



# PARKWAY CONNECTS

## #ParkwayReads

### 2020 Summer Reading List

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#### Show Me Reader Awards

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##### ***A Place For Pluto***

By Stef Wade

Shocked to be stripped of his planet status, Pluto goes on a quest to find his place in the universe.

##### ***DOLL-E 1.0***

By Shanda McCloskey

A STEM-friendly tale of a girl and the doll she upgrades to be her new friend, for fans of *Rosie Revere, Engineer*.

##### ***Friends Stick Together***

By Hannah E. Harrison

When a loud-mouthed tickbird lands on Mortimer the rhino's nose and starts a symbiotic relationship, the reserved Mortimer is mortified, until he realizes they just might be the perfect pair.

##### ***Giraffe Problems***

By Jory John

Edward the giraffe can't understand why his neck is as long and bendy and, well, ridiculous as it is. He's tried disguising it, dressing it up, and strategically hiding it behind bushes.

##### ***Love, Z***

By Jessie Sima

A little robot named Z finds a message in a bottle signed, "Love, Beatrice" and, unable to learn what love is from other robots, sets out on a quest to find the answer.

##### ***Max Explains Everything: Grocery Store Expert***

By Stacy McAnulty

From choosing the perfect cart to navigating the produce section, expert extraordinaire Max explains all there is to know about going to the grocery store.

##### ***Natsumi!***

By Susan Lendroth

Natsumi is small but full of big exuberance, and puts her girl-power to good use when she discovers a Japanese tradition as energetic as she is.

##### ***The Epic Adventures of Huggie & Stick***

By Drew Daywalt

A hilarious buddy-comedy picture book starring a grouchy stuffed bunny and a happy-go-lucky stick.

##### ***The Remember Balloons***

By Jessie Oliveros

James has a bunch of balloons, each of which holds a special memory, but as his grandfather ages and loses his own balloons, James discovers that he is gaining new ones.

##### ***We Don't Eat Our Classmates!***

By Ryan T. Higgins

When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a t-rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.

#### Building Block Awards

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##### ***Dandy***

By Ame Dyckman

This is a laugh-out-loud story of a father desperate to destroy the dandelion spoiling his perfectly manicured lawn, and his daughter's fierce attempts to save it.

##### ***Duck!***

By Meg McKinlay

In this funny nod to Chicken Little, a quiet afternoon on the farm might be the scene of a barnyard disaster waiting to happen.

##### ***Everybody Says Meow***

By Constance Lombardo  
Everybody Says Meow! Or do they? The messages of inclusion and acceptance are welcome.

##### ***Fear the Bunny***

By Richard T. Morris

Bunnies--not tigers--rule the forest in this adorable take on William Blake's classic poem.

##### ***I Can Only Draw Worms***

By Will Mabbitt

Teaches the reader to count to ten using worms that have great adventures or everyday experiences, described but not illustrated due to the inability to draw anything but worms.

##### ***Octopants***

By Suzy Senior

An octopus searches in vain for underpants that fit, until a seahorse offers a useful observation that changes the way the octopus sees the problem.

##### ***Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas***

By Aaron Blabey

Told in rhyming text, Brian tries to get his fellow piranhas to try his fruit and vegetable platter, but they all prefer meat--like those human feet dangling in the water.

##### ***Pokko and the Drum***

By Matthew Forsythe

A picture book about a magical drum, an emerald forest, and the little frog who dares to make her own music.

##### ***Shake the Tree!***

By Chiara Vignocchi

There's a whole lot of shakin' going on -- and a funny final twist -- as a series of hungry animals seek shelter in an obliging tree.

##### ***What Does an Anteater Eat?***

By Ross Collins

Anteater wakes up hungry and has a problem--he can't remember what an anteater eats! He decides to take a walk through the jungle, hoping one of the other animals can help him find an answer.

# Children's Choices Reading List

## International Literacy Association

### ***Am I Yours?***

By Alex Latimer

The unhatched dinosaur asks each passing dinosaur, "Am I yours?" As the sun sets, the egg's identity is revealed and reconnected with the rightful pterosaur parents.

### ***Bear's Scare***

By Jacob Grant

Bear cares about keeping his house clean and tidy almost as much as he cares about his stuffed friend, Ursa, so he is determined to find the spider building messy webs there.

### ***Be Our Guest!***

By Gray Malin

Would you like to play ping-pong with a monkey? Or party with a giraffe by the pool? Through the use of creative animal photography, the Parker Palm Springs Hotel has been transformed into a modern-day fantasyland for the imagination.

