Non-Fiction

Weird but True—J 031.2 NAT

Dragons & Mythical Creatures - J 398.24 OSB

Planet Mars - J 523.43 SQU

Protecting Rain Forest Animals— NEW J 577 KUK

12 Super-Smart Animals You Need to Know - J 590 HAN

ZooBorns! - J 591.3 BLE A treasury of animal photographs includes read-aloud text and a glossary of animal facts.

Spiders — J 595.44 BIS Introduces young readers to the world of arachnids.

The boo-boos that changed the world: a true story about an accidental invention (really!) — NEW J 617.13 WIT

Moonshot - J 629.45 FLO Here is the story of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon — a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away by steady astronauts in their great machines.

Pass Go and Collect $200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented — NEW J 794 STO

Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum - J 644.6 MCC Full of fun historical facts, this book is the true story of how bubble gum was invented

My Weird School: Fast Facts: Sports - J 705.4 GUT

Skyscrapers - J 720.483 MAR

Some Bunny Loves Me: Sharing Kindness With Our Animal Friends — NEW J 782.42 GRI Song lyrics and accompanying photographs illustrate why pet owners love their animals and how they care for them.

More Nonfiction subjects that might be of interest:

Folk Tales: 398.2

Space: 523

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Riverdale Public Library
Recommended Books
For 2nd Graders

Most books are located in the Juvenile Fiction section unless otherwise noted.

Take a look at our Easy Reader list for more great books for second graders.

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Fiction (Chapter Books)

Cam Jansen—J Adler
A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend Eric solve mysteries.

The Critter Club—J Barkley

Ivy & Bean—J Barrows

Batman & Robin—J Batman

Humphrey’s Tiny Tales—J Birney

The Bad Guys—J Blabey
Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound—but their plan soon goes awry.

Flat Stanley—J Brown
After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Narwhal & Jelly—J Clanton
A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

Bailey School Kids—J Dadey

Mercy Watson—J DiCamillo

Bink and Gollie—J DiCamillo
Two roller-skating best friends—one tiny, one tall—share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Owl Diaries—J Elliott

Press Start!—J Flintham
When King Viking and his evil robot army attack Animal Town, and kidnap Singing Dog, it is up to Super Rabbit Boy, with some help from Sunny and his video game console, to save the day.

Heartwood Hotel—NEW J George
Stumbling across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel during a storm, Mona the mouse desperately hopes that she will be allowed to stay and happily accepts a maid’s job attending a range of animal visitors who find safety, luxury and comfort at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest.

The Amazing Crafty Cat—J Harper
Today is Birdie's birthday! She made cupcakes for everyone in class. But on her way to school, she falls and all her cupcakes are ruined. What is she to do? This is a job for Birdie’s alter ego--The amazing Crafty Cat!

Captain Awesome—J Kirby
When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

Horrible Harry in Room 2B—J Kline
Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.

Tooth Trouble (Ready Freddy Series)—J Klein
Unhappy to be the only one in his class who still has not lost a tooth, first-grader Freddy tries to find a way to expedite matters but then is faced with another problem.

Key Hunters—J Luper

Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid—J McDonald
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents’ Day at school.

Rainbow Magic—Meadows

Isadora Moon Goes to School—J Muncaster
Isadora Moon, a vampire fairy, has to decide which school she wants to go to--vampire or fairy.

Galaxy Zack—J O’Ryan

The Magic Tree House—J Osborne

Junie B. Jones, 1st Grader—J Park
Read about outspoken, spunky Junie B. Jones as she deals with family, school, and friends in this funny series.

Captain Underpants—J Pilkey
When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

Marvel Super Hero Adventures—NEW J Superhero

Dragon Masters—NEW J West
Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo—and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

Haggis & Tank Unleashed—NEW J West
Tank, a clumsy, outgoing Great Dane, and Haggis, a bored, curmudgeonly Scottie, are two dogs with big imaginations who decide to turn Tank's wagon into a ship and play pirate.

Easy Readers

Amber Brown—ER Danziger

Nate the Great—ER Sharmat

Amelia Bedelia—ER Parish

Tales of Amanda Pig—ER Van Leeuwen

Cork & Fuzz—ER Chaconas

Dodsworth—ER Egan

Breyer Stablemates—ER Gerver and Earhart

Frog and Toad—ER Lobel

Little Bear—ER Minarik

Nate the Great—ER Sharmat

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa—ER Silverman