

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

**Chantler, Scott.** *Tower of Treasure.* (Series) Orphaned acrobat Dessa, searching for her long-lost twin, agrees to help two circus performers rob the royal treasury.

**Guibert, Emmanuel.** *Ariol: Just a Donkey Like You and Me.* (Series) Ariol lives in the suburbs with his parents and a host of other animal friends and teachers.

**Konami, Kanata.** *Chi's Sweet Home.* (Series) Curious kitten Chi explores the neighborhood and gets to know the Yamadas.

**Lindgren, Astrid.** *Pippi Moves In!* (Series) Adventurous Pippi Longstocking moves in next door to Tommy and Annika.

**Torres, J.** *Bigfoot Boy.* (Series) Rufus is bored until he follows Penny, the prickly girl next door, deep into the woods and finds a mysterious totem in a hollowed-out tree.

## NONFICTION

**Bowen, Fred.** *No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season.* (BIO WIL) A spectacular story of a Red Sox legend that today is still a role model for baseball enthusiasts of all ages.

**Carney, Elizabeth.** *Great Migrations* (591.568 CAR) Examines several animals and their migrations, ranging from the army ant to the sperm whale.

**Davies, Nicola.** *Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals Are Big and Little Animals Are Little.* (591.4 DAV) Cartoon-style art and geometry combine to explain the relationship between an animal's size and its abilities.

**FitzSimmons, David.** *Curious Critters.* (Series - 590 FIT) A variety of animals common to North America pose for portraits while narrating distinctive aspects of their natural histories.

**Floca, Brian.** *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11.* (629.454 FLO) The story of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away by steady astronauts.

**Jenkins, Martin.** *Can We Save the Tiger?* (591.68 JEN) An introduction to how humans can learn to conserve amazing animals like tigers before they disappear forever.

**Martin, Jacqueline Briggs.** *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table.* (635 MAR) Follows Will Allen's work developing urban farms and establishing farmer's markets, in order to feed the world.

**Rosenthal, Amy Krause.** *The Wonder Book.* (817 ROS) Poems, stories, palindromes and games will show you how to have fun with words.

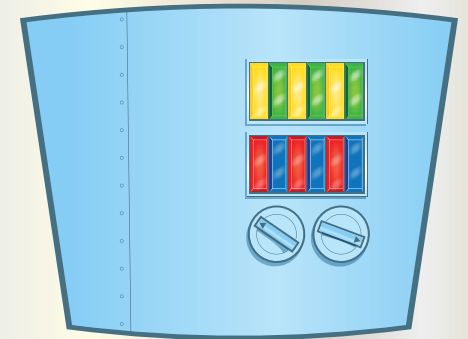
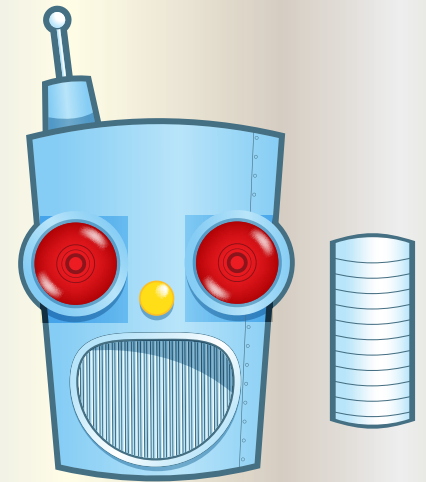
**Smart, Denise.** *The Children's Baking Book.* (641.815 SMA) More than fifty easy-to-follow children's recipes for brownies, pastries, muffins, cookies, and so much more!

**Van Allsburg, Chris.** *Queen of the Falls.* (971.66 VAN) The story of Annie Edson Taylor, who in 1901 decided to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

OAK PARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Services 5-14

# THIRD GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST



FIZZ  
BOOM  
READ

OAK PARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## EARLY CHAPTERS

**Adderson, Caroline.** *Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week.* (Series) It's finally Jasper John Dooley's turn to be Star of the Week at school, but events don't unfold as he had expected.

**Cronin, Doreen.** *The Trouble with Chickens.* (Series) A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

**Durand, Hallie.** *Dessert First.* (Series) Third-grader Dessert decides she and her friends should fight back against annoying siblings, but the club she starts only makes matters worse.

**English, Karen.** *Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles.* Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

**Gardner, Sally.** *Operation Bunny.* Nine-year-old foundling Emily Vole inherits a shop and discovers a magical world where she must try to save fairies being targeted by a terrible witch.

**Hermes, Patricia.** *Emma Dilemma, the Nanny, and the Secret Ferret.* (Series) Emma struggles with finding time to confess to her parents that she brought her pet ferret on vacation to Maine.

**Jakubowski, Michele.** *Third Grade Mix-Up.* Third-graders Sydney and new boy Sidney are not only neighbors, they are in the same class, so mix-ups are inevitable – but they soon find they share some common interests, including a love for Halloween.

**Jenkins, Emily.** *Invisible Inkling: The Whoopie Pie War.* (Series) Hank Wolowitz and Inkling, his invisible friend, try to save the family ice-cream store's business from a whoopie pie food truck parked outside.

**Messner, Kate.** *Marty McGuire Digs Worms.* (Series) With help from her Grandma Barb, Marty builds a habitat for worms in her school cafeteria as part of the Save the Earth Project.

**Morris, Gerald.** *The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great.* (Series) Retells the heroic adventures of Sir Lancelot, the bravest and most chivalrous knight of King Arthur's Round Table.

**Sternberg, Julie.** *Like Bug Juice on a Burger.* (Series) Eleanor realizes that maybe being at summer camp isn't so bad after all, and just might be full of special surprises.

**Voake, Steve.** *Hooey Higgins and the Shark.* Trying to raise enough money to buy a huge chocolate egg, Hooey concocts a scheme to catch a shark and charge people to view it, but ends up finding something much more amazing.

**Warner, Sally.** *EllRay Jakes Is Not a Chicken.* (Series) Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

**Zucker, Jonny.** *Max Flash.* (Series) Max must blast-off into space to defend the planet. Does he have what it takes to battle aliens and save humankind from slavery?

## FICTION

**Conkling, Winifred.** *Sylvia & Aki.* At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Arizona, while Mexican-American Sylvia's family leases their farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

**Deedy, Carmen Agra.** *The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale.* A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese Inn.

**Farber, E.S.** *Fish Finelli: Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles.* (Series) Fish Finelli and his friends set out to find Captain Kidd's treasure, rumored to be buried on nearby Lyons Island.

**Holub, Joan.** *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom.* (Paperback Series) When 10-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magical thunderbolt.

**Vail, Rachel.** *Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters.* (Series) It's the start of the school year, and nothing feels right to Justin. He didn't get the teacher he wanted, he's not in the same class as his best friend, and his little sister, Elizabeth, is starting kindergarten at his school.

**Yee, Lisa.** *Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally).* When Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole fourth-grade class.