### ***Bye Bye Pesky Fly***

By Lysa Mullady

This is a story about managing frustration. A pesky fly gets into Pig's face and starts to ruin his day. Should he let it? This book talks us through Pig's ideas, thoughts, and coping strategies.

### ***Captain Starfish***

By Davina Bell

What do a clownfish and a little boy have in common? They are both shy. Read how Alfie met a very shy clownfish and decided that he could be in the Underwater Dress-Up Parade after all.

### ***Crash, Splash, or Moo!***

By Bob Shea

Mr. McMonkey hosts a game in which the reader is invited to guess whether a stunt will result in a crash, a splash, or a moo.

### ***Day at the Beach***

By Tom Booth

A day at the beach becomes a lesson in sibling bonding for Gideon in this magical picture book.

### ***Eraser***

By Anna Kang

Pencil takes all of the credit for everything and takes Eraser for granted. That is, until Eraser leaves. This is a very creative story about second chances, friendship, and finding your worth.

### ***Fangsgiving***

By Ethan Long

The monsters of the Fright Club have gathered for a Thanksgiving feast at Vlad's home, but his family arrives unexpectedly and puts their own spin on every dish.

### ***Grow Up, David!***

By David Shannon

Shannon explores the complexities of life between siblings. David may be a pain to his older brother most of the time, but brotherly love still wins in the end.

### ***I Am a Cat***

By Galia Bernstein

Meet Simon, a small house cat, who teaches a lion, a puma, a panther, a tiger, and a cheetah that although he might be smaller and slower, they are all really just cats!

### ***I Say Ooh You Say Aah***

By John Kane

In this colorful picture book, readers are engaged through both interactive dialogue and motions. This book definitely keeps readers on their toes as responses build with each turn of the page.

### ***Jack B. Ninja***

By Tim McCanna

Jack is on a quest to find a stolen treasure. He escapes a bandit crew while performing tricky stunts. Readers will enjoy the updated version of the old nursery rhyme *Jack Be Nimble*.

### ***Kat Writes a Song***

By Greg Foley

On a gray and rainy day, a lonely kitten feels better after writing a song. As she sings the 'magic' song around her neighborhood, her animal friends cheer up also.

### ***Let's Go ABC! Things That Go, From A to Z***

By Rhonda Gowler Greene

Twenty-six ways to travel make up this delightful rhyming book. The detailed illustrations include countless adorable animals and their vehicles.

### ***MVP: Most Valuable Puppy***

By Mike & Stacy Greenberg

Pet dog Phoebe loves tummy scratches, chasing tennis balls, eating crumbs that fall from the kitchen table and, most of all, her human family.

### ***My Stinky Dog***

By Christine Roussey

A little boy who loves his dog, Alfred, even though he stinks from head to toe, gives him a good scrubbing, taking away the smell but also some of Alfred's charm.

### ***The Night Dragon***

By Naomi Howarth

Maud is picked on by the other dragons, so she stays cooped up in her cave, sad and lonely. With the help of her friend, Mouse, she takes her chance to fly and help change the day into night.

### ***Piggy: Let's Be Friends!***

By Trevor Lai

Piggy and Kate invite Miles, a mole who is afraid to come out of the ground, to a tea party with all of their friends.

### ***Pig the Star***

By Aaron Blabey

Pig the Pug is at it again! This time he is starring in a photoshoot. But when the photographer starts to favor Trevor, Pig must try everything to steal back the show.

### ***The Princess and the Pit Stop***

By Tom Angleberger

Hop in and buckle up for a fast-paced race with fairy tale favorites. Princess finds herself in last place with one lap remaining. Can she blaze her own path and win the race?

### ***Reading Beauty***

By Kimberly Long Cockroft

Ellie and Gabe don't like to read. A modern twist on a classic tale, Ellie pricks her finger on the page of a book and gets lost in an enchanted reading spell. Gabe must rescue her, but will he find his own love of reading?

### ***Rusty the Squeaky Robot***

By Neil Clark

Rusty the robot learns that having a unique characteristic is a good thing. As he searches for a lubricant, Rusty meets other robots who have unique sounds. Collectively, they make a band. This is a good story for reinforcing the strength of individual differences.

### ***This Is a Taco!***

By Andrew Cangelose

See how a story can be changed with a little bit of wit and a red marker. Taco is a taco-loving squirrel who finds himself thinking there should be more to the life of a squirrel.

### ***Three Grumpy Trucks***

By Todd Tarpley

Three trucks are having a wonderful time doing what trucks do. The owner keeps telling them that it is time to quit, but they plead for more time.

### ***What If...***

By Samantha Berger

This is the story of a girl whose passion for creating cannot be quelled. The rhythm and rhyme of the story keeps children engaged and asking to have it read again.

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