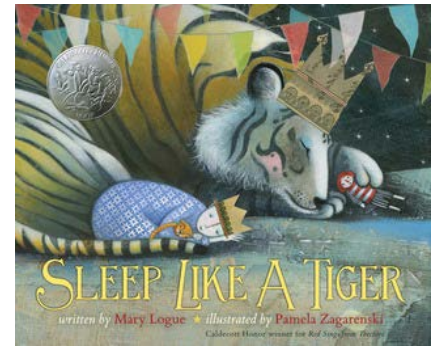
*Wave* by Suzy Lee  
During a day at the beach, a little girl splish-splashes her way into a brighter, more colorful world.



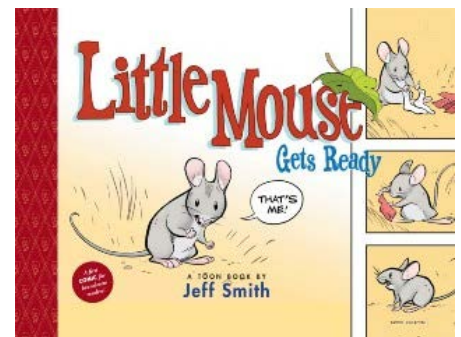
*Nurse Clementine* by Simon James  
It's Clementine Brown's birthday, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown have given her a nurse's outfit and a first-aid kit. Nurse Clementine sets to work tending to the wounded.



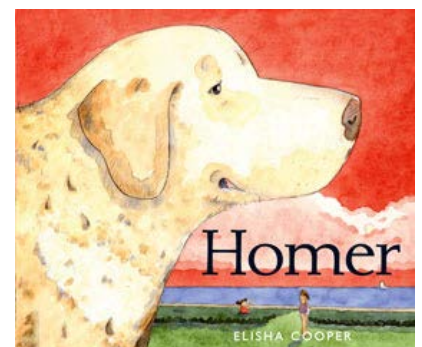
*Keisha Ann Can!* by Daniel Kirk  
Keisha Ann is proud of all the things she can do during her day at school.



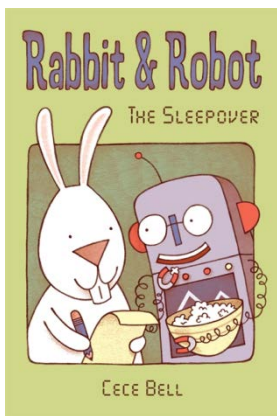
*Sleep Like a Tiger* by Mary Logue  
"Does everything in the world go to sleep?" the little girl asks. In sincere and imaginative dialogue between a not-at-all sleepy child and understanding parents, the little girl decides, "in a cocoon of sheets, a nest of blankets," she is ready to sleep, warm and strong, just like a tiger.



*Little Mouse Gets Ready* by Jeff Smith  
Little Mouse gets dressed so he can go to the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters.

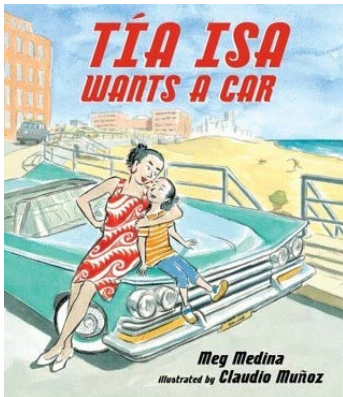


*Homer* by Elisha Cooper  
Homer the dog is content to watch from the porch as his family goes out to enjoy the day.



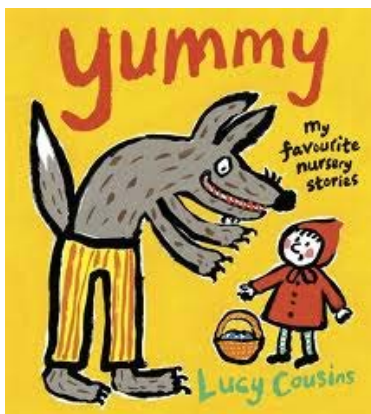
*Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover*  
by Cece Bell

Rabbit is excited about the sleepover he has carefully planned for his friend Robot, but Robot has some different ideas about how things should go.



