



Children benefit from a wide variety of literature. Aside from cognitive skills acquired that help children to succeed in a school or work setting, Donna Norton (2010) identifies the value of literature for young children in her book *Through the Eyes of a Child*. She writes that children’s literature is important because it:

- provides students with opportunities to respond to literature and develop their own opinions
- gives students appreciation of their own cultural heritage as well as those of others
- helps to develop emotional intelligence and creativity
- nurtures growth and development of personality and social skills
- transmits important literature and themes from one generation to the next

This summer at ELM we will celebrate and experience great literature. In addition, children will have opportunities to practice valuable **Reading and Writing Skills, STEM Activities, Mathematics, Music, Art, and Movement**.

**Two Options for Enrollment**  
(Deposits are Non-Refundable)

**Option One**

**Monday—Thursday (4 Days) 9:00-11:45**

**Cost: \$990**

(\$250 deposit on enrollment, 2 payments of \$370, June 1st and July 1st)

Provides the most in depth opportunity with each book

**Option Two**

**Monday/Wednesday (2 Days) 9:00-11:45**

**Cost: \$610**

(\$200 deposit on enrollment, 2 payments of \$205, June 1st and July 1st)

**To Enroll in the ELM Summer Adventures Book Club** — Complete the following and Return to Kandy

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a schedule:  Option One (M-Th)  Option Two (M,W)

**Method of Payment:**

- I have included a check for the deposit and will pay the payments via check.  
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 Charge the deposit and the payments via ACH.



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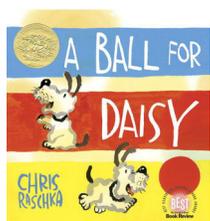
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## ELM's Adventures in Bookland Reading List



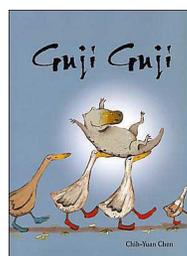
### **A Ball for Daisy** by Chris Raschka

This New York Times Bestseller and New York Times Best Illustrated Book relates a story about love and loss as only Chris Raschka can tell it. Any child who has ever had a beloved toy break will relate to Daisy's anguish when her favorite ball is destroyed

by a bigger dog. Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka explores in pictures the joy and sadness that having a special toy can bring. Raschka's signature swirling, impressionistic illustrations and his affectionate story will particularly appeal to young dog lovers and teachers and parents who have children dealing with the loss of something special.

### **Drum Dream Girl** by Margarita Engle

Girls cannot be drummers. Long ago on an island filled with music, no one questioned that rule—until the drum dream girl. In her city of drumbeats, she dreamed of pounding tall congas and tapping small bongós. She had to keep quiet. She had to practice in secret. But when at last her dream-bright music was heard, everyone sang and danced and decided that both girls and boys should be free to drum and dream. Inspired by the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers, Drum Dream Girl tells an inspiring true story for dreamers everywhere.



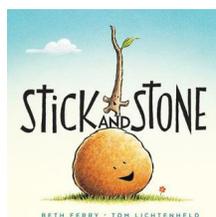
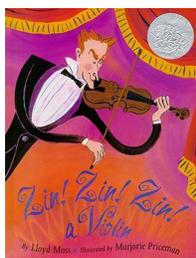
### **Guji Guji** by Selma Bauer

This story tells a tale about an ordinary duck. One day, an extra-large egg rolls right into Mother Duck's nest. She is busy reading and doesn't notice the new addition, but this lucky event will change her life. Her hatchlings include a yellow duckling; one with blue spots; another with brown stripes; and a rather unusual, crocodile-shaped youngster, named after his first words.

Guji Guji grows bigger and stronger than his siblings (and more crocodilelike), but Mother loves all her offspring the same. When three duck-hungry crocodiles make fun of Guji Guji's ways and try to tempt him into betraying his family, he is put to the test. This beautifully written story has much to say about appreciating families and differences and it will resonate with children long after the final page is turned.

### **Zin, Zin, Zin the Violin** by Lloyd Moss

When this book begins, the trombone is playing all by itself. But soon a trumpet makes a duet, a french horn a trio, and so on until the entire orchestra is assembled on stage. Written in elegant and rhythmic verse and illustrated with playful and flowing artwork, this unique counting book is the perfect introduction to musical groups. Readers of all ages are sure to shout "Encore!" when they reach the final page of this joyous celebration of classical music.



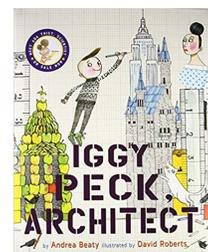
### **Stick and Stone** by Beth Ferry

When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor? Author Beth Ferry makes a memorable debut with a warm, rhyming text that includes a subtle anti-bullying message

even the youngest reader will understand. New York Times bestselling illustrator Tom Lichtenheld imbues Stick and Stone with energy, emotion, and personality to spare. In this funny story about kindness and friendship, Stick and Stone join George and Martha, Frog and Toad, and Elephant and Piggie, as some of the best friend duos in children's literature.

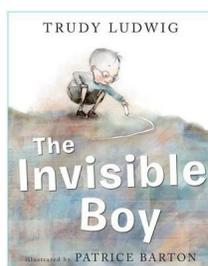
### **Iggy Peck Architect** by Andrea Beaty

Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials—who could forget the tower he built of dirty diapers? When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up! With Andrea Beaty's irresistible rhyming text and David Roberts's puckish illustrations, this book will charm creative kids everywhere, and amuse their sometimes bewildered parents. This beloved New York Times bestselling picture book is a fun-filled, inspiring story about the power of teamwork and the importance of celebrating individual gifts and self-expression.



### **The Invisible Boy** by Trudy Ludwig

Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party... until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine. From esteemed author and speaker Trudy Ludwig and acclaimed illustrator Patrice Barton, this gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish.



### **What Pet Should I Get?** By Dr. Seuss

This never-ever-before-seen picture book by Dr. Seuss about making up one's mind is the literary equivalent of buried treasure! What happens when a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick a pet? Naturally, they can't choose just one! The tale captures a classic childhood moment — choosing a pet — and uses it to illuminate a life lesson: that it is hard to make up your mind, but sometimes you just have to do it!

