Children’s Suggested Reading List

Highlighted books are owned by Fruiptort District Library

* Resource that includes diversity

+ Books provided in alternative formats from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Chapter 3

*Acker, Ben, and Ben Blacker. Star Wars: Join the Resistance. *Illustrated by Annie Wu. Disney Lucasfilm Press, 2017. 224 p. (978-1484704844). Mattis Banz knows he’s meant to be a hero, but the rest of his squadron doesn’t seem very promising. They’ll have to learn to work together if they hope to thwart the First Order and fulfill their destiny.


Bernhardt, Carolyn. Duct Tape Costumes. Lerner, 2017. 32 p. (978-1512426670). Step-by-step guides will have you creating your own duct tape crowns, wings, and more, in no time!

Blackwood, Sage. Miss Ellicott’s School for the Magically Minded. Katherine Tegan Books, 2017. 368 p. (978-0062402639). Chantel enlists her friends to protect the kingdom when her teacher goes missing, along with the city’s protective magic.


+ Bracken, Alexandra. Star Wars: A New Hope: The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy. Disney Lucasfilm, 2015. 336 p. (978-1484709122). Although the Rebel Alliance has won a few battles against the Empire, hope is fading. The Rebels’ only chance lies in unlikely hands. DB83213

* Brezenoff, Steven. The Outlaw from Outer Space: An Interactive Mystery Adventure. Illustrated by Marcos Calo. Stone Arch Books, 2017. 112 p. (978-1496526489, pap.). The science club members are on a guided tour of Greater River City Air Force Base, and it is up to the reader to choose how their alien-hunting adventure unfolds.


Brown, Jeffrey. Goodnight Darth Vader. Chronicle Books, 2014. 64 p. (978-1452128306). Darth Vader may rule the galaxy, but that doesn’t mean he can get his twins to go to sleep.

Brown, Jeffrey. Star Wars: Jedi Academy. Scholastic, 2013. 160 p. (978-0545505178). This book captures all the humor, awkwardness, fun, and frustrations of middle school, told through one boy’s comics, journal entries, letters, doodles, and newspaper clippings.


*Cannon, Nick. *Neon Aliens Ate My Homework: And Other Poems*. Scholastic, 2015. 144 p. (978-0545722810). This poetry collection combines the worlds of poetry and hip-hop, paying further respect to urban storytelling with illustrations by incredible street artists.


Conahan, Gillian. *The Hero’s Closet: Sewing for Cosplay and Costuming*. Abrams, 2017. 208 p. (978-1419723964). Detailed instructions cover the basics of sewing costumes (which often requires skills not found in standard sewing guides) to help even those brand-new to sewing.


Daywalt, Drew. *BB-8 on the Run*. Illustrated by Matt Myers. Disney Lucasfilms, 2017. 40 p. (978-1484705087). When BB-8 is separated from his master on the lonely desert planet of Jakku, it’s all up to him to get a top-secret map back to the Resistance.


Felix, Rebecca. *Cool Doughs, Putties, Slimes, and Goops: Crafting Creative Toys and Amazing Games*. Checkerboard, 2016. 32 p. (978-1680780499, lib. bdg.). This title has everything needed to create one-of-a-kind toys.

Fentiman, David. *Star Wars: Finn’s Mission*. DK, 2016. 64 p. (978-1465451019, pap.). Follow the adventures of a former stormtrooper as he gets caught up in the battle to save the galaxy.

Fontichiaro, Kristin. *Designing Board Games*. Cherry Lake, 2017. 24 p. (978-1634723206, pap.). Through simple text written to foster creativity and problem solving, students will learn the art of innovation.