*Tia Isa Wants a Car*

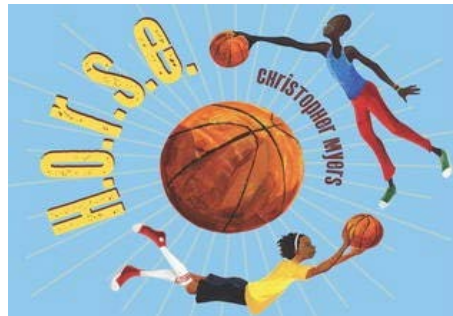
Tia Isa and her niece try to save enough money to buy a car to take the whole family to the beach.



*Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales*  
by Lucy Cousins

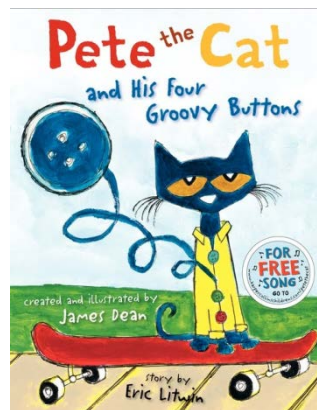
A fresh look at eight classic stories, told with bold language and vibrant pictures.

## Fiction, cont'd.



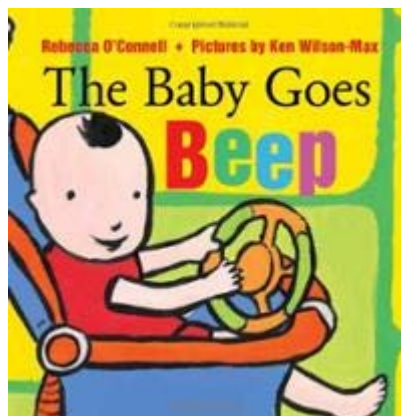
*H.O.R.S.E.* by Christopher Myers

Two friends try to outdo each other on the basketball court in an out-of-this-world game of H.O.R.S.E.



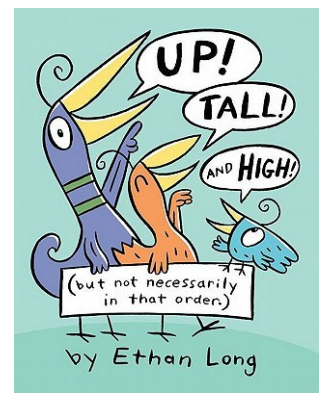
*Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*  
by Eric Litwin

Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.



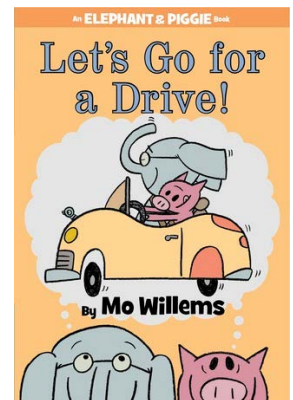
*The Baby Goes Beep*  
by Rebecca O'Connell

A baby makes fun sounds as he explores the world around him.



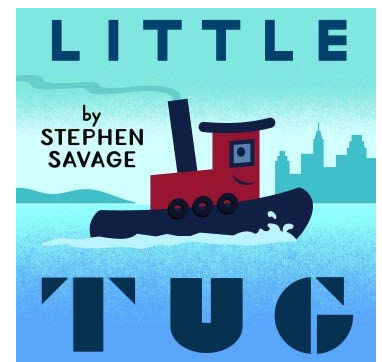
*Up, Tall and High!* by Ethan Long

In three laugh-out-loud situations, a cast of colorful birds illustrate the concepts of "up," "tall" and "high."



*Let's Go for a Drive!* by Mo Willems

Elephant Gerald and Piggie want to go for a drive, but as Gerald thinks of one thing after another that they will have to take along, they come to realize that they lack the most important thing of all.



*Little Tug* by Stephen Savage

Little Tug knows what to do when the tall ship, the speedboat, and the ocean liner need him, and at such times, he is indispensable.