

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 teacher. The reading log form can also be accessed through the [Library Page](#).

- ❑ 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
- ❑ Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Infographics – Jenkins
- ❑ Backyard Bears: Conservation, Habitat Changes, and the Rise of Urban Wildlife – Cherrix
- ❑ 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
- ❑ 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
- ❑ Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World’s Brightest Bird – Turner
- ❑ D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths – D’Aulaire
- ❑ D’Aulaires’ Book of Norse Myths – D’Aulaire
- ❑ Death Eaters: Meet Nature’s Scavengers – Halls
- ❑ Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story – Myron and Witter
- ❑ The Discovery of Longitude – Galat
- ❑ 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 Eye That Never Sleeps: How Detective Pinkerton Saved President Lincoln – Moss
- ❑ 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 Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World – Saujani
- ❑ 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 We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World – Johnson
- ❑ Locomotive – Floca
- ❑ 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
- 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
- Playing with Collage – Baker
- Poop Detectives: Working Dogs in the Field – Wadsworth
- The Real Spy’s Guide to Becoming a Spy – Earnest
- The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus – Bryant
- Rocket Science: A Beginner’s Guide to the Fundamentals of Spaceflight – Rader
- Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled: How do we know what dinosaurs really looked like? – Thimmesh
- Science Comics: Bats: Learning to Fly – Koch
- 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
- 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
- The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms – Carson
- Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters & Mortals – Napoli
- Unconventional Vehicles: Forty-Five of the Strangest Cars, Trains, Planes, Submersibles, Dirigibles, and Rockets EVER – Hearst
- 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
- What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet – French
- 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