Fry, Michael. *How to Be a Supervillain*. Jimmy Patterson, 2018. 336 p. (978-0316318709, pap.). Victor Spoil comes from a long line of famous supervillains, and he’s fully expected to join their ranks one day, but Victor doesn’t have a single bad-guy bone in his body.
Garbot, Dave. **Space Aliens: Learn to Draw More Than 20 Out-of-This-World Characters.** Walter Foster Library, 2015. 64 p. (978-1633220621, pap.). Children will love creating unearthly characters, as well as learning how to develop and draw their own original cartoons.

*Garza, Cynthia Leonor. **Lucia the Luchadora.** Illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez. POW!, 2017. 32 p. (978-1576878279). Lucia comes from a family of *luchadoras*, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican *lucha libre* tradition.

*Geeslin, Campbell. **Elena’s Serenade.** Illustrated by Ana Juan. Atheneum Books, 2004. 40 p. (978-0689849084). This original Mexican tale about a girl who wants to learn the trade of glassblowing is sprinkled with Spanish words.

*Glass, Calliope. **Avengers: Ms. Marvel’s Fists of Fury.** Marvel Comics, 2017. 128 p. (978-1484781463, pap.). In this chapter book, Ms. Marvel uncovers the creepy truth behind an army of annoying feathered foes and rediscovers her inner warrior.


+Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library.** Yearling, 2014. 336 p. (978-0307931474, pap.). Twelve kids are invited to a sleepover at the new library, but they must solve every clue and puzzle to find the hidden escape route. DB77918


Jeffers, Oliver. **The Way Back Home.** Philomel, 2008. 32 p. (978-0399250743). Stranded on the moon after his extraordinary airplane took him into outer space, a boy meets a marooned Martian and the friends work together to return home.

*Kelly, Erin Entrada. **Hello, Universe.** Illustrated by Isabel Roxas. Greenwillow Books, 2018. 336 p. (978-0062414168, pap.). The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully’s prank lands a shy boy and his guinea pig at the bottom of a well. DB88222, BR in production

Kenney, Karen. **Mysterious UFOs and Aliens.** LernerClassroom, 2017. 32 p. (978-1512456066, pap.). Bright flashes of light in the sky and mysterious crop circles have both been attributed to UFOs and aliens from outer space.

*Keppler, Jill. **The Inventors of Minecraft: Markus “Notch” Persson and His Coding Team.** PowerKids, 2017. 32 p. (978-1508160625, pap.). In 2009, a deceptively simple block-based sandbox game first began appearing on computers. How did this worldwide phenomenon come to be?


*MacHale, D.J. **Project Alpha.** Random House Books for Young Readers, 2015. 224 p. (978-0385386609). Eight boys and girls compete for a spot on the space voyage that will search for a solution to Earth’s energy crisis. DB84169


McCullum, Sean. *Handbook to UFOs, Crop Circles, and Alien Encounters*. Raintree, 2016. 32 p. (978-1474724067, pap.). The idea that aliens might visit our planet has gripped Earthlings for a long time. Are we alone in the galaxy?


*Miller, Jeff. Close Encounters of the Nerd Kind*. HarperCollins, 2015. 288 p. (978-0062272669, pap.). In the sequel to *The Nerdy Dozen*, the dorky gamers are once again called on to fly a top-secret mission: one that is literally out of this world.

Nesworthy, Lauren. *Star Wars Rebels: Darth Vader, Rebel Hunter!* DK, 2016. 48 p. (978-1465452122, pap.). Learn about one of the most terrifying figures in the Empire.


*Preller, James. Jigsaw Jones: The Case from Outer Space*. Feiwel & Friends, 2017. 96 p. (978-1250110176, pap.). Jigsaw and his crew find a clue that implies an alien may be about to visit their school. What does the Little Free Library have that aliens might want?


+Rowling, J.K. *Quidditch Through the Ages*. Arthur A. Levine, 2017. 128 p. (978-1338125740). This book provides answers to all the questions young Quidditch fans ask. BR13500, DB52452

Scieszka, Jon. *Baloney (Henry P.)* Illustrated by Lane Smith. Puffin, 2005. 40 p. (978-0142404300, pap.). This alien schoolkid needs a good excuse for why he is late for school again.


In this rhyming outer space adaptation of the fairy tale, Cinderella dreams of becoming a spaceship mechanic.


Wiesner, David. *Mr. Wuffles!* Clarion, 2013. 32 p. (978-0618756612). Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens.


**Chapter 4 Resources**

Adamson, Thomas K. *Do You Really Want to Visit the Moon?* Illustrated by Daniele Fabbri. Amicus, 2013. 24 p. (978-1607531975). Young explorers take an imaginary trip to the moon and visit Apollo mission sites, then compare them to decide whether Earth is a good home.


+Chin, Jason. *Gravity*. Roaring Brook Press, 2014. 32 p. (978-1596437173). Gravity, the invisible force that causes objects to attract each other, is a complex subject made accessible in this brightly illustrated book. BR21071

Courgeon, Rémi. *Many Moons*. Walter Foster Jr., 2017. 32 p. (978-1633222984). Explore the phases of the moon with bright illustrations. Each spread features a moon phase and compares it to shapes such as a cat’s tail, a banana, and a brilliant smile.

De La Rosa, Jeff. Out of This World series. Multiple titles. World Book, Inc., 2017. 48 p. ISBNs vary. This eight-volume series was produced in collaboration with NASA’s Innovative and Advanced Concepts Program.


Fierst, Gerald. Imagine the Moon: A Primer of Full Moon Names. Illustrated by Leslie Stall Widener. Plum Street, 2017. 32 p. (978-1945268021). In a two-tiered format designed for early learning, this book combines poetic imagery with expository text to create a compelling introduction to the calendar of full moons.


Gibbons, Gail. The Moon Book. Holiday House, 1997. 32 p. (978-0823412976). This introductory book describes the moon’s movement and phases, and discusses how humans have observed and explored it.

Hadfield, Chris. The Darkest Dark. Illustrated by the Fan Brothers. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016. 48 p. (978-0316394727). Chris loves pretending he’s an astronaut, but at night Chris doesn’t feel so brave. DBC08737

Irvine, Alex. The Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11’s Third Man. Illustrated by Ben Bishop. Tilbury House, 2017. 64 p. (978-0884484523). This graphic novel tells a different side of the moon landing mission—of astronaut Michael Collins and his solo trip to the far side of the moon.


Joyce, William. The Man in the Moon. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011. 56 p. (978-1442430419). When an orphan baby in the moon makes friends with the children of Earth, he shines to ward off their fears. DBC06574


Krensky, Stephen. The Great Moon Hoax. Carolrhoda, 2011. 30 p. (978-0761351108). Based on a true story, 1830s newsboys sell copies of the paper reporting that a powerful telescope has found exotic animals and structures on the moon.


Linde, Barbara M. Rocket Scientists. PowerKids Press, 2016. 32 p. (978-1499418552). Designing and studying rockets is an exciting career that involves science, technology, engineering, and math.


McNulty, Faith. *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*. Illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Scholastic, 2005. 48 p. (978-0590483599). The reader participates in every aspect of the journey, from packing to liftoff to traveling through space.


*Salas, Laura Purdie. *If You Were the Moon*. Millbrook, 2017. 32 p. (978-1467780094). Poetic text is juxtaposed with scientific facts about the moon. DBC08752


*Shaefer, Carole Lexa. *Sometimes Moon*. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 1999. 40 p. (978-0517709818). A girl sees the changing moon as thin and silver like a dory boat, as a half circle like Mama’s knitting basket, and full and chubby like a baby’s cheeks.


*Shepherd, Jodie. *To the Moon!* Illustrated by Mike Byrne. Millbrook, 2017. 24 p. (978-1512425369). Join Neil as he explores the moon’s mountains and hills and collects space rocks for his science project.


*Singh, Rina, and Debbie Lush. *Moon Tales: Myths of the Moon from Around the World*. Bloomsbury, 2000. 80 p. (978-0747541127). This collection of stories from around the world shows how the moon has always made us curious.


*Waxman, Laura Hamilton. *Aerospace Engineer: Aprille Ericsson*. Lerner, 2015. 32 p. (978-1467757935). At NASA, Aprille Ericsson has helped build spacecraft that can map the moon, monitor climate change, or even bring soil and rocks back from Mars.

Chapter 5 Resources


Clay, Kathryn. **Little Astronaut series.** Multiple titles. Capstone, 2017. 32 p. ISBNs vary. Discover the history of space travel, the secrets of living in space, the science of space flight, and what it takes to become a space explorer.


Feder, Sandra V. **The Moon Inside.** Illustrated by Aimée Sicuro. Groundwood, 2016. 32 p. (978-1554988235). Ella is afraid of the dark, but her mother encourages her to observe the moon and the other special things that happen only at night.

Fishman, Seth. **A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars.** Illustrated by Isabel Greenberg. Greenwillow, 2017. 40 p. (978-0062455789). Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from 100 billion trillion stars in space to 37 billion rabbits on Earth.


Gater, Will, and Giles Sparrow. **The Night Sky Month by Month.** Dorling Kindersley, 2011. 128 p. (978-0756671488). A guide to discovering and navigating the night sky every month, with charts for both the northern and southern hemispheres at any time of the year.


Gerstein, Mordicai. **The Night World.** Little, Brown, 2015. 40 p. (978-0316188227). A cat persuades her boy to go into the late-night darkness, where they are greeted by the shadows of flowers and nocturnal animals. BR21062

Gianferrari, Maria. **Coyote Moon.** Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Roaring Brook, 2016. 32 p. (978-1626720411). By the light of the full moon, a mother coyote encounters a mouse, geese, a rabbit, and a wild turkey.

Henkes, Kevin. **Kitten’s First Full Moon.** Greenwillow, 2004. 36 p. (978-0060588281). When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry. BR16023


Khan, Rukhsana. **King for a Day.** Lee & Low, 2014. 32 p. (978-1600606595). A Pakistani boy who is confined to a wheelchair tries to capture the most kites during the annual spring kite festival.


Krishnaswami, Uma. **Bright Sky, Starry City.** Illustrated by Aimée Sicuro. Groundwood/House of Anansi, 2015. 32 p. (978-1554984053). Phoebe helps her dad set up telescopes on the sidewalk, but then the rain begins.

Kuskowski, Alex. **Cool Backyard Camping: Great Things to Do in the Great Outdoors.** Checkerboard Library, 2015. 32 p. (978-1624036934). This book is full of activities with easy-to-follow steps written just for kids.


MacDonald, Margaret Read. **Tuck-Me-In-Tales: Bedtime Stories from Around the World.** Illustrated by Yvonne Davis. August House, 2005. 64 p. (978-0874834611). Presents five folktales from around the globe for young children.

Manushkin, Fran. **Peeping and Sleeping.** Illustrated by Jennifer Plecas. Clarion, 1994. 32 p. (978-0395643396). Barry and his father take an evening walk to investigate the peeping sounds they hear.

Marino, Gianna. **Night Animals.** Viking, 2015. 40 p. (978-0451469540). Possum is hiding from the sounds in the night, and his fear sets off a chain reaction. DBC06469

Morales, Yuyi. **Little Night/Nochecita.** Square Fish, 2016 32 p. (978-1250073242). A girl plays hide-and- seek with Mother Sky as she gets ready for bed. Told in English and Spanish.

Oppenheim, Shulamith Levey. **Fireflies for Nathan.** Puffin, 1996. 32 p. (978-0140557824). On an overnight visit at his grandparents’ house, Nathan waits for the fireflies to come out.

Owen, Ruth. **Astronaut: Life as a Scientist and Engineer in Space.** Bearport, 2016. 32 p. (978-1910549872). Learn about how astronauts train and how today’s scientists are working toward future missions to Mars.
Rey, H.A. *Find the Constellations*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016. 72 p. (978-0544763425, pap.). Investigate the mythology of constellations, the ones that are visible in each season, and the brightness of stars.


+Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. Philomel, 1987. 32 p. (978-0399214578). On a winter night with a full moon, a young girl and her father explore and observe the quiet of the night, the moon, the stars, and a great horned owl. BR07903, DB42932

## Chapter 6 Resources

*Ada, Alma Flor. *The Lizard and the Sun/La lagartija y el sol*. Illustrated by Felipe Dávalos. Picture Yearling, 1999. 48 p. (978-0440415312, pap.). Once, a long, long time ago, the sun disappeared from the sky. All the animals went to search for the sun in the rivers and lakes, through the fields and forests, but the sun was nowhere to be found. Little by little all the animals gave up, except for the faithful lizard.


Ball, Nate. *Let's Investigate with Nate: The Solar System*. Illustrated by Wes Hargis. HarperCollins, 2017. 40 p. (978-0062357427, pap.). Ever look up at the sky and wonder how many planets there are? Or want to know how many Earths could fit within the sun? Take a ride 3.6 billion miles away to answer these questions while exploring with a team of adventurous scientists.
Bang, Molly, and Penny Chisholm. *Rivers of Sunlight: How the Sun Moves Water Around the Earth*. Blue Sky, 2017. 48 p. (978-0545805414). From sea to sky, the sun both heats and cools water, ensuring that life can exist on Earth. How does the sun keep ocean currents moving, and lift fresh water from the seas, and how do we conserve a precious resource?

Branley, Franklyn M. *The Planets in Our Solar System*. Illustrated by Kevin O'Malley. HarperCollins, 2015. 32 p. (978-0062381941, pap.). Introduces the solar system and its nine planets. Includes directions for making two models, one showing the relative sizes of the planets and the other their relative distances from the sun.

*Branley, Franklyn M. *The Sun: Our Nearest Star*. Illustrated by Edward Miller. HarperCollins, 2002. 32 p. (978-0064452021, pap.). The sun is a star, like billions of others. But it is the star that is closest to us. It keeps us warm and gives us light and energy. Without the sun, there would be no life on Earth. BR15360, DB57817

Brockington, Drew. *CatStronauts series*. Multiple titles. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017. 160–184 p. ISBN’s vary, pap. With national pride and scientific research on the line, the world’s space programs rush to send the first cats to Mars, and the CatStronauts are starting months behind!


*Bruchac, Joseph, and Gayle Ross. *The Story of the Milky Way: A Cherokee Tale*. Illustrated by Virginia A. Stroud. Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995. 32 p. (978-0803717374). When cornmeal is stolen from an elderly couple, the others in a Cherokee village find a way to drive off the thief, creating the Milky Way. DB43759 (may be available only for download)


*Camper, Cathy. *Lowriders in Space*. Illustrated by Raúl the Third. Chronicle, 2014. 112 p. (978-1452128696, pap.). Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio customize their car for the Universal Car Competition to win the prize that will enable them to buy their own garage. Spanish words and phrases are used throughout the English text.


Courtenay, Lucy. *Space Penguins Galaxy Race*. StoneArch, 2015. 112 p. (978-1434297839, pap.). Rocky’s reputation for death-defying aerial acrobatics gains him an invitation to participate in the galaxy’s notorious Superchase Space Race. But will this turn out to be a race to the death?

*Dayrell, Elphinstone. *Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky: An African Folktale*. Illustrated by Blair Lent. HMH Books for Young Readers, 1990. 32 p. (978-0395539637, pap.). The sun and water once lived on Earth as friends, but because the sun failed to build his house large enough, he and his moon wife were driven into the sky when the water came to visit them.

Dubbs, Chris. *Space Dogs: Pioneers of Space Travel*. iUniverse, 2003. 102 p. (978-0595267354, pap.). Back when rockets were new, a group of Russian canine cosmonauts rode rockets into orbit.
Dunn, Joeming. *Laika: The 1st Dog in Space.* Illustrated by Ben Dunn. Magic Wagon, 2011. 32 p. (978-1616416416, pap.). Animals were an important part of early space travel and exploration. This book introduces readers to Laika, a chronology of the dog’s trip into space, and the ways that mission influenced history.


Forest, Heather. *The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind: An Aesop’s Fable.* Illustrated by Susan Gaber. August House, 2013. 32 p. (978-1939160669, pap.). A man finds himself swept up in a battle of strength as the sun and the wind each compete to make him remove his coat.

+Gibbons, Gail. *Galaxies, Galaxies!* Holiday House, 2008. 32 p. (978-0823421923, pap.). How many galaxies are there in the universe? For years astronomers thought that the Milky Way was the universe. Now we know that there are billions more. BR17336

+Gibbons, Gail. *Sun Up, Sun Down.* HMH Books for Young Readers, 1987. 32 p. (978-0152827823, pap.). Understand the sun and the ways it regulates life on Earth. BR6110, DB22321 (may be available only for download)


Hansen, Grace. *The Milky Way (Our Galaxy).* Abdo Kids Jumbo, 2017. 24 p. (978-1532100529, lib. bdg.). Our galaxy got its start billions of years ago; learn about its changes since then, its size, and more.


Jennings, Ken. *Outer Space.* Illustrated by Mike Lowery. Little Simon, 2014. 160 p. (978-1481401708, pap.). With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes, this guide will have children on their way to whiz-kid status in no time!


Krulik, Nancy. *How Do You Pee in Space?* Illustrated by Aaron Blecha. Grosset & Dunlap, 2014. 128 p. (978-0448461137, pap.). A real-life astronaut is coming to visit! Students must complete a physical challenge and come up with three interesting questions to ask.

Lassieur, Allison. **International Space Station: An Interactive Space Exploration Adventure.** Capstone, 2016. 112 p. (978-1491481387, pap.). Space jobs can be difficult and downright dangerous. Do you have what it takes to join the crew?

Lonely Planet Kids. **How to Be a Space Explorer: Your Out-of-This-World Adventure.** Lonely Planet Kids, 2014. 160 p. (978-1743603901, pap.). Everything young explorers need to know to travel in space, such as life in zero gravity, how to find your way around the solar system, and the all-important question of how to pee in a spacesuit!


Meier, Anna. **Curious George Discovers the Sun.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. 32 p. (978-0544430679, pap.). George learns about solar power when the city experiences a blackout.

Miles, Brenda S., and Susan D. Sweet. **Cinderstella: A Tale of Planets, Not Princes.** Illustrated by Valeria Docamp. Magination, 2016. 32 p. (978-1433822704). In this modern fairy-tale retelling, Cinderstella is more interested in becoming an astronaut than a princess.

Milgrim, David. **Another Day in the Milky Way**, G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books For Young Readers, 2007. 32 p. (978-0399245480). A boy wakes up on a strange planet and encounters a variety of odd characters as he tries to find his way home.


Nichols, Michelle. **Astronomy Lab for Kids: 52 Family-Friendly Activities.** Quarry Books, 2016. 144 p. (978-1631591341, pap.). The book includes experiments designed to teach about the solar system and the tools used to explore it.


Paris, Stephanie. **21st Century: Mysteries of Deep Space.** Teacher Created Materials, 2013. 64 p. (978-1433349003, pap.). Readers will learn about the effect gravity has on the galaxy's inner and outer planets, comets, asteroids, and constellations, as well as the ways scientists are learning about the vast universe.

Rader, Andrew. **Mars Rover Rescue: Epic Space Adventure.** Illustrated by Galen Frazer. StoryBook Genius, 2017. 60 p. (978-1941434567, pap.). Giraffestronaut and Robot form a rescue party to search for the missing Mars rover.

Rau, Dana Meachen. **The Milky Way and Other Galaxies.** Compass Point, 2005. 32 p. (978-0756508531, lib. bdg.). This science primer describes the composition, study, and parts of galaxies.


Roeser, Matt. **Oh No, Astro!** Illustrated by Brad Woodward. Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2016. 40 p. (978-1481439763). A grumpy asteroid is hit by a passing satellite and sent on what turns out to be a great adventure from the asteroid belt to Earth.


+Simon, Seymour. *Our Solar System*. Collins, 2014. 48 p. (978-0061140105, pap.). Describes the origins, characteristics, and future of the sun, planets, moons, asteroids, meteoroids, and comets. DB40713 (may be available only for download)


Trammel, Howard K. *Galaxies*. Scholastic, 2010. 48 p. (978-0531228036, pap.). Readers will learn how galaxies, including the Milky Way, formed and how tools like the Hubble Telescope help scientists map the universe.


Walliman, Dominic. *Professor Astro Cat’s Frontiers of Space*. Illustrated by Ben Newman. Flying Eye, 2013. 64 p. (978-1909263079). Explore gravity, extraterrestrial life, time, and more with the smartest cat in the alley.

+Yolen, Jane. *Commander Toad and the Planet of the Grapes*. Puffin, 1996. 64 p. (978-0698113534, pap.). In search of new worlds to explore, Commander Toad and his crew land their spaceship on a strange planet. DB32119 (may be only available for download)

**Chapter 7 Resources**


Chagollan, Samantha. *Starry Skies: Learn About the Constellations Above Us*. Illustrated by Nila Aye. Walter Foster Jr., 2018. 32 p. (978-1633225091). This introduction to astronomy tells about the stars, constellations, and ways to view them.


*Dwyer, Mindy. *Aurora: A Tale of the Northern Lights*. Alaska Northwest, 2001. 32 p. (978-0882405490, pap.). After getting lost while following caribou, a girl sets off across the tundra gathering the colors of the sky.


Fox, Karen C. *Older Than the Stars*. Illustrated by Nancy Davis. Charlesbridge, 2011. 32 p. (978-1570917882, pap.). Stunning illustrations and lively verse tell the story of the cosmic connections that tie humans to the universe’s start.
Freitas, Bethany V. *Curious George Discovers the Stars*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016. 32 p. (978-0544651647, pap.). When his friend says nobody knows how many stars there are, George is determined to count.


Hicks, Deron R. *The Van Gogh Deception*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2017. 320 p. (978-0544759275). In this riveting middle-grade mystery, a boy is discovered in Washington, D.C.'s National Gallery with no idea who he is.


Hunter, Nick. *Northern Lights*. Heineman, 2013. 32 p. (978-1432975210, pap.). In addition to explaining about the aurora borealis, this book also offers information on the significance of solar storms, the Southern Lights, and what people thought about auroras in the past.

Jeffers, Oliver. *How to Catch a Star*. Philomel, 2004. 32 p. (978-0399242861). Eager to have a star of his own, a boy devises imaginative ways to catch one.


Rau, Dana Meachen. **Spots of Light: A Book About Stars.** Picture Window, 2005. 24 p. (978-1404817340, pap.). An introduction to stars, this book explains how they are made, along with their shapes and colors.

+Ray, Mary Lyn. **Stars.** Beach Lane, 2011. 40 p. (978-1442422490). Explores the wonder of stars, whether they are in the night sky, on a plant as a promise of fruit to come, or in one’s pocket for those days when one does not feel shiny. DB74511

Rocco, John. **Blackout.** Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Disney-Hyperion, 2011. 40 p. (978-1423121909). One hot summer night in the city, all the power goes out. Up on the roof to escape the heat, a family finds the light of stars ... along with so many neighbors it’s like a block party